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**Minister of Internal Affairs, Carmen Dan, is heading today in Brussels the first formal meeting of the JAI Council within the Romanian Presidency**

During the internal affairs session of the meeting there are discussed issues related to migration, the fight against terrorism and the good organization of elections for the European Parliament.

**The Romanian Presidency of the Council closed the file about the modification of the Civil Protection Mechanism**

At the beginning of the meeting, the Council approved the amendment of the Civil Protection Mechanism, thus setting up a tool to enable the European Union to react quickly and efficiently when major crisis situations occur which exceed the capabilities of the Member States.

In particular, the RescEU will include forest fire-fighting equipment and the resources needed to respond to medical emergencies and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents. The decision will also strengthen the current set of national capacities committed on a voluntary basis.

*"Since 2001, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism has activated over 300 times, providing additional support to countries facing all types of emergency situations and helping to protect the citizens affected by them. With these updated rules, we will be better trained to provide faster assistance, ensuring that our aid is timely, even when we have to cope with more disasters simultaneously. "* - Carmen Daniela Dan, Minister of Internal Affairs from Romania.

Today's decision will be formally signed by the Council and the European Parliament next week. The signed text will afterwards be published in the Official Journal of the EU and will enter into force the following day.

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