

Greece | Wildfires and EU response



UCPM RESPONSE

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

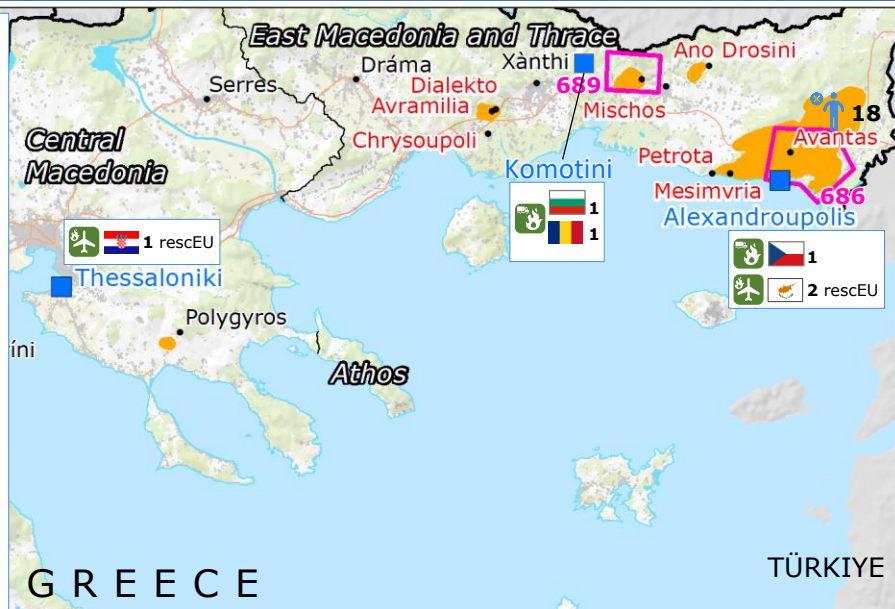
- 2 Air Tractor planes (rescEU) from **Cyprus**
- 2 Air Tractor planes (rescEU) from **Germany**
- 2 Fire Boss planes (rescEU) from **Sweden**
- 1 Firefighting helicopter (rescEU) from **Czechia**
- 1 Canadair (rescEU) from **Croatia**
- 4 Ground forest fire fighting modules using vehicles from **Romania, Czechia, Bulgaria and Slovakia**
- 1 Ground forest fire 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: 47 vehicles 270 firefighters 8 aircraft

Alexandroupoli wildfire
 Burnt area 73 409 ha

- The largest wildfire in the EU for 2023.
- The largest wildfire in Greece since 2000 (since JRC EFFIS records began).
- Second largest wildfire in the EU since 2000 (since JRC EFFIS records began).



Burnt area²
 Source: JRC EFFIS (MODIS)

23 August at 14:02 UTC

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

Area of interest (AoI)

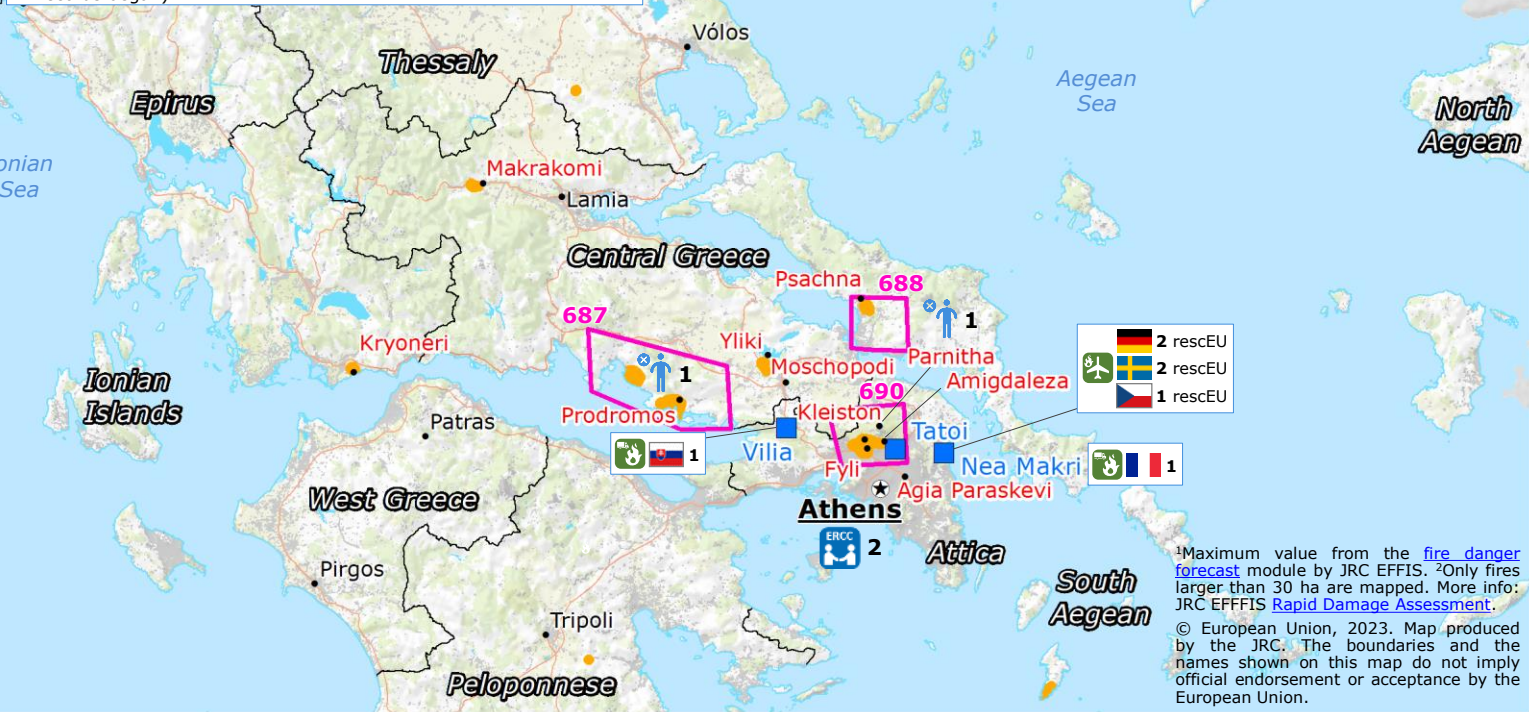
ERCC Liaison Officers (x2) deployed in Athens on 22 August
 Source: DG ECHO

Fatalities
 Source: Civil Protection Greece

Name Affected places

- Base of operation
 Source: DG ECHO
- Forest/semi-natural area
- Cropland
- Urban area
 Source: JRC GHSL
- River
- Main road
- Region boundary
- Country boundary

0 100 200 km



¹Maximum value from the fire danger forecast module by JRC EFFIS. ²Only fires larger than 30 ha are mapped. More info: JRC EFFIS Rapid Damage Assessment.
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