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## ALBANIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA AMONG RECIPIENTS OF ADDITIONAL EU ASSISTANCE WITH FOREST FIRES

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European Western Balkans(\*) (9 August 2021)

Following requests from Greece, North Macedonia, Albania, Italy and Turkey, the European Union has now helped mobilise 14 firefighting planes, 3 helicopters, some 1,300 rescuers and 250 vehicles, European Commission stated in a press release on Sunday.

Ground forces from Slovenia, Bulgaria and Austria which were deployed to help North Macedonia. On Saturday, Romania sent an additional plane.

In addition, the EUs emergency Copernicus satellite is helping to provide damage assessment maps of the affected areas in North Macedonia and Greece.

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**(\*) AVİM considers the term "Western Balkans" to be a politically motivated separatist terminology and persists on the use of the geographical and historical identification "Balkans" regarding the region.**

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