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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council No 1313/2013/EU¹ on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012² of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (Financial Regulation), and in particular article 84 (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union Civil Protection Mechanism established by Decision No 1313/2013/EU (hereinafter referred to as the Decision), aims to strengthen cooperation between the Union and Member States and facilitate coordination in the field of civil protection in order to improve the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 25(2) of the Decision, financial assistance under that Decision may take the form of grants, reimbursement of expenses, public procurement or contribution to the trust funds, the subject and conditions of which are to be further specified in annual work programmes, as required by Article 128 of the Financial Regulation and Article 25(3) of the Decision.
- (3) The present work programme identifies the actions that should be eligible for financial assistance in 2014 under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism in the field of prevention, preparedness, and public awareness.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 188 of the Rules of Application³ and Article 25(3) of the Decision the work programme specifies the objectives, the schedule of the call or calls for proposals, the indicative amount involved, the maximum rate of financial intervention and the results expected from the actions and projects benefiting from financial assistance in the form of grants.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012

³ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1

- (5) The work programme also specifies the circumstances in which, under Article 190 (1) (c), and (f) of the Rules of Application, the Commission may award grants without a call for proposals to bodies with a duly substantiated de facto or de jure monopoly or for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power provided that the actions do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.
- (6) Under Article 92 of the Financial Regulation, creditors paid late are entitled to receive default interest charged to the line from which the principal was paid. It is therefore necessary to foresee that such default interest falls within the scope of this Decision.
- (7) It is appropriate to define the term ‘substantial change’ within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application for the application of this Decision.
- (8) This Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 (2) of the Financial Regulation and Article 94 of the Rules of Application.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 33(1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.
- (10) The 2014 Annual Work Programme to implement Decision No 1313/2013/EU should therefore be adopted,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme set out in the Annex is hereby adopted as the 2014 Annual Work Programme on the following budget items, for the appropriations amounts proposed by the Commission in its 2014 draft budget:

- Budget item 23 03 01 01- Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union for the amount of EUR 27 052 000 and
- Budget item 23 03 01 02- Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries for the amount of EUR 5 326 000

Article 2

1. Pursuant to Article 190(1) (c) of the Rules of Application, the Commission may award grants without a call for proposals to the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union to support the exchange of knowledge and experience on specific strategic civil protection issues and to discuss further civil protection actions between participating states.
2. Pursuant to Article 190(1) (f) of the Rules of Application, the Commission may award a direct grant without a call for proposal to Member States that have pre-committed their response capacities to the European Emergency Response Capacity for the purposes of certifying these capacities and adapting them to the standards set for European missions.
3. Pursuant to Article 190(1) (f) of the Rules of Application, the Commission may award a direct grant without a call for proposals to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) which has a high level of

technical expertise in disaster risk-management to support activities linked to the EU disaster prevention strategy, such as the development by the OECD High Level Risk Forum's work on a methodological risk assessment framework and the organising of country peer reviews.

4. Pursuant to Article 190(1) (f) of the Rules of Application, the Commission may award a direct grant without a call for proposals to the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission which has unique expertise in tsunami warning systems and a legal mandate from UNESCO member states to facilitate the expansion of such systems and coordinate the establishment of such a system for the North East Atlantic, Mediterranean and connected seas.

Article 3

Cumulated changes incurring an increase of not more than 20 % of the Union's maximum contribution are not considered to be substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the work programme. The Authorising Officer by Delegation may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 4

The appropriations covered by the work programme may be used to pay default interest in accordance with Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Done at Brussels, 28.2.2014

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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ANNEX

UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM

WORK PROGRAMME 2014

The budget amount indicated is for EU Member States as earmarked for 2014 and may be supplemented by contributions from the EEA countries and future acceding, candidate or potential candidate countries which have signed the appropriate agreement with the EU.

LEGAL BASIS

Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism

BUDGET ITEMS

23 03 01 01- Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union

23 03 01 02- Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries

BUDGET AMOUNTS

23 03 01 01: EUR 27 052 000

23 03 01 02: EUR 5 326 000

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

The Union Civil Protection Mechanism should protect primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, from all kinds of natural and man-made disasters, including environmental disasters, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union. This work programme covers actions that are eligible for financial assistance under the Mechanism in the field of prevention and preparedness in 2014.

In compliance with Article 26 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU synergies and complementarity with other instruments of the Union will be sought as these actions are implemented⁴.

The budget breakdown and actions implemented under direct centralised management can be broken down according the objectives set out in the Decision as follows:

23 03 01 01- Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union

Title of action	Action number	Procedure	Amount (EUR)
Prevention projects	1.1	Grant	3 600 000

⁴ Emergency response actions under the Mechanism are the subject of a separate Commission Implementing Decision.

EU overview of risks	1.2	Procurement	300 000
Other prevention activities	1.3	Procurement	600 000
The Emergency Response Coordination Centre	2.1	Procurement	800 000
Early warning and analysis	2.2	Procurement	2 000 000
Maintenance and further development of the Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS)	2.3	Procurement	200 000
The European Emergency Response Capacity-voluntary pool	2.4	Procurement	1 500 000
Addressing temporary shortcomings	2.5	Procurement	100 000
Training	2.6	Procurement	4 000 000
Training network	2.7	Procurement	250 000
Civil Protection Mechanism Exercises	2.8	Grant	4 000 000
Exercises on civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and EU civil protection teams	2.9	Procurement	2 500 000
Exchange of experts programme	2.10	Procurement	900 000
Preparedness projects	2.11	Grant	3 600 000
Lessons learned programme, technical meetings and workshops, training and exercise observation missions	2.12	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	700 000
Peer reviews	3.1	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	500 000
Awareness-raising and dissemination of good practices	3.2	Procurement	600 000
Workshops with the EU Presidency	3.3	Grant	200 000
Evaluation	3.4	Procurement	400 000
CECIS hosting, ERCC security and resilience	3.5	Procurement	302 000

23 03 01 02- Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries

Title of action	Action number	Procedure	Amount (EUR)
Prevention projects	1.1	Grant	1 000 000
Other prevention activities	1.3	Procurement	100 000
Early warning and analysis	2.2	Procurement	150 000
Exercises	2.8	Grant	2 000 000
Exchange of experts	2.10	Procurement	200 000
Preparedness projects	2.11	Grant	1 000 000
Lessons learned programme, technical meetings and workshops, training and exercise observation missions	2.12	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	600 000
Civil protection advisory missions to third countries	2.13	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	126 000
Peer reviews	3.1	Procurement	150 000

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1. PREVENTION

1.1 PREVENTION PROJECTS

Objectives	<p>Support and complement the efforts of participating states in the field of disaster prevention, focusing on areas where cooperation provides added value.</p> <p>Support the enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism⁵ and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries⁶ in the field of disaster prevention and improve their cooperation with the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and its participating states.</p>
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of cooperation and exchange of good practices, • Improved knowledge base on disaster risks and disaster prevention policies, and raising awareness of disaster prevention which would also contribute to better understanding of and adapting to the future impacts of climate change; • Improved links between relevant actors and policies throughout the disaster management cycle (prevention-preparedness-response-recovery); • Improved effectiveness of existing policy and financial instruments with regard to disaster prevention; • EU contribution to implementation of the UN Hyogo Framework for Action⁷, in accordance with the EU Resilience Action Plan; • Implementation of EU macro regional strategies (e.g. Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Strategy for the Danube Region) and their action plans
Type of activity	<p>Projects, plans and studies</p>
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 3 600 000,</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 1 000 000, for projects covering the European Neighbourhood Policy countries and enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate: 75% of eligible costs, with maximum EU contribution of EUR 500 000 of for each proposal financed.</p>

⁵ Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and "Kosovo" (This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence).

⁶ Eastern Neighbourhood countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine
Southern Neighbourhood countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia

⁷ Hyogo Framework for Action: Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters
<http://www.unisdr.org/we/coordinate/hfa>.

Type of procedure	Call for proposals
Indicative schedule	Publication of call: March 2014 Closure: end May 2014 Award decision: October 2014
Priorities for the year	<p>1. Actions on the economics of investing in disaster risk prevention, including costs and benefits of risk prevention measures, and the “risk-proofing” of public and/or private investments and strategies.</p> <p>2. Actions on the development of urban resilience strategies, including community and local-based disaster risk reduction actions and tools and guidelines for urban risk assessment, taking into account existing international initiatives in this field (e.g. UNISDR resilient cities campaign) and climate change adaptation strategies.</p> <p>3. Actions on the governance of risk management practices, including the integration of disaster risk assessments into the planning process and cross-border and cross-sectoral risk management practices for sustainable development.</p> <p>Projects should be complementary and take stock of prior achievements in the field, including disaster risks reduction actions (among them the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, Life+, the ICT Policy Support Programme, the Seventh Research Framework Programme, the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance and the European Neighbourhood Instrument), climate change adaptation achievements, or activities implemented under the Hyogo Framework for Action.</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects are designed and implemented by transnational partnerships involving entities from at least two participating states; branch offices of international organisations are considered as single entities; • Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 02 involve at least one Neighbourhood Policy country or enlargement country not participating in the Mechanism as a primary beneficiary and at least one participating state as a lead consortium partner; • Projects demonstrate that they are complementary to existing efforts in the beneficiary countries. <p><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity, professional qualifications and experience to carry out a project according to

	<p>the proposed objectives and deliverables;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity. <p><i>Award criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding: clarity and consistency of rationale, objectives and planning. The applicants have fully understood the objectives and strategic and legislative context of the call and have designed the project accordingly;• Methodology: description of ways and means of implementing the project and producing the expected results (theoretical background, operating procedures, schedules, constraints, assumptions, risks). There are logical links between the identified problems, needs and solutions proposed (Logical Frame Concept). Feasibility of the project within the proposed time frame;• Cost effectiveness: the proposed budget is sufficient for proper implementation and the project is designed so as to ensure the best value for money, also taking into account the expected results and deliverables;• European dimension: the expected results come from transnational work, serve the interest of a large number of participating states and could be efficiently reproduced and/or transferred to other participating states, regions or organisations.
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1.2 EU OVERVIEW OF RISKS

Objectives	Better knowledge of possible natural and man-made risks in Europe
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed information on the major existing natural and man-made risks in Europe and emerging risks; • Enhanced cooperation between participating states on disaster prevention.
Type of activity	Studies, workshops
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 300 000
Type of procedure	<p>Call for tender or use of framework contract for studies.</p> <p>Reimbursement of travel costs for workshop participants.</p> <p>Use of framework contracts for travel costs.</p>
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call: 1 st half of 2014

1.3 OTHER PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of good practice through experience-sharing between Member States. Added value through the pooling of expertise from participating states, the Commission and other relevant stakeholders; • Identification of possible needs for further EU initiatives in the field of disaster prevention. Full implementation of EU disaster prevention framework, ensuring that disaster risk reduction is a priority at national and local levels, taking into account links with climate change adaptation action; • Further development of good risk management practices and tools (including analysis of risk assessment, risk communication practices and methodologies) to support EU civil protection policies, including cooperation with the OECD High Level Risk Forum; • Carrying out above activities in Neighbourhood Policy countries and enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism to improve their ability to prevent trans-boundary events.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory of good practice for disaster prevention. Expert advice to the Commission on upcoming initiatives implementing the EU disaster prevention framework; • Availability of relevant data confirming the feasibility, added value and possible implementation of further EU initiatives in the field of prevention;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good practices are readily identified, shared and adopted by relevant stakeholders; • Improved knowledge base on disasters and their impact, including most relevant disaster risks; • Improved ability to manage risk and build resilience via national risk assessments and assessments of risk management capabilities; • Applied knowledge and policy tools are systematically shared; • Exchange in technical meetings of applied knowledge, policy implementation strategies, risk assessment tools, risk management practices and prevention measures; • Strategy for training and implementation of best practice in specific fields, e.g. industrial or natural and technological ('natech') disasters.
Type of activity	Studies, meetings, workshops,
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 600 000</p> <p>Up to EUR 100 000 for the OECD High Level Risk Forum</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 100 000</p>
Type of procedure	<p>For travel and accommodation costs of experts: use of existing framework contract if possible, or reimbursement;</p> <p>For services on knowledge base, exchange of good practice: call for tender or use of framework contracts;</p> <p>In the case of OECD, direct grant(s) for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, high degree of specialisation or administrative power (Article 190(1) (f) of the Rules of Application). The OECD has long-standing experience of providing public authorities and bodies with expert advice and good practice in disaster risk management, and a high level of technical competence in organising peer reviews of its members' policies, including risk management policies.</p>
Indicative schedule	<p>Call for tender</p> <p>Publication: April 2014</p> <p>Direct grant: award- May 2014</p>

2. PREPAREDNESS

2.1 THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION CENTRE

Objectives	Further develop and strengthen the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)
Expected results	The ERCC has the capacity to plan, prepare for and respond to disasters on a 24/7 basis
Type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service contracts to support the purchase and development of specialised IT and communication equipment, maintenance and/or arrangements to ensure the ERCC's security, resilience and business continuity on a 24/7 basis; • Service contract for strengthening 24/7 capacity; • Specialised equipment and other arrangements to maintain a fully operational 24/7 centre and ensure the ERCC's security, resilience and business continuity.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 800 000
Type of procedure	Call for tender and/or use of existing DG DIGIT framework contract.
Indicative schedule	<p>Publication of the call for equipment: 1st half of 2014</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: 1-2</p> <p>For strengthened capacity:</p> <p>Call for tender, if required: 1st half of 2014</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: 1-2</p>

2.2 EARLY WARNING AND ANALYSIS

Objectives	<p>Contributing to the development of detection and early warning systems in accordance with Article 8c of the Decision.</p> <p>Work will continue to focus on closing gaps and enhancing existing systems. In 2014, the focus will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further developing the Global Disaster Alert Coordination System (GDACS), establishing new cyclone surge calculation methods, enhancing volcano and flood detection systems and linking GDACS with the best scientific groups; • linking flood detection and forecast systems at global level; • enhancing the European Floods Awareness System (EFAS) for flash floods, including an indicator covering virtually the whole of Europe
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	<p>and ability to provide ERCC with scientific flood analysis;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further developing the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS) fire danger forecast and fire monitoring platform, including fire severity mapping and fire spread modelling; • setting up a pilot Global Fire Information System; • further improving the drought system, taking into account relevant climate services. <p>Work will start on extending EFAS coverage to Neighbourhood Policy countries and enlargement countries which are not yet EFAS members. In parallel, a technical study will look at the potential for flood early-warning and/or monitoring systems in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood countries.</p> <p>It is also planned to upgrade the Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System (GDACS), to enhance the ERCC's analytical and monitoring capacity, to make better use of JRC scientific capacities and to support the establishment of the North East Atlantic and Mediterranean Tsunami Warning System (NEAMTWS) in close cooperation with the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO IOC).</p>
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved understanding and mapping of hazards; accurate monitoring and forecasting of disaster events (floods and forest fires); • Processing and disseminating more quickly adequate warnings via the Mechanism to national contact points and in turn to political authorities and decision makers, enabling Mechanism participants to take appropriate and timely action; • Enhanced mechanism in the field of earth observation so that existing mechanisms and tools can be complemented.
Type of activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Service contracts or administrative arrangements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) to further develop, maintain and upgrade GDACS, ECHO Flash, ERCC Portal, EFAS, Global Flood Monitoring and Forecasting System and EFFIS; b) to further develop ERCC's analytical capacity; 2. Direct grant to support organisation of the NEAMWave tsunami drill exercise to test NEAMTWS workflow, which should lead to improvements, including as regards sustainability.
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 000 000</p> <p>Up to EUR 150 000 for direct grant to UNESCO IOC</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 150 000</p>
Type of procedure	<p>Administrative arrangement(s) with the JRC under Article 121 of the Rules of Application</p> <p>Direct grant to UNESCO IOC for the organisation of a tsunami-warning</p>

	exercise
Indicative schedule	Administrative arrangement: 1 st half of 2014 Direct grant to UNESCO: February 2014

2.3 MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE CECIS

Objectives	Manage and further develop the information and communication systems serving the participating states and the Commission for the purposes of the Mechanism
Expected results	The maintenance and further development of a secured communication environment (CECIS) and other dedicated hardware and software or specialised equipment/arrangements which enable the ERCC, Member State operational contact points and other participants in the Mechanism and regional sea conventions to cooperate and share information effectively at any moment. The on-going development of a web-based information tool based on the European Disaster Response Information System (EDRIS) for humanitarian aid and the CECIS system for civil protection and marine pollution assistance. This tool will allow a more comprehensive view of the overall EU and Member State/participating state response to emergencies in terms of financial and in-kind assistance.
Type of activity	Service contracts to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CECIS administration and evolving maintenance; • helpdesk/support service and • link between CECIS and EDRIS.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 200 000
Type of Procedure	Public procurement procedure for one service contract (CECIS contractor)
Indicative schedule	Publication of call for tender: June 2014

2.4 THE EUROPEAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY (EERC)-VOLUNTARY POOL

Objectives	Improve EU preparedness by the setting up and managing of the EERC in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed response capacities.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The voluntary pool of disaster response capacities becomes operational in an initial start-up configuration, involving a limited number of modules and other response capacities; • Capacity types and numbers are defined for the first stage of the EERC;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality requirements are specified for identified capacities; • The certification and registration process is launched; • Capacities available for response operations are identified and the registration process has started; • A framework is developed for the financing of adaptation costs.
Type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops, studies, training courses and exercises for potential pool members; • Contracts with Member States.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 1 500 000 OF WHICH EUR 100 000 FOR THE STUDY
Type of procedure	<p>Certification:</p> <p>Initial certification activities will be based on existing training courses and modules exercises (the costs of which are covered under 2.7 and 2.9 respectively). For the future, a call for tender for certification activities (exercises, trainings, workshops) may be launched.</p> <p>Reimbursement of workshop costs</p> <p>Adaptation:</p> <p>Direct grant/reimbursement of adaptation costs/framework partnership agreements with Member States' authorities</p> <p>Up to 100% of adaptation costs</p> <p>These may consist of unit costs or lump sums determined per type of capacity, covering up to 100% of eligible costs, provided this does not exceed 30% of the average cost of developing the capacity.</p> <p>Call for tender or use of existing framework contract for a study on the average costs of developing certain response capacities with a view to determining the ceilings for adaptation costs, as set out in the legislation.</p>
Indicative schedule	<p>Contracting of study: February-March 2014</p> <p>Launch of certification process based on existing training and exercises: April 2014</p> <p>Publication of new call for certification actions: June 2014</p> <p>Direct grants, reimbursement or partnership agreements with Member States for the purposes of reimbursing adaptation costs: end 2014</p>

2.5 ADDRESSING TEMPORARY SHORTCOMINGS

Objectives	To address temporary shortcomings in extraordinary disasters by the establishing framework contracts, framework partnership agreements or similar arrangements.
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Expected results	Explore and prepare for stand-by availability of certain response capacities and participating states' rapid access to these capacities, in accordance with Article 21 (2)(d) of the Decision.
Type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory work on the design, preparation, negotiation, conclusion and management of contracts or arrangements to ensure the stand-by availability of the necessary response capacities; • Framework contracts, framework partnership agreements or similar arrangements will be concluded between the Commission and the owners/operators of such capacities (private or public entities, including public authorities); • Development of standard operational procedures to ensure the effective use of these capacities.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 100 000 (preparatory work only)
Type of procedure	Procurement or use of existing framework contract for a study or consultancy
Indicative schedule	Launch of the study or consultancy early 2014

2.6 TRAINING

Objectives	Improve EU preparedness, in particular with regard to the dispatch of coordination and assessment teams of experts and the deployment of European civil protection assistance intervention teams and modules to European and third countries.
Expected results	<p>Staff management, coordination and assessment skills of managers, experts and administrators are enhanced, including for participation in emergencies of a magnitude and nature which overwhelm the capacity of the requesting State and require the coordination of an international community response. Expected number of places to be offered in the courses for 2014: up to 1100.</p> <p>Knowledge and skills of national and Union diplomatic personnel regarding civil protection is enhanced.</p> <p>Enhanced knowledge of the Mechanism among national experts selected to attend the training programme, as well as among trainers and students conducting and attending disaster management courses at national level.</p> <p>Enlarged scope of current EU preparedness actions in the field of training, including through diversification of the training programme, effectively linking it to the prevention, preparedness and response actions. Trained expert teams to be able to provide advice on prevention and preparedness measures at the request of an affected state or the UN and its agencies.</p> <p>The contractors share a common syllabus, agreed with the ERCC and</p>

	<p>also conforming to UN standards.</p> <p>Improved skills of trainers, managers, experts, practitioners, administrators and diplomats for achieving the above results.</p>
Type of activity	<p>Provision of courses to experts from participating states (civil protection and marine pollution), the Commission and the UN who could participate in interventions. Participation of national and Union diplomatic personnel may be considered for specific courses. A limited number of places will be allocated to experts coming from the European Neighbourhood Policy countries with which DG ECHO has an administrative arrangement for cooperation in the field of civil protection.</p> <p>Meetings of trainers, of the Training Policy Group or any successor group, ad hoc expert and stakeholder meetings, and preparation of meeting documents.</p> <p>Provision of learning material for possible use as pre-training material for experts attending Mechanism courses or national training courses. Conduct "train the trainers" workshops.</p>
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 4 000 000
Type of procedure	<p>Seven framework contracts. Commitment of specific contracts: 6</p> <p>If possible, use of existing framework contract for trainers', Training Policy Group members', experts' and stakeholders' travel and accommodation costs, or reimbursement of such costs.</p> <p>Use of framework contracts or calls for tenders to purchase training material in addition to that already provided by training centres, to provide expertise and organise meetings.</p>
Indicative schedule	Renewal of existing contracts in November 2014

2.7 TRAINING NETWORK

Objectives	Enhance all phases of disaster management training (prevention, preparedness, response and recovery) through a dedicated network of organisations dealing with civil protection/disaster management training.
Expected results	A training network is established, effectively linking all relevant stakeholders.
Type of activity	<p>Support for the development of the EU Disaster Management Training Network, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hosting an IT platform; • meetings of representatives of the various working groups and of <i>ad</i>

	<p><i>hoc</i> expert and stakeholder meetings; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> secretarial support and preparation of documents for such meetings.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 250 000
Type of procedure	<p>Service-level agreement with DG DIGIT for the hosting and management of the network's IT platform.</p> <p>Use of framework contracts or calls for tenders for updating the IT platform.</p> <p>If possible, use of existing framework contract for meeting participants' travel and accommodation costs, or reimbursement of such costs.</p> <p>Service contracts for logistics and secretarial support.</p>
Indicative schedule	<p>Launch of service level agreement in the first half of 2014</p> <p>Indicatively, three meetings and two workshops will be organised in relation to the EU Disaster Management Training Network; five expert and stakeholder ad hoc meetings.</p>

2.8 CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM EXERCISES

Objectives	<p>To improve civil protection preparedness and response to all kinds of disasters, including marine pollution, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear disasters, as well as combined disasters and disasters simultaneously affecting a number of countries (inside or outside the participating states of the Mechanism) by providing a testing environment of established and/or new operational concepts and procedures of the Mechanism and a learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection assistance interventions under the Civil Protection Mechanism.</p>
Expected results	<p>The existing procedures for the various elements of the Civil Protection Mechanism are improved and new procedures, where needed, are established.</p> <p>The interoperability of intervention teams is improved as the result of the exercise; in particular this will mean quicker dispatch time, improved cooperation arrangements, better communication between headquarters and field, identification of shortcomings in the existing structures.</p> <p>Participating states, enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism, and European Neighbourhood Policy countries are prepared to receive assistance through the Mechanism.</p> <p>Contribution to the EU regional strategies and their action plans.</p>
Type of activity	<p>Plan, conduct and evaluate exercises with scenarios simulating the situation and conditions of all types of disasters for the activation of the Mechanism, including marine pollution, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear disasters, as well as combined disasters and disasters affecting simultaneously a number of countries (inside or</p>

	<p>outside the participating states of the Mechanism).</p> <p>The plans for the exercises should take into account the results of evaluations of previous exercises as well as the lessons learned from civil protection actions.</p> <p>The exercises can be full scale exercises, command post exercises with limited deployment, as well as table top exercises or other types of discussion based exercises, as deemed suitable in order to achieve the objectives.</p> <p>The involvement of participating states is ensured through the ERCC, according to established procedures (use of CECIS, etc.) and deployment of exercise participants as defined in Art. 22 of Commission Decision 2004/277/EC, Euratom, i.e. intervention teams (including modules), teams of Assessment and/or coordination experts (EU CP team), national key contact point staff, other intervention support resources and officials of the EU Institutions, including humanitarian aid experts (if required by the scenario).</p> <p>Whenever the scenario includes the participation of the European Maritime Safety Agency's (EMSA) standby oil spill response vessels, the daily rate for the vessels' operational use and fuel costs will be covered by EMSA.</p>
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 4 000 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 2 000 000 for proposals covering Neighbourhood Policy countries and enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism.</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate: 85 % of eligible costs, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 1 000 000 for each proposal financed.</p>
Type of procedure	<p>Calls for proposals</p>
Indicative schedule	<p>Publication: April 2014</p> <p>Closure: June 2014</p> <p>Award decision: November 2014</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The emergency scenario is realistic and of such magnitude such as to overwhelm the capacities of the affected country; • The request for assistance to the ERCC is established through the official channels of the affected state(s) (National Authority(ies)) and coordinated through the ERCC and the official channels of the other countries; • The Mechanism is activated; and an EU Civil Protection Team is deployed. • Exercises financed through budget item 23 03 01 01 should involve

	<p>at least two participating states other than the State organising and hosting the exercise commit to dispatch intervention teams, civil protection modules, or technical assistance and support teams through the ERCC. This is not applicable for table top exercises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercises financed through budget item 23 03 01 02 should involve at least one European Neighbourhood Policy country or one enlargement country not participating in the Mechanism and at least one additional country (eligible third country or participating state) together with the participating state which is the lead organiser should be a part of the exercise. The aim of these exercises will be to maximize the exchange of knowledge and experience on the EU Mechanism with the third countries. • Involvement of the national civil protection authorities of the countries in the project (and/or the marine pollution authorities as necessary depending on the exercise scenario). • The application contains a plan describing, how improvements should be included following evaluation and how they should be further implemented and retested. <p><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity and professional qualifications and experience of all participants to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables; • Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity. <p><i>Award criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding: the use of the elements and resources of the Mechanism as well as the testing of the procedures proposed by the project correspond to the objectives, and the strategic and legislative context of the call; • Methodology: the proposed project tasks, the project management methodology in general and the exercise planning, conduct and evaluation methodology are suited to the achievement of the project aims, objectives and expected results. The standards and procedures of the other participating states in the exercise, as well as other international standards and conventions (UN), are taken into account where appropriate. • Cost effectiveness: the proposed budget is sufficient for a proper project implementation and the project is designed in such a way as to ensure the best value for money, taking also into account the expected results and deliverables. • European dimension: the proposed project has a proper European dimension, i.e. broad participation of participating States of the Mechanism, importance, applicability and relevance of the scenario and the expected results for the Member States and the EU as a whole: integration of other products/services funded or developed by
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	<p>the EU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Understanding" and "European dimension includes the following criteria": a) for disasters inside the EU: the involvement of a wide range of emergency responders (civil protection, police, health and other intervention support), is measured and b) for scenarios related to disasters outside the EU: the involvement, as appropriate, of EU services and offices and of relevant humanitarian aid and international organisations. In both cases, the use of European Mechanism elements and tools (e.g. HNS guidelines, registered modules and/or similar assets) is measured.
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2.9 EXERCISES ON CIVIL PROTECTION MODULES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TEAMS AND EU CIVIL PROTECTION TEAMS

Objectives	<p>To establish common understanding of the cooperation and achieve an interdisciplinary interoperability between modules and/or technical assistance and support teams (TASTs) and the EU Civil Protection Team (EUCPT) in an international environment.</p> <p>Improvement of civil protection preparedness for and response to disasters by providing a testing environment and learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and EUCPT, as well as testing the procedures of the Mechanism.</p> <p>The exercises could also be used as part of the certification system for the voluntary pool, subject to implementing provisions to be agreed by the Committee.</p>
Expected results	<p>Civil protection modules are interoperable and participating states and the ERCC are aware of cooperation arrangements and operational procedures for their use in real disasters.</p> <p>Enhance cooperation of modules, TAST and EUCPT between each other and with other actors involved during an international deployment.</p>
Type of activity	<p>Plan, conduct and evaluate exercises for civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams registered in CECIS as well as the EUCPTs.</p> <p>The plans for the exercises should take into account the results of evaluations of previous exercises and lessons learned from civil protection actions.</p>
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 500 000
Type of procedure	Call for tender for service contracts – indicative number: 3 -4 contracts
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call: May 2014

2.10 EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS PROGRAMME

Objectives	To improve the effectiveness of transnational cooperation through the Mechanism by improving the knowledge and experience of the experts involved and enabling them to attend specific courses not available in their home country, or to give such courses in a host country.
Expected results	Experts have experience and direct knowledge of similar responsibilities under different national systems; they are familiar with various techniques and approaches used by other emergency services, with modules and the 112 call centres.
Type of activity	Design, organisation, promotion and monitoring of a system of exchange and short-term placement of experts (target: 450-500 experts, of which up to 75 from eligible third countries). Priority will be given to experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - who can be called upon for EU missions; - working in operation centres; - in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) defence; - in prevention and preparedness and - in risk assessment. Experts from European Neighbourhood Policy countries and enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism may participate in the programme.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 900 000 Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 200 000 for experts from European Neighbourhood Policy countries and enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism.
Type of procedure	Public procurement procedure for one renewable service contract
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call: May 2014

2.11 PREPAREDNESS PROJECTS

Objectives	Create better prerequisites for and improve preparedness, as well as enhance awareness of civil protection and/or marine pollution professionals and volunteers. Support and complement the efforts of the participating states for the protection of citizens, environment and property in the event of natural and man-made disasters, technical, radiological or environmental incidents and dealing with the consequences of acts of terrorism and facilitate reinforced cooperation between the participating states in the
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	<p>field of preparedness in civil protection and/or marine pollution.</p> <p>Exchange of information, experience, good practice and knowledge aiming at improving the performance of parties involved in civil protection (both private and public professionals and volunteers.)</p> <p>Support the enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries in the field of disaster preparedness and enhance their cooperation with the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and its participating states.</p>
Expected results	<p>Awareness and skills of civil protection professionals and/or marine pollution and volunteers are increased.</p> <p>Approaches to meet specific civil protection and marine pollution needs and/or challenges at regional and cross border level are assessed, tested and evaluated.</p> <p>Contribution to the EU regional strategies and their action plans.</p> <p>Enhancing the cooperation and exchange of best practices in the field of disaster preparedness between the participating states and the enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries.</p>
Type of activity	<p>Projects that can include small scale exercises and training aimed at specific complementary improvements and innovation. Specific outputs may include, e.g. the joint design, planning, development and implementation of innovative civil protection activities, including procedures, techniques, tools, etc. They may also include the transfer or the adaptation of existing features from other geographical or thematic contexts.</p>
Priorities for the year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Actions aimed at improving cross border civil protection and marine pollution cooperation, including regional cooperation, regarding interoperability and preparedness for, direct response to and reducing impacts of natural and man-made disasters. Specific focus areas include better planning, preparing for CBRN events and mass evacuation. 2. Actions aimed at enhancing operational cooperation in the framework of the Mechanism, enabling countries to develop, exercise and register multinational assets. 3. Actions aimed at increasing the countries' preparedness for reception of international assistance in the context of the EU HNS Guidelines. <p>Projects should be complementary and should take stock of achievements of relevant activities undertaken at European level using Union funds (among them the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, Life+, the ICT Policy Support Programme, the Seventh Research Framework Programme, European Neighbourhood Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance).</p>
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 3 600 000,</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 1 000 000 for projects covering the</p>

	<p>European Neighbourhood Policy countries and enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate: 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 500 000 for each proposal financed.</p>
Type of procedure	Call for proposals
Indicative schedule	<p>Publication of the call: March 2014</p> <p>Closure: end May 2014</p> <p>Award decision: October 2014</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects are designed and implemented by transnational partnerships involving entities from at least two participating states; branch offices of international organisations are considered as single entities; • Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 02 involve at least one Neighbourhood Policy country or enlargement country not participating in the Mechanism as a primary beneficiary and at least one participating state as a lead consortium partner; • Projects demonstrate that they are complementary to existing efforts in the beneficiary countries. <p><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof that all participants have the operational capacity, professional qualifications and experience to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables; • Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity. <p><i>Award criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding: clarity and consistency of rationale, objectives and planning. The applicants have fully understood the objectives and strategic and legislative context of the call and have designed the project accordingly; • Methodology: description of ways and means of implementing the project and producing the expected results (theoretical background, operating procedures, schedules, constraints, assumptions, risks). There are logical links between the identified problems, needs and solutions proposed (Logical Frame Concept). Feasibility of the project within the proposed time frame; • Cost effectiveness: the proposed budget is sufficient for proper implementation and the project is designed so as to ensure the best value for money, also taking into account the expected results and deliverables; • European dimension: the expected results come from transnational

	work, serve the interest of a large number of participating states and could be efficiently reproduced and/or transferred to other participating states, regions or organisations.
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2.12 LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAMME; TECHNICAL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS; TRAINING, EXERCISE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

Objectives	<p>Encourage learning through a lessons learned programme covering the entire disaster management cycle.</p> <p>Facilitate the exchange of knowledge, skills and good practices through workshops and technical meetings.</p> <p>Improve the professional skills of experts and other response teams/modules through participation in selected trainings and exercises, including trainings in the ERCC.</p> <p>Maximise synergies between different initiatives in the area of disaster management and encourage the pooling of expertise from the participating states, the Commission and international partners.</p> <p>Familiarise participating states as well as neighbouring countries with the European tools and systems used in the preparedness and response to disasters, including marine pollution.</p>
Expected results	<p>A comprehensive programme of lessons learned is developed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the monitoring, analysis and evaluation of relevant actions; (b) the implementation of lessons learned; (c) the development of methods and tools. <p>Technical meetings and workshops on relevant themes, with a broad participation of participating states and other relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>An appropriate participation of experts and response capacities in trainings and exercises.</p> <p>Improved preparedness of the coastal neighbouring countries to receive operational and technical support from the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) through the ERCC and to allow them to become users of the marine pollution CECIS application.</p> <p>Improved risk governance and strengthened chemical accident prevention in enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries.</p>
Type of activity	<p>Organising lessons learned meetings and facilitating a broad participation therein.</p> <p>Developing tools to support the lessons learned programme (including the development of a lessons learned library, IT support to capture feedback from stakeholders, etc.).</p> <p>Organising technical meetings on specific topics related to disaster management and facilitating a broad participation therein. This may</p>

	<p>include for instance meetings on risk assessment and management, modules, early warning, transport, CBRN, innovative approaches, etc. It covers meetings with the representatives of participating states at different levels, including regular DGs meetings to exchange best practices and to further develop cooperation within the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. It can also include meetings with international partners to exchange best practices.</p> <p>Research and studies necessary for the preparation of the above meetings.</p> <p>Facilitating an appropriate participation of participating states' experts and response capacities in selected training events, technical meetings and workshops, debriefings (lessons learned), exercises and observation missions organised by others.</p> <p>Where relevant the activities can be extended to European Neighbourhood Policy countries as well as the enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism. The participation of experts or representatives of other third countries can be supported on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>Trainings and workshops organised by EMSA for the coastal neighbouring countries on the European systems and tools for monitoring, preparedness and response to marine pollution.</p> <p>Support the implementation of the Seveso Directive by the enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries through a technical cooperation with JRC MAHB⁸ addressing countries' needs over the long term in areas as good practice exchange, risk assessment, Seveso information/application website, including online information exchange and portals, and applications for accidents lessons learned reporting and analysis.</p>
<p>Indicative amount</p>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 700 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 600 000</p> <p>Administrative arrangement with JRC (MAHB) EUR 500 000</p> <p>EUR 50 000 for CECIS trainings</p> <p>EUR 50 000 – participation of international partners in relevant activities.</p>
<p>Type of procedure</p>	<p>Use of existing framework contract for travel and accommodation costs of experts and for the transport of necessary equipment or reimbursement of such costs.</p> <p>Use of the new framework contract on evaluations</p> <p>Administrative arrangement with JRC-MAHB to support the implementation of the Seveso Directive</p> <p>In addition, reimbursement of per diems expensed for experts on the ERCC mission or invited by the Commission to present their missions</p>

⁸ MAHB - Major Accidents Hazards Bureau of JRC

	<p>or other activities during relevant lessons learned or technical meetings.</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: 1-2</p>
Indicative schedule	<p>For lessons learned and technical workshops, the schedule follows the activation of the Mechanism case by case, depending on the disasters. For training and exercise observation missions, the schedule follows the organisation of major exercises or other training events.</p> <p>One lessons learned meeting per quarter, depending on disasters. One meeting per month about specific topics (e.g. modules, early warning).</p> <p>One annual report of the identified lessons learned; their follow up and the state of implementation.</p> <p>Two DGs meetings per year.</p> <p>Technical meetings as necessary for the development of civil protection cooperation.</p>

2.13 CIVIL PROTECTION ADVISORY MISSIONS TO THIRD COUNTRIES

Objectives	Support third countries in prevention and preparedness measures and provide expert advice through the deployment of an expert team.
Expected results	Third countries are better prepared for natural and man-made disasters. Prevention activities are included in national strategies.
Type of activity	Expert missions to third countries, on request, to advise on specific prevention and preparedness issues and risk assessment (land-use planning) in close cooperation with the UN or other relevant organisations (e.g. JRC-MAHB or UNECE).
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 126 000
Type of procedure	If possible, use of existing framework contract for experts' travel and accommodation costs, or reimbursement of such costs.
Indicative schedule	On request 5-10 missions per year

3. HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES

3.1 PEER REVIEWS

Objectives	<p>Through mutual learning and expert review from other partner countries recommend improvements in disaster management policy and operations</p> <p>Foster policy dialogue, improve consistency and steer progress in critical areas for the EU cooperation on civil protection and disaster risk management</p>
Expected results	<p>Recommendations are formulated for improving the reviewed countries' policy-making and governance in civil protection and disaster risk management</p> <p>Good and innovative practices in civil protection and disaster risk management are identified, shared and their transferability to other countries promoted at EU level</p> <p>Cooperation between various stakeholders in the reviewed country is strengthened in the different phases of the disaster management cycle</p> <p>Cooperation at EU and regional level is enhanced between countries exposed to shared or similar hazards</p> <p>The impact/implementation of relevant EU policies and actions is reviewed at national level.</p>
Type of activity	<p>Development of a programme for peer reviews of indicatively a maximum of 5 countries interested to be reviewed (4 participating states and one enlargement country not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy country), including activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development of a common framework and process for reviews - preparation for the reviews - on-site missions in the reviewed countries - drafting of peer review reports - publication and publicity of reports - policy dialogue, lessons learnt and follow-up to the reviews <p>Participation in peer reviews is on strictly voluntary basis.</p>
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 500 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 150 000</p>
Type of procedure	<p>Reimbursement of experts' travel and accommodation costs or use of framework contracts.</p> <p>Public procurement procedure for one renewable contract for support for peer reviews in cooperation with participating states' experts.</p>

Indicative schedule	Call for tender Publication: May 2014
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3.2 AWARENESS-RAISING AND DISSEMINATION OF GOOD PRACTICES

Objectives	<p>Promote awareness-raising, information and communication on the Mechanism (prevention, preparedness, response). Improve contacts with individuals throughout Europe who are unable to attend training events or visit the ERCC.</p> <p>Perform exploratory work in specific areas (e.g. crisis communication including the 112 emergency number) and support the development of policy initiatives.</p> <p>Facilitate and support implementation of the Mechanism and maximise the effectiveness of assistance missions in this framework.</p> <p>Contribute to implementation of the EU CBRN Action Plan and the 2005–15 Hyogo Framework for Action.</p> <p>Where relevant, make use of research results and developments at national and European levels.</p>
Expected results	<p>Increased awareness of hazards, risks and civil protection issues.</p> <p>Better knowledge and use of tools available to civil protection authorities and citizens.</p> <p>Increased visibility and understanding of the Mechanism and EU civil protection activity. Improved knowledge and understanding of technical and policy-related civil protection issues.</p> <p>Implementation and follow-up of CBRN Action Plan, including follow-up activities relating to the CBRN Emergency Response Guidebook.</p> <p>Increased and more effective use of the Mechanism.</p>
Type of activity and subject of contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General information and communication actions; • Publications and information materials, including audio-visual materials; • Publication of deliverables from previous projects under the Mechanism; • Promotion and dissemination events; • Studies, surveys, analyses and statistics
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 600 000
Type of procedure	Call for tender for services, use of framework contracts. Indicative number of contracts: 3
Indicative schedule	Publication: April 2014

3.3 WORKSHOPS WITH THE EU PRESIDENCY

Objectives	Workshops to exchange knowledge and experience on specific strategic civil protection issues and to discuss further civil protection actions. Workshops organised in cooperation with the Italian and Latvian Presidencies of the Council of the European Union.
Expected results	Increased awareness and better understanding of strategic civil protection challenges. Improved consensus among the main stakeholders.
Type of activity	Workshops
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 200 000 (indicative amount: EUR 100 000 for each Presidency) Maximum co-funding rate: 75 % of eligible costs
Type of procedure	Grants without a call for proposals to bodies with a duly substantiated de facto or de jure monopoly (Article 128 Financial Regulation/Article 190(1) (c) Rules of Application).
Indicative schedule	1 st and 2 nd half of 2014
Essential award criteria	Award criteria: 1. Relevance of proposed workshop topic to the objectives and priorities of the civil protection work programme; 2. Quality of project planning and implementation; and 3. Budget and cost-effectiveness of proposal.

3.4 EVALUATION

Objectives	Evaluation of activities under the Civil Protection Financial Instrument (CPFI). Impact assessments and feasibility studies of future civil protection initiatives.
Expected results	Better understanding of civil protection policy implementation and results. Improved knowledge of impacts of Commission civil protection initiatives and their contribution to national policies.
Type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation and impact assessment studies, including ex-post evaluation of the CPFI; • Thematic evaluations; • Development of a common methodology for evaluating exercises;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a dedicated web-tool for lessons learned.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 400 000
Type of procedure	Calls for tender or the use of framework contracts. Indicative number of contracts: 4.
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call: March 2014

3.5 CECIS HOSTING, ERCC SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

Objectives	Ensure ERCC's security and resilience against external and internal hazards and increase safety and security of liaison officers on ERCC missions.
Expected results	ERCC and CECIS, in particular, work permanently, in secure conditions and at full capacity, during disasters and on normal duty. Liaison officers on ERCC missions are fully equipped and protected.
Type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software architecture, IS hosting and related assistance; • Supply of necessary protective and other equipment; • Further extend and implement the 'ERCC in a box' concept (secure mobile communication equipment linking HQ and field experts) for use in expert missions not involving a TAST.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 302 000
Type of procedure	Service-level agreement with DG DIGIT (CECIS hosting on two servers) Call for tender or existing framework contract for equipment Indicative number of contracts: 1-2
Indicative schedule	Launch of procedures: mid-2014