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Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

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ARES e-mail

Subject: Invitation to submit applications for the action “rescEU Transition Aerial Forest Firefighting Capacities - Forest fire season 2026” (UCPM-2026-rescEU-Transition-IBA)

Dear Directors-General and Members of the Civil Protection Committee,

I have the pleasure to inform you of the possibility to obtain financial support under the rescEU Transition 2026 initiative.

The objective of the action is to ensure rapid access to national aerial forest firefighting means to address temporary shortcomings in case of extraordinary forest fires, as well as a timely and effective response to the needs for the upcoming forest fire season.

Please find enclosed the conditions for awarding grants and related documents for application under this invitation to apply.

If you are interested in applying for a rescEU Transition 2026 grant, please prepare your application and submit all relevant documents via the Funding & Tenders Portal, which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/submission/manage/screen/submission/create-draft/42677?topic=UCPM-2026-RESCEU-TRANSITION-IBA>

You can find further information and guidance on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

The deadline for submitting the grant application is **29 January 2026 at 17:00 CET**.

I would appreciate if you could facilitate the transmission of this letter, with its annexes explaining the grant agreement procedure, to the relevant persons in charge of a potential application.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the responsible Commission service at: ECHO-RESCEU-TRANSITION@ec.europa.eu

Electronically signed
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Enclosure: Call Document *rescEU Transition Aerial Forest Firefighting Capacities - Forest fire season 2026*

