Salient One analysis

ReliefEU — Humanitarian Implementation Plan 2026

Donor: European Commission — DG ECHO

Location: Third countries; priority to developing countries. Specific destinations depend on the crisis or deployment.

Deadline: Application deadlines: ReliefEU Funding — rapid coordination-team deployment, Rapid coordination-team deployment round 1: Latest 2026-02-26; No fixed deadline — No single HIP-wide cutoff in the reviewed timing provisions; timing is modality-specific: ALERT year-round, capacities from 2026-01-01, rapid-deployment receipt indicative by 2026-02-26 with later forms potentially considered; DREF timing is not established.

Call description

Purpose: Emergency aid for vulnerable people affected by disasters; early response and support to operational gaps, including unforeseen needs not immediately covered by geographic HIPs.

Target location: Third countries; priority to developing countries. Specific destinations depend on the crisis or deployment.

Funding and response priorities

The total call funding is EUR 125,000,000 (Indicative 2026 HIP allocation.) — Indicative allocation; the Commission may withhold funds, adjust the breakdown, or use regional/multi-country allocations.

Lot funding: EUR 65,000,000 (Indicative parent allocation for ReliefEU Funding.) Applies to: ReliefEU Funding parent allocation.

Lot funding: EUR 60,000,000 (Indicative parent allocation for ReliefEU Capacities.) Applies to: ReliefEU Capacities parent allocation.

Activities

Eligible activities — ReliefEU Funding — ALERT:

- Emergency WASH and WASH non-food items; food assistance and nutrition; emergency livelihood support; health; non-food items.

Eligible activities — ReliefEU Funding — IFRC DREF:

- Case-by-case National Red Cross and Red Crescent Society emergency operations for small- or medium-scale sudden- or slow-onset disasters, including early response.

Eligible activities — ReliefEU Funding — rapid coordination-team deployment; Rapid coordination-team deployment round 1:

- Rapid deployment of established disaster-response experts or emergency-response teams to roll out coordination structures dedicated to first response.

Who can apply

Applicant submitting a project under the HIP — required: DG ECHO partner status.

NGO partner organisation: Excluded: Failure to submit audited financial statements on time without proper justification; Insufficient assurance of financial capacity in light of liquidity and solvency ratios in the latest certified annual statutory accounts; Applies when: No award is made where either exclusion applies.

Potential ALERT partner — required: Capacity to respond immediately in the affected area, including sufficient structure, personnel and financial means for the scale of emergency. Applies to: ReliefEU Funding — ALERT; DG ECHO partner.

Conditions that materially affect an application

EU-funded legal commitments: Excluded: Public-interest trusts established under Hungarian Act IX of 2021, entities listed in its Annex I, and affiliated entities maintained by them; Applies when: While Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506 and its measures remain applicable.

Rapid coordination-team deployment funding — required: Emergency deployment costs, immediate coordination and last-resort response within the agency mandate; Excluded: Development of the teams; Team maintenance or training. Applies to: ReliefEU Funding — rapid coordination-team deployment; Rapid coordination-team deployment round 1.

Commission allocation of HIP funding — permitted option: Permitted: Withhold all or part of the funds; Allocate part of the funding to regional or multi-country interventions; Adjust the indicative breakdown within limits in response to newly arising needs.

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Submission and timing

Application deadline: Latest 26 February 2026 — Indicative receipt date; the Commission reserves the right to consider later Single Forms, especially where needs or priorities remain uncovered. Applies to: ReliefEU Funding — rapid coordination-team deployment; Rapid coordination-team deployment round 1.

Submission route: Single Form submitted to DG ECHO through APPEL; ALERT event availability is notified via Appel/Hope.

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Sources

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