

# Italy earthquake: Statement by Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides

*Today our heart is in Italy, with the Italian people and authorities.*

*Once again the country has sadly suffered another deadly earthquake, this time on the island of Ischia, with initial reports of casualties and damages to infrastructures including hospitals and churches.*

*We offer our condolences to families and friends who have lost loved ones.*

*The EU is fully ready to help. Our 24/7 Emergency Response Coordination Centre has been in immediate contact with the Italian Civil Protection authorities since the early hours.*

*We stand ready to provide any immediate assistance the national authorities could require.*

*The EU's emergency Copernicus satellite mapping system is also available to help the national civil protection authorities.*

*Let me commend the brave first responders working tirelessly on the scene to save lives. They are an example for us all.*

## **Links**

Photos: [European Commission's Emergency response centre](#)

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