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[Statement by Commissioner Crețu on the Commission proposal to fully fund reconstruction operations following natural disasters](#)

Today the European Parliament and the Council reached an agreement on [our proposal](#) to fully fund reconstruction operations after natural disasters with the European Regional Development Fund. This compromise foresees an exceptional co-financing rate of 95%.

I regret that the Commission's original proposal of a 100% co-financing rate for such operations was not retained. At the same time, the compromise will now allow the much-needed funding to swiftly reach areas affected by natural disasters.

I think about Italy, whose regions were repeatedly hit by terrible earthquakes over the past year and again in January. On several occasions,

President **Juncker** expressed his admiration for the Italian people, who showed extraordinary courage in the darkest hours, and the EU's determination to support full reconstruction.

Today's compromise demonstrates the EU's readiness to stand by our citizens, when they most need support. Natural disasters can occur anywhere and anytime. This is why it was important for us to ensure that this special EU support can be activated as of day one, to supplement EU Solidarity Fund assistance. By increasing the EU's financial contribution to the reconstruction works, it will also spare national resources.

Our proposal is a tangible expression of European solidarity. In the face of great difficulty, Member States shall have no doubt that the EU cares and is ready to use all available resources to provide immediate relief and to start rebuilding, together.

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