Union Civil Protection Mechanism

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The European Parliament adopted by 612 votes to 3, with 8 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 1313/2013 /EU on the Union civil protection mechanism.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading by **taking over** the Commission's proposal.

The aim of the proposal is to ensure that the Union can continue to provide support to Member States in fighting wildfires until a permanent European aerial forest firefighting fleet is established.

The proposal extends the end of the transitional period referred to in Article 35 of Decision No 1313/2013 /EU on the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (EUCPM) from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027 in order to ensure that the EU can obtain additional air capacity for rescEU under the EUCPM, in parallel with the gradual establishment of the permanent European aerial forest firefighting fleet.