



EU BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE

#EUBudget #FutureofEurope

European
Commission



02 June 2020

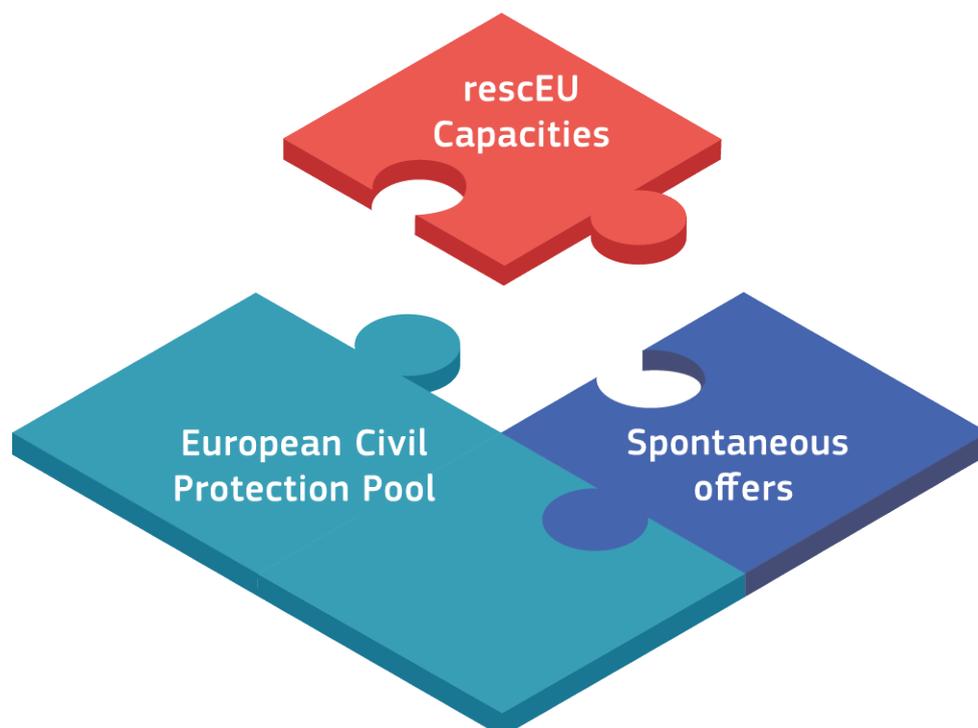
rescEU: HELPING PROTECT CITIZENS IN TIMES OF NEED



EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO DISASTERS

- A clear lesson from the pandemic is that Europe must be able to react more quickly and flexibly when a serious cross-border emergency strikes, affecting several Member States at the same time. The reinforced **rescEU** -- **part of the European Union's Civil Protection Mechanism** -- will ensure that the Union is well equipped to support Member States and citizens when national capacities are overwhelmed.

rescEU completes European Civil Protection





HOW WILL THE ENHANCED rescEU BE ABLE TO RESPOND?

- › Under the upgraded programme, the EU will be able to directly acquire crisis response assets for different types of emergencies, including those related to an infectious disease, that will be positioned strategically across the EU to enable their swift deployment whenever and wherever they may be needed.
- › In particular, the EU will develop reserves of:



STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN RESPONSE CAPACITIES (rescEU reserve)

- › Creating an additional reserve of crisis response capacities (including e.g. medical equipment, medical evacuation planes, field hospitals, firefighting planes and helicopters) at EU level that can be mobilised quickly in case of health emergencies, forest fire outbreaks, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear incidents or other major emergencies.
- › Enabling the EU to directly procure these capacities, ensuring a safety net of emergency response assets that can support Member States in overwhelming crisis situations.
- › Making it possible for the EU to fully finance the development and operational costs of rescEU capacities.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- › **Lives saved:** by helping the EU and its Member States react more quickly and effectively to future crises, in particular those large-scale emergencies with a high impact such as the coronavirus pandemic.
- › **Better prepared:** by developing EU disaster resilience goals to support national prevention and preparedness planning.
- › **More coordinated:** with a stronger Emergency Response Coordination Centre serving as a hub for the network of national crisis centres, to support the EU's swift and effective response to a broad range of crises at home and around the world.



rescEU IN THE NEXT EU BUDGET

- › Together with Next Generation EU, a **total of €3.1 billion** is proposed for rescEU / EU Civil Protection Mechanism over seven years, 2021-2027.

(All figures in this factsheet are in constant 2018 prices)