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DECISION (EU) 2026/2494 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 21 October 2026

on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Malta and Italy regarding the storm Harry in January 2026 and to Portugal and Spain following the storms in January and February 2026

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund ([1]), and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 ([2]), and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources ([3]), and in particular point 10 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The European Union Solidarity Fund ('the Fund') aims to enable the Union to respond in a rapid, efficient and flexible manner to emergency situations in order to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by major or regional natural disasters or major public health emergency.

(2) The Fund is not to exceed the ceilings laid down in Article 9 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093, as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/765 ([4]).

(3) On 10 April 2026, Malta submitted an application to mobilise the Fund following storm Harry in January 2026.

(4) On 10 April 2026, Italy submitted an application to mobilise the Fund following storm Harry in January 2026.

(5) On 13 April 2026, Portugal submitted an application to mobilise the Fund following the storms in January and February 2026.

(6) On 17 April 2026, Spain submitted an application to mobilise the Fund following the storms in January and February 2026.

(7) Those applications meet the conditions for providing a financial contribution from the Fund, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002.

([1]) OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2002/2012/oj.
([2]) OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 11, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2020/2093/oj.
([3]) OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2020/1222/oj.
([4]) Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/765 of 29 February 2024 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (OJ L, 2024/765, 29.2.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/765/oj).

(8) The Fund should therefore be mobilised to provide a financial contribution to Malta, Italy, Portugal and Spain.

(9) In order to ensure that the Union financial assistance can be made available as rapidly as possible to the Member States affected and to avoid any delay in the mobilisation of the Fund, this Decision should enter into force as a matter of urgency on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and should apply from the date of its adoption,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2026, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised as follows in commitment and payment appropriations in relation to natural disasters:

(a) the amount of EUR 3 724 057 shall be provided to Malta following storm Harry in January 2026;

(b) the amount of EUR 74 884 983 shall be provided to Italy following storm Harry in January 2026;

(c) the amount of EUR 261 483 810 shall be provided to Portugal following the storms in January and February 2026;

(d) the amount of EUR 149 055 370 shall be provided to Spain following the storms in January and February 2026.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 21 October 2026.

Done at Strasbourg, 21 October 2026.

For the European Parliament	*For the Council*
The President	*The President*
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