

# Greece | Wildfires and EU response



## UCPM RESPONSE

As of 30 August

Greece requested assistance in the evening of 20 August. The UCPM teams on the ground consist of:

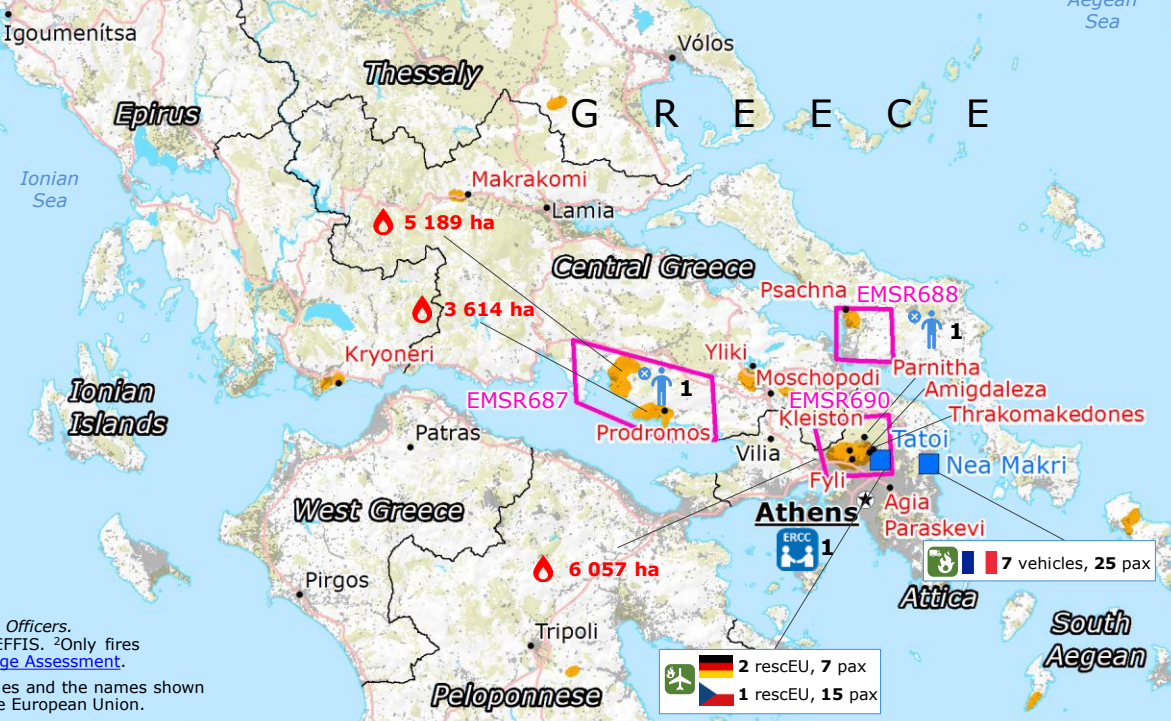
- 2 Air Tractor planes (rescEU) from **Cyprus** – Operational since 21 August
- 2 Air Tractor planes (rescEU) from **Germany** – Operational since 22 August
- 2 Fire Boss planes (rescEU) from **Sweden** – Operated from 22 – 28 August
- 1 Firefighting helicopter (rescEU) from **Czechia** – Operational since 22 August
- 1 Canadair (rescEU) from **Croatia** – Operated from 22 – 27 August
- 2 Canadair (rescEU) from **France** – Operational since 29 August
- 2 Canadair (rescEU) from **Spain** – Operational since 30 August
- 5 Ground forest fire fighting modules using vehicles from **Romania, Czechia, Bulgaria, Serbia and Slovakia** – all operational
- 1 Ground Forest fire fighting team (**Cyprus**) – operational since 25 August
- 1 Ground forest fighting team with vehicles (**France**, prepositioned in Greece and involved in operations)

Copernicus EMS Rapid Mapping ([EMSR686](#), [687](#), [688](#), [689](#), [690](#)) activated (20-23 August)

**TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS:** > 60 vehicles > 400 firefighters\* 12 aircraft

**Alexandroupoli wildfire (as of 30 August)**  
**Burnt area 83 152 ha**

Largest wildfire in the EU since 2000 (JRC EFFIS records start) and the largest rescEU aerial firefighting operation since its creation in 2019.



**Burnt area<sup>2</sup>**  
Source: JRC EFFIS (MODIS)  
30 August at 12.00 UTC

**Copernicus activation**  
Source: Copernicus EMSR  
Activation: 20-23 August

- Area of interest (AoI)
- ERCC Liaison Officers (x3) deployed in Athens since 22 August  
Source: DG ECHO
- Fatalities  
Source: Civil Protection Greece as of 24 August

- Name** Affected places
- Base of operation  
Source: DG ECHO
  - Forest, agro-forest and cropland
  - Urban area  
Source: JRC GHSL
  - River
  - Main road
  - Region boundary
  - Country boundary



\*Aerial and ground forest fire fighting personnel and ERCC Liaison Officers.  
<sup>1</sup>Maximum value from the fire danger forecast module by JRC EFFIS. <sup>2</sup>Only fires larger than 30 ha are mapped. More info: JRC EFFIS Rapid Damage Assessment.  
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