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Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria

European Parliament resolution of 18 September 2019 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria (COM(2019)0206 — C9-0005/2019 — 2019/2023(BUD))

(2021/C 171/13)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2019)0206 — C9-0005/2019),

— having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund ([1]),

— having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 ([2]), and in particular Article 10 thereof,

— having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management ([3]), and in particular point 11 thereof,

— having regard to the letter from the Committee on Regional Development,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A9-0002/2019),

1. Welcomes the decision as a sign of the Union's solidarity with the Union citizens and regions hit by the natural disasters;

2. Stresses the urgent need to release financial assistance through the European Union Solidarity Fund (the 'Fund') to the regions affected by natural disasters in the Union in 2018;

3. Welcomes the Commission proposal ([4]) of 7 March 2019 to amend the Union Civil Protection Mechanism as a key tool for strengthening the Union's disaster risk management capacities, with a financial envelope for the 2021-2027 financing period that matches the level of ambition set in Decision (EU) 2019/420 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([5]) and in line with the European Parliament resolution of 14 November 2018 on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 ([6]); is convinced that the Fund and the Union Civil Protection Mechanism should go hand in hand in preventing, preparing for and responding to natural disasters in the Member States;

4. Approves the decision annexed to this resolution;

5. Instructs its President to sign the decision with the President of the Council and arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, including its annex, to the Council and the Commission.

([1]) OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.
([2]) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884.
([3]) OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.
([4]) COM(2019)0125.
([5]) Decision (EU) 2019/420 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2019 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 77 I, 20.3.2019, p. 1).
([6]) Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0449.

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ANNEX

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Austria, Italy and Romania

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