

EU support to the people in Türkiye and Syria following the earthquakes

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International Donors' Conference

A total of €7 billion was pledged by the international community at the 'Together for the people in Türkiye and Syria' International Donors' Conference, co-hosted by the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, and the Prime Minister of Sweden, Ulf Kristersson,

for the Swedish Presidency of the Council. The European Commission and the EU Member States, as well as the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, as Team Europe, represent more than 50% of this total pledge, with €3.6 billion.

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pledged for the people in Türkiye and Syria

€6.05 billion

in grants and loans for Türkiye

€911 million

in grants for Syria



On 6 February, a powerful earthquake of magnitude 7.8 – one of the strongest earthquakes in the region in more than 100 years – struck the southeastern Anatolia Region of Türkiye, affecting 11 provinces in Türkiye and 6 governorates in Syria. Another powerful 7.5 quake occurred on the same day.

The European Union immediately mobilised substantial emergency support for people affected by the earthquake in both countries.



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EU immediate support for people in Türkiye

According to the latest information from the Government of Türkiye, over **49,000 people** have died, and more than **230,000 buildings** were damaged or destroyed after the earthquakes. On 6 February, Türkiye activated the **EU Civil Protection Mechanism**.



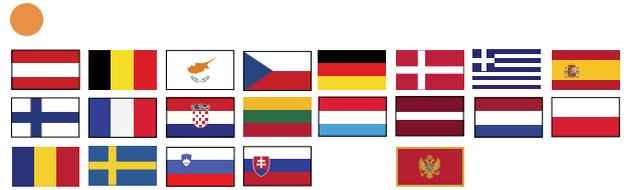
21 EU Member States and **three EU Civil Protection Mechanism Participating States** offered a total of 39 teams (search and rescue and medical teams). In total, **1,750 European rescue workers** and **111 search dogs** were offered by the European countries. This is the biggest search and rescue operation coordinated via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

1,750
European rescue workers were deployed

6
medical teams have so far treated 15 000 people

3 million
relief items were sent to Türkiye

€8.6 million
of humanitarian funding



21 European countries have offered shelter items, medicines, medical equipment, food and clothes via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism after the request from Türkiye. In total around **3 million relief items** were sent to Türkiye via the **EU Civil Protection Mechanism**.



Six medical teams, including **five field hospitals**, were sent to Türkiye via the **EU Civil Protection Mechanism** and deployed and have treated a total of **15 000 people** so far. The Netherlands deployed a transportation aircraft for medical evacuations.

The EU has also mobilised its **rescEU reserve for shelter and medical help**. We mobilised **500 Relief Housing Units** hosted by Sweden, as well as **2 000 tents** and **8 000 beds** hosted by Romania to be deployed to Türkiye. On 14 February, the EU mobilised medical equipment such as patient monitors, ventilators, intensive care beds, oxygen concentrators and other items from the rescEU medical stockpiles hosted by Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden. The items are reaching the people affected. The total estimated value of the **rescEU reserve** deployed to Türkiye is **€9.3 million**.

The EU has also mobilised its **humanitarian partners** on the ground in Türkiye. We allocated **€3.2 million** new humanitarian funding. Furthermore, around **€5.4 million** was re-allocated from ongoing projects of our partners to respond to the needs after the earthquake.



EU support for people in Syria

This disaster struck in a country where 12 years of war had already caused immense suffering and humanitarian needs. Upon the request for assistance, the EU immediately mobilised all its emergency and humanitarian tools to help Syrian people in need wherever they are.



In response to the request for assistance, **15 EU Member States** and **one Participating State** offered tents, blankets, sleeping bags, mattresses, beds, food items, winter clothing, masks, medical equipment, and more, to people in Syria.



The EU has also mobilised its **European Humanitarian Response Capacity** stockpiles in Brindisi and Dubai, to deliver critical shelter items, including winterised tents and heaters to the Syrian people (**225 tonnes**, worth **€1.3 million**). The assistance is being delivered to the people in need in Syria both in regime and non-regime controlled areas.



The EU is closely cooperating with its humanitarian partners on assessing the level of damage and needs inside Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake. The EU allocated **€3.9 million in new humanitarian assistance** to cover the most urgent needs, such as cash for shelter and non-food items, water and sanitation, health, and search and rescue. Additionally, an estimated **€6 million of existing EU humanitarian grants** are being redirected by partners for the earthquake response in regime and non-regime controlled areas.



225 tonnes

worth €1.3 million of critical shelter items sent to Syria

€10 million

in humanitarian assistance allocated



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