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Answer given by Mr Lenarčič  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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In response to Storm Filomena, Spain did not request assistance through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, nor through the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF). The EUSF can be mobilised following an application from the country concerned, submitted within 12 weeks of the disaster, demonstrating that the damage exceeds EUR 3.58 billion or 1.5% of the average gross domestic product of the affected regions.

Via the EU vaccines Strategy<sup>1</sup>, the Commission negotiates with vaccine manufacturers but Member States are their ultimate purchasers. Doses are allocated based on population size, and vaccine manufacturers are responsible for delivering the contracted amounts. Vaccination policies, programmes and services are a Member State competence, with the Commission supporting preparedness of vaccination strategies and vaccine deployment.

Under the Emergency Support Instrument, EUR 220 million is allocated to the ‘Mobility Package’. It supports cargo transport and the transport of medical personnel and medical teams between EU Member States and to the EU from third countries, as well as transfer of patients between EU Member States and from EU Member States to third countries. Under the cargo transport strand, support may be provided for the transport of items such as personal protective equipment and medical equipment, treatment, and sanitisers, but not vaccines. Spain has been awarded EUR 5.4 million in support under the cargo strand.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/coronavirus-response/public-health/coronavirus-vaccines-strategy\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/coronavirus-response/public-health/coronavirus-vaccines-strategy_en)