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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>2</sup> ('the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union Civil Protection Mechanism established by Decision No 1313/2013/EU, 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 Decision No 1313/2013/EU, financial assistance may take any of the forms provided by Financial Regulation, in particular 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 Decision No 1313/2013/EU.
- (3) The Annual Work Programme 2016 identifies the actions that should be eligible for financial assistance under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism in the field of prevention, preparedness and public awareness.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 188 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<sup>3</sup> (the Rules of Application) and Article 25(3) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, 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

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012

<sup>3</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

expected from the actions and projects benefiting from financial assistance in the form of grants.

- (5) The work programme also specifies the circumstances in which, under points (c) and (f) of Article 190(1) 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) The work programme allows for costs incurred before the date of the submission of the grant application to be eligible where the activities to be funded are to be undertaken as a matter of extreme urgency, as may be the case of adaptation of response capacities not available in the voluntary pool.
- (7) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (8) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term ‘substantial change’ within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (9) This Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 (2) of the Financial Regulation. Article 94 of the Rules of Application establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (10) 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### The work programme

The Annual Work Programme 2016 for the implementation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

#### *Article 2*

##### Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme in 2016 is set at EUR 34 917 000 and shall be financed from the following lines of the general budget of the European Union:

- Budget item 23 03 01 01- Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union for the amount of EUR 29 366 000 and
- Budget item 23 03 01 02- Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries for the amount of EUR 5 551 000

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment. The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the

appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2016 after the adoption of the budget for that financial year or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

### *Article 3*

#### Methods of implementation

1. Pursuant to point (c) of Article 190(1) 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 and international partners.
2. Pursuant to point (f) of Article 190(1) 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 quality requirements set for response operations under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

### *Article 4*

#### Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes not exceeding 20 % of the Union's maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application, where those changes 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 and proportionality. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

### *Article 5*

#### Extreme urgency

Where, due to their specific subject matter directly related to ongoing or imminent emergencies, actions to be financed under this Decision require that activities thereunder are undertaken as a matter of extreme urgency, expenditure incurred up to 2 months before the date of submission of the grant application may be eligible for Union funding.

Done at Brussels, 30.11.2015

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The indicated budget amounts are for EU Member States or for IPA II beneficiaries<sup>1</sup> and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries<sup>2</sup> as earmarked for 2016 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 of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism<sup>3</sup>

#### **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 29 366 000

23 03 01 02: EUR 5 551 000

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Union Civil Protection Mechanism ('Mechanism') should protect primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, from all kinds of natural and man-made disasters, including the consequences of acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental disasters, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union (Article 1(2) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU). This work programme covers actions that are eligible for financial assistance under the Mechanism in the field of prevention, preparedness and public awareness in 2016<sup>4</sup>.

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 implemented.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the 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). Serbia, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are participating in the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. Turkey is in the process of becoming a participating state.

<sup>2</sup> Eastern Neighbourhood countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine  
Southern Neighbourhood countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia. The participation of Syria is currently suspended.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924.

<sup>4</sup> Emergency response actions under the Mechanism are covered by a separate Commission Decision.

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

Title of action	Action number	Procedure	Amount (EUR)
Prevention projects	1.1	Grant	2 800 000
Improving the knowledge base for disaster prevention	1.2	Procurement	600 000
The Emergency Response Coordination Centre	2.1	Procurement	800 000
Early warning and analysis	2.2	Procurement	1 800 000
Maintenance and further development of the Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS)	2.3	Procurement	200 000
Training	2.4	Procurement	5 000 000
Training network	2.5	Procurement	300 000
Civil Protection Mechanism Exercises	2.6	Grant	3 600 000
Exercises on civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and EU Civil Protection Teams (EUCPT)	2.7	Procurement	4 000 000
The European Emergency Response Capacity-voluntary pool	2.8	Grant	2 000 000
Addressing temporary shortcomings	2.9	Procurement	2 700 000
Preparedness projects	2.10	Grant	2 800 000
Exchange of experts programme	2.11	Procurement	900 000
Lessons learned programme, technical meetings and workshops, training, exercise and advisory missions	2.12	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	650 000
Peer reviews	3.1	Procurement	500 000
Awareness-raising and dissemination of good practices	3.2	Procurement	166 000
Workshops with the EU Presidency	3.3	Grant	200 000
CECIS hosting, ERCC security and resilience	3.4	Procurement	200 000
Evaluation	3.5	Procurement	150 000

**23 03 01 02- Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries (figures)**

<b>Title of action</b>	<b>Action number</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Amount (EUR)</b>
Prevention projects	1.1	Grant	1 400 000
Improving the knowledge base for disaster prevention	1.2	Procurement	100 000
Early warning and analysis	2.2	Procurement	250 000
Training	2.4	Procurement	300 000
Exercises	2.6	Grant	1 200 000
Exercises on civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and EU Civil Protection Teams (EUCPT)	2.7	Procurement	100 000
Preparedness projects	2.10	Grant	1 300 000
Exchange of experts programme	2.11	Procurement	200 000
Lessons learned programme, technical meetings and workshops, training, exercise and advisory missions	2.12	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	551 000
Peer reviews	3.1	Procurement	150 000



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# 1. PREVENTION

## 1.1 PREVENTION PROJECTS

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Support and complement the efforts of Member States in the field of disaster prevention, focusing on areas where cooperation provides added value.</p> <p>Support the IPA II beneficiaries and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries in the field of disaster prevention and improve their cooperation with the Mechanism and its participating states.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Enhancement of cooperation, exchange of good practices and support for capacity building in prevention actions outlined in Chapter 2 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU (including risk assessment, risk management planning, risk prevention measures).</p> <p>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;</p> <p>Improved links between relevant actors and policies throughout the disaster management cycle (prevention – preparedness – response - recovery);</p> <p>Improved effectiveness of existing policy and financial instruments with regard to disaster prevention, including implementation of the EU macro regional strategies (e.g. Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Strategy for the Danube Region) and their action plans;</p> <p>EU contribution to the implementation of the Sendai international framework for disaster risk reduction.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	Projects, studies
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 800 000,</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 1 400 000 for projects covering the IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate: 75% of eligible costs, with maximum EU contribution of EUR 800 000 of for each proposal financed.</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	One call for proposals
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>Publication of call: first quarter 2016</p> <p>Award decision: third quarter 2016</p>
<b>Priorities for the year</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Action-oriented projects focusing on “risk-proofing” of public and/or private investments and development and testing of tools and methodologies for tracking of resilient investments.</li> <li>2. Pilot and demonstration projects with replication capacity focusing on urban resilience to disasters. Projects should build upon existing</li> </ol>

	<p>knowledge and good practices (e.g. UNISDR. Resilient cities scoreboard and campaign, local resilience forums, local climate change adaptation strategies including those received from local authorities via the Mayors-Adapt initiative, city profiles including good practices and city twinning through Mayors-Adapt. Projects could where appropriate support relevant work in the framework of the Union for Mediterranean Climate Change Expert Group's work plan which includes adaptation and synergies with DRR)</p> <p>3. Technical cooperation projects with the objective of implementing at all levels of government methodologies aiming at developing multi-hazard assessments of risks and risk management capabilities and risk management planning, including cross border dimension.</p> <p>4. Technical cooperation project aimed at developing networks at regional and cross border level that will facilitate enhanced uptake of innovation and research.</p> <p>5. Projects focused on elaboration of methodology and running of public information campaigns in the field of prevention of common daily accidents with cumulative severe impact.</p> <p>Projects should be complementary and take stock of prior achievements in the field, including disaster risk reduction actions.</p>
<p><b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b></p>	<p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 01 are designed and implemented by transnational partnerships involving a minimum of three entities from three different participating states or international organisations in cooperation with entities from participating states;</p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 02 involve a minimum of three entities including one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy country as a primary beneficiary and an entity from at least one participating state or an international organisation as a lead consortium partner. Each partnership must include at least one entity from a participating state;</p> <p>Projects demonstrate that they are complementary to existing efforts in the beneficiary countries.</p> <p>The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission Notice No 2013/C-205/05 (OJEU C-205 of 19/07/2013, pp. 9-11) shall apply for all actions under this Work Programme, including with respect to third parties referred to in Article 137 of Financial Regulation.</p> <p><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <p>Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity, professional qualifications and experience to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables;</p> <p>Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity.</p> <p><i>Award criteria</i></p> <p>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</p>

	<p>accordingly;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>European dimension: the expected results come from transnational work, serve the interest of a large number of Member States and could be efficiently reproduced and/or transferred to other Member States, regions or organisations.</p>
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## 1.2 IMPROVING THE KNOWLEDGE BASE FOR DISASTER PREVENTION

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Dissemination of good practice through experience-sharing between Member States. Added value through the pooling of expertise from Member States, the Commission and other relevant stakeholders;</p> <p>Identification of possible needs for further EU initiatives in the field of disaster prevention including as a result of the new international framework. Full implementation of EU disaster prevention framework, ensuring that prevention is a priority at national and local levels, taking into account links with climate change adaptation action;</p> <p>Strengthening the linkage of science with EU policy goals in the field of disaster risk management to improve the knowledge and evidence base; to support the development of a knowledge centre for disaster risk management;</p> <p>Better knowledge base on possible natural and man-made risks in Europe, contributing to the updating of an overview of risks in the EU and enhancing cooperation between Member States on disaster prevention and science networking;</p> <p>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</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Inventory of good practice for disaster prevention. Expert advice to the Commission on upcoming initiatives implementing the EU disaster prevention framework;</p> <p>Availability of relevant data confirming the feasibility, added value and possible implementation of further EU and Member State initiatives in the field of prevention;</p> <p>Good practices are readily identified, shared and adopted by relevant stakeholders;</p> <p>Improved knowledge base on disasters and their impact, including most relevant disaster risks, loss data and risk management capabilities;</p>

	<p>Greater science networking to improve knowledge base;</p> <p>Improved knowledge base on disasters and their impact, including most relevant disaster risks;</p> <p>Contribute to the development of risk scenarios to improve the risk assessment and planning processes;</p> <p>Improved ability to manage risk and build resilience via national risk assessments and assessments of risk management capabilities;</p> <p>Applied knowledge and policy tools are systematically shared;</p> <p>Exchange in technical meetings of applied knowledge, policy implementation strategies, risk assessment tools, scenario building risk management practices and prevention measures.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	Studies, meetings, workshops, surveys
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 600 000</p> <p>Budget line 23 03 01 02: EUR 100 000</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>For travel and accommodation costs of experts: use of existing framework contract or reimbursement of costs;</p> <p>For services on knowledge base, exchange of good practice: call for tender or use of framework contracts, up to EUR 300 000 for services on knowledge base – in particular risk assessment and scenarios, risk management capabilities, disaster data –Administrative Arrangement with the Joint Research Centre (JRC).</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Call for tender: first half 2016

## 2. PREPAREDNESS

### 2.1 THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION CENTRE

<b>Objectives</b>	Further develop and strengthen the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)
<b>Expected results</b>	The ERCC has the capacity to plan, prepare for and respond to disasters on a 24/7 basis
<b>Type of activity</b>	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 contributing to 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.
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 800000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	Call for tender and/or use of existing framework contracts
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	For 24/7 capacity: Call for tender, if required: first half 2016 Indicative number of contracts: one to two

### 2.2 EARLY WARNING AND ANALYSIS

<b>Objectives</b>	In accordance with Article 8(c) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, work will aim at:  1. Maintaining and improving existing information platforms, including the analysis support tool, and detection and alert systems and fostering the integration between them, in order to have quick and accurate data on potential events following a multi-hazard approach, allowing the ERCC to identify appropriate and timely action.  2. Supporting the enlargement of geographical coverage of the existing alerting systems, including the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS), European Flood Alert System (EFAS) and the European Drought Observatory (EDO).  3. Maintaining and further enhancing scientific and analytical capacity of the ERCC, including mapping capacity, in order to ensure a solid scientific and inter-sectorial analysis during emergencies and therefore better decision-making and planning. Support the development of the scientific partnerships for analytical analysis in the knowledge centre for disaster risk management.
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<p><b>Expected results</b></p>	<p>Regarding the objective 1,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining of warning and impact assessment systems such as the Global Disaster Alert Coordination System (GDACS), the Tsunami Analysis Tool, the Global Flood Detection System and the Digital Map Archive. This will include updating of real-time hazard modelling systems, alerting systems, impact assessment systems and underlying databases and hardware infrastructure. In particular the work on modelling will focus on:</li> <li>• the development of more accurate storm surge modelling activities in view of the service becoming fully operational;</li> <li>• integration of statistical models for GDACS hazards to allow potential loss estimation;</li> <li>• further developing the EFFIS-a fire danger forecast and fire monitoring platform, including fire severity mapping and fire spread modelling;</li> <li>• Maintaining and enhancing the ERCC portal, the analysis support tool and the ERCC Wall application;</li> <li>• Enhancing synergies between above applications;</li> </ul> <p>Regarding the objective 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extending EFAS and EFFIS coverage to IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries which are not yet EFAS/EFFIS members;</li> <li>• Linking flood detection and forecast systems at global level, through the Global Flood Partnership (GFP);</li> <li>• Further improving and extending the coverage of the EDO, taking into account relevant climate services, and adapt it to the needs of ERCC and DG ECHO;</li> </ul> <p>Regarding the objective 3, work will focus on:</p> <p>Regular delivery of scientific and analytical reports including maps allowing the ERCC to establish a comprehensive picture of the situation in the immediate aftermath of an emergency, estimating scale &amp; severity of the impact of a disaster and serving as a foundation for deployment and contingency planning.</p>
<p><b>Type of activity</b></p>	<p>Software maintenance and upgrade; Maintaining and further enhancing the ERCC scientific and analytical capacity, including for mapping</p>
<p><b>Indicative amount</b></p>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 1 800 000 Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 250 000</p>
<p><b>Type of procedure</b></p>	<p>Two or three administrative arrangement(s) with the JRC under Article 121 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom)</p>

	No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union <sup>5</sup> ('the Rules of Application') Call for tender or use of framework contracts
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Administrative arrangement: first half 2016 Call for tender or use of framework contracts: first half 2016

### 2.3 MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE CECIS

<b>Objectives</b>	Manage and further develop the information and communication systems serving the Member States and the Commission for the purposes of the Mechanism
<b>Expected results</b>	The maintenance and further development of a Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS) and other dedicated hardware and software or specialised equipment/arrangements which enable the ERCC, Member States' 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.
<b>Type of activity</b>	Service contracts to support: CECIS administration and evolving maintenance; helpdesk/support service
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 200 000
<b>Type of Procedure</b>	Use of existing framework contract
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Signature of the contract: second quarter 2016

### 2.4 TRAINING

<b>Objectives</b>	Improve EU preparedness, in particular for the deployment of European Union Civil Protection Teams (EUCPT) and modules in European and third countries.
<b>Expected results</b>	Expected number of places to be offered in the courses for 2017/2018: up to 1200.  Enhanced knowledge about the Mechanism among national and

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.



	<p>international experts and EU staff.</p> <p>Enhancement of staff management, coordination and assessment knowledge and skills of managers, experts and administrators involved in international disaster response.</p> <p>Knowledge and skills of Union diplomatic personnel regarding civil protection is enhanced.</p> <p>Training activities will enable experts to participate in prevention and preparedness missions at the request of an affected state, and the UN or its agencies.</p> <p>Experts share a common syllabus, agreed with the ERCC and also conforming to UN standards.</p> <p>Enhanced knowledge among experts of internationally recognized standards and methodologies in specific areas (e.g. logistics, environmental emergencies etc.) to allow for better coordination with other international stakeholders.</p> <p>New pilot courses will be developed in cooperation with the Training Policy Group and the Civil Protection Committee, e.g. on prevention and preparedness, advisory missions, medical teams, etc.</p> <p>New training opportunities on specific topics (e.g. logistics, environmental emergencies etc.) will be offered to participating states.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Organisation of courses for experts from participating states (civil protection and marine pollution), the Commission, other EU services and the UN who may participate in civil protection interventions. Participation of national and Union diplomatic personnel may be considered for specific courses. A number of places will be allocated to experts coming from IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism or the European Neighbourhood Policy countries.</p> <p>Organisation of meetings (e.g. the Training Policy Group or any successor group, trainer workshops, ad hoc expert and stakeholder meetings, and preparatory meetings for preparedness and prevention missions).</p> <p>Provision of information material on the training</p> <p>Development and organisation on a test basis of new training courses</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 5 000 000 (including EUR 200 000 for new pilot courses)</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 300 000</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>Renewal of existing framework contracts (6-7)</p> <p>Calls for tender for pilot courses, for trainings on specific topics and for evaluation</p> <p>The use of existing framework contract for travel and accommodation costs of trainers, Training Policy Group members, experts and stakeholders or reimbursement of such costs.</p> <p>Use of 1-2 framework contracts or calls for tenders to purchase information materials in addition to that already provided by training centres, to provide expertise and organise meetings</p>

<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Renewal of existing contracts: fourth quarter 2016 Call for tender for pilot courses: second quarter 2016
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## 2.5 TRAINING NETWORK

<b>Objectives</b>	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.
<b>Expected results</b>	A training network is established and maintained, effectively linking all relevant stakeholders.  Strategy for training and implementation of best practice in specific fields, e.g. industrial or natural and technological disasters is developed.
<b>Type of activity</b>	Development and daily running of the EU Disaster Management Training Network, including:  Secretarial support, logistic support, document management, organisation of meetings;  Hosting and managing the IT platform, training, maintenance;  Meetings of representatives of different stakeholders, working groups, ad hoc experts, liaison with the Civil Protection Committee;  Outreach to interested training institutes and other relevant actors in the EU, IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries.
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 300 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	Public procurement procedure or use of framework contracts for one renewable contract to launch and run the network, in close cooperation with DG ECHO and Member States.  Service-level agreement with DG DIGIT for the hosting and management of the network's IT platform.
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Publication of tender: first half 2016  Launch of service level agreement for IT: second half 2016

## 2.6 CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM EXERCISES

<b>Objectives</b>	To improve civil protection preparedness and response to all kinds of disasters, including marine pollution and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) 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 Mechanism.
<b>Expected results</b>	Improving the response capacity of Member States, in particular with regard to teams and other assets provided in civil protection assistance

	<p>interventions.</p> <p>Improving and verifying the procedures and establishing a common approach for the coordination of civil protection assistance interventions and reducing the response time in major disasters.</p> <p>Enhancing cooperation between the civil protection and marine pollution services of Member States, the Commission and other relevant actors.</p> <p>Identifying and sharing lessons learned.</p> <p>Testing the implementation of lessons learned.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<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 and CBRN disasters, as well as combined disasters and disasters affecting simultaneously a number of countries (inside or outside the participating states of the Mechanism). The plans for the exercises should also take into account the results of evaluations of previous exercises as well as lessons learned from civil protection actions. Needs of vulnerable groups including persons with disabilities should also be taken into consideration.</p> <p>The exercises can be full scale exercises, command post exercises with limited deployment, and table top exercises. A combination of two or three of these exercise concepts is considered as strength. The involvement of Member States is ensured through the ERCC, according to established procedures (e.g. use of CECIS, and activation of the Mechanism) and deployment of exercise participants as defined in Article 32 of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism<sup>6</sup>, i.e. intervention teams (including modules), teams of assessment and/or coordination experts (EUCPT), 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>Priority issues to be addressed by the exercise projects shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host Nation Support;</li> <li>• Deployment of assets and teams of the European Emergency Response Capacity (EERC);</li> <li>• Testing ERCC procedures;</li> <li>• Information exchange between affected country and Member States;</li> <li>• Crisis communication;</li> <li>• Use of Mechanism's transport and logistic procedures.</li> </ul>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 3 600 000</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate: 85 % of eligible costs of proposals, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 1 000 000 for each proposal financed.</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02</p> <p>EUR 1 200 000 for proposals covering IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy</p>

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 320, 6.11.2014, p. 1.

	countries. Maximum co-funding rate: 85% of eligible costs, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 1 000 000 for each proposal financed.
<b>Type of procedure</b>	One call for proposals
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Publication of the call for proposals: first quarter 2016 Award decision: third quarter 2016
<b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <p>The emergency scenario is realistic and of such magnitude such as to overwhelm the capacities of the affected country;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>The Mechanism is activated; and an EUCPT is deployed.</p> <p>Exercises financed through budget item 23 03 01 01 should involve entities from at least two Member States other than the state organising and hosting the exercise. For all three exercise concepts, participation must, as a minimum, be in the form of exercising participants. For full scale exercises, this implies the deployment of intervention teams, civil protection modules, or technical assistance and support teams through the ERCC and possibly other coordination and collaboration means if required by the scenario.</p> <p>Exercises financed through budget item 23 03 01 02 should involve entities from at least one European Neighbourhood Policy country or one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism and an entity from at least one additional country (European Neighbourhood Policy country, IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism or a participating state) together with the participating state which is the lead organiser. The focus of these exercises will be to maximize the exchange of knowledge and experience on the EU Mechanism with the third countries.</p> <p>The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission Notice No 2013/C-205/05 (OJEU C-205 of 19/07/2013, pp. 9-11) shall apply for all actions under this Work Programme, including with respect to third parties referred to in Article 137 of Financial Regulation.</p> <p>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). As a minimum, the involvement should be in form of participation by the 24/7 national contact point in the exercise.</p> <p>The application contains a plan describing how improvements should be included following evaluation and how they should be further implemented and retested.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <p>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;</p> <p>Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-</p>

	<p>financing capacity.</p> <p><i>Award criteria</i></p> <p>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;</p> <p>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 other Member States in the exercise, as well as other international standards and conventions (UN), are taken into account where appropriate.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 the EU.</p> <p>"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. Host Nation Support Guidelines, registered modules and/or similar assets) is measured.</p>
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## 2.7 EXERCISES ON CIVIL PROTECTION MODULES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TEAMS AND EU CIVIL PROTECTION TEAMS (EUCPT)

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>To establish common understanding of the cooperation and achieve an interdisciplinary interoperability between modules, other response capacities as listed in the implementing rules, technical assistance and support teams (TASTs) and the (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, other response capacities, technical assistance and support teams and EUCPT, as well as testing the procedures of the Mechanism.</p> <p>The exercises will also be used as part of the certification system for the voluntary pool.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Civil protection modules are interoperable and Member States and the ERCC are aware of cooperation arrangements and operational procedures for their use in real disasters.</p> <p>Enhance cooperation of modules, other response capacities, TAST and</p>

	<p>EUCPT between each other and with other actors involved during an international deployment.</p> <p>Response capacities participating in the voluntary pool are tested and certified.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Plan, conduct and evaluate exercises for civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams registered in CECIS as well as the EUCPTs. Other response capacities registered in the voluntary pool may also participate in these exercises.</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>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 4 000 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 100 000</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>One call for tender</p> <p>Indicative number: four to five contracts</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>Publication of the call: second quarter 2016</p>

## 2.8 THE EUROPEAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY (EERC)-VOLUNTARY POOL

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Improve EU preparedness by setting up and managing the EERC in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed response capacities and experts.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The voluntary pool of disaster response capacities is operational in an initial start-up configuration;</li> <li>2. Quality requirements are specified for identified capacities;</li> <li>3. Pre-committed response capacities are registered and certified;</li> <li>4. Adaptation costs are financed where necessary.</li> </ol>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Workshops, training courses and exercises for potential pool members</p> <p>Grants for adapting response capacities participating in the voluntary pool</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 000 000</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p><b>Certification:</b></p> <p>Certification activities will be implemented through existing training courses and Mechanism and modules exercises, as well as through specific workshops (the costs of which are covered under actions 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, and 2.12 respectively). Certifiers are appointed by the Commission following the nomination by Member States. The costs of certifiers observing the exercises as well as costs of experts attending workshops may be reimbursed through the use of existing framework contracts for travel and accommodation.</p>

	<p><b>Adaptation:</b></p> <p>Adaptation costs for response capacities participating in the voluntary pool will be financed through direct grants, reimbursement of adaptation costs or framework partnership agreements with Member States' authorities. Up to 100% of eligible costs will be covered, provided this does not exceed 30% of the average cost of developing the capacity.</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>Direct grants: on the basis of requests</p> <p>Reimbursement or new partnership agreements with Member States for the purposes of reimbursing adaptation costs: beginning of 2016</p>
<b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b>	<p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <p>Member States' competent authorities or other entities not governed by public law authorised by the Member State pre-committing the response capacity to the EERC to request and receive financial support from the Commission on behalf of that Member State, on the basis of Article 17 of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU.</p> <p>Selection criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Commission has considered for inclusion and accepted into the EERC/voluntary pool the particular module, TAST or other response capacity for which EU financing of adaptation costs is requested;</li> <li>2. An implementation plan for adaptation costs, including estimated costs and timeline, has been submitted by Member States competent authorities;</li> <li>3. The implementation plan is approved by the Commission pursuant to Article 17(3) of Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU.</li> </ol> <p>Award criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understanding of the nature of the tasks to be undertaken and the arrangements to be made;</li> <li>2. Quality and volume of the intended response capacity provided, suitability and strength of the proposal as measured against the voluntary pool requirements;</li> <li>3. Importance of the contribution of the project in closing eventual gaps in EERC capacities goals. Length of commitment to the EERC/voluntary pool;</li> <li>4. Project management and sustainability, quality of project planning, the availability of the resources for the completion of the tasks and the organisation, structure and control mechanisms intended to secure a quality end result;</li> <li>5. Sustainability of project.</li> </ol>

## 2.9 ADDRESSING TEMPORARY SHORTCOMINGS

<b>Objectives</b>	To contribute to addressing temporary shortcomings in extraordinary disasters.
<b>Expected</b>	Establish stand-by availability of certain response capacities and Member

<b>results</b>	States' rapid access to these capacities, in accordance with Article 21 (2) (d) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.
<b>Type of activity</b>	2016 priority: maximum of two response capacities of any of the following type(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood Containment</li> <li>• Unmanned Aerial Vehicles</li> <li>• Unmanned Ground Vehicles for CBRN disasters</li> <li>• Emergency Medical Services</li> <li>• Aerial forest fire fighting using planes</li> </ul>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 700 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	One call for proposals
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Publication of the call for proposals: first quarter 2016
<b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <p>Member States' competent authorities or other entities not governed by public law authorised by the Member State pre-committing the response capacity to the EERC to request and receive financial support from the Commission on behalf of that Member State, on the basis of Article 17 of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU.</p> <p>Eligible activities may include i) 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; ii) development of standard operational procedures and exercises to ensure the effective use of these capacities agreements or similar arrangements.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <p>Proof that all participants have the adequate operational and financial capacity to carry out the action according to the proposed objectives and deliverables;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Award criteria</i></p> <p>Understanding: The applicants have fully understood the objectives of the call and the nature of the project and the proposal addresses the aims and the expected results;</p> <p>Methodology: The applicants propose suitable methods for proper project implementation and for achieving the requirements for buffer capacities; Proper organisational structures are in place, means for implementation are suitable and properly explained, proper planning is in place to allow for timelines to be respected, constraints and mitigating actions have been identified and quality control procedures put in place;</p> <p>Cost effectiveness: The applicants propose a budget that is suited for proper project implementation and for the expected results;</p>



	European added value: The applicants propose a project in which the expected result would ensure broad coverage of the Participating States and serve the interest of multiple Participating States.
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## 2.10 PREPAREDNESS PROJECTS

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Create better prerequisites for and improve preparedness, as well as enhance awareness of civil protection and/or marine pollution professionals and volunteers.</p> <p>Support and complement the efforts of Member 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 Member States in the 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 and marine pollution (both private and public professionals and volunteers).</p> <p>Support the IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries in the field of disaster preparedness and enhance their cooperation with the Mechanism and its participating states.</p> <p>Support the development of European medical teams ready for deployment and the implementation of the reserve pool of medical teams.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Awareness and skills of civil protection and/or marine pollution professionals 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 good practices in the field of disaster preparedness between the Member States, the IPA II beneficiaries and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries.</p> <p>Enhanced EU response capacity through the pooling of response assets.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<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>
<b>Priorities for the year</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Actions aimed at enhancing operational cooperation in the framework</li> </ol>

	<p>of the Mechanism, including across sectors, enabling countries to develop, exercise and register multinational assets.</p> <p>For priorities 1 and 2, specific focus areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions aimed at increasing the countries' preparedness for receiving international assistance in the context of the EU Host Nation Support Guidelines,</li> <li>• Enhancing cooperation between civil protection and humanitarian aid actors,</li> <li>• Needs of vulnerable people including people with disabilities in disaster management,</li> <li>• Actions aimed enhancing the implementation of the reserve pool of medical teams (e.g. development of multinational medical teams, such as Foreign Medical Teams)</li> <li>• Better planning,</li> <li>• Preparing for CBRN events,</li> <li>• Mass evacuation,</li> <li>• Mine accidents,</li> <li>• Making infrastructure more disaster resilient,</li> <li>• Spills of hazardous and noxious substances into the marine environment, and major emergencies requiring search and rescue at sea including aerial surveillance for marine pollution and detection of illegal discharges.</li> </ul> <p>Projects should be complementary and should take stock of achievements of relevant activities undertaken at European level using Union funds.</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 800 000,</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 1 300 000 for projects covering the IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate: 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 800 000 for each proposal financed.</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	One call for proposals
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>Publication of the call: first quarter 2016</p> <p>Award decision: third quarter 2016</p>
<b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b>	<p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 01 are designed and implemented by transnational partnerships involving a minimum of three entities from three different participating states or international organisations in cooperation with entities from participating states.</p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 02 involve a minimum of three entities including one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy country as a primary</p>

	<p>beneficiary and an entity from at least one participating state or an international organisation as a lead consortium partner. Each partnership must include at least one entity from a participating state.</p> <p>The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission Notice No 2013/C-205/05 (OJEU C-205 of 19/07/2013, pp. 9-11) shall apply for all actions under this Work Programme, including with respect to third parties referred to in Article 137 of Financial Regulation.</p> <p>Projects demonstrate that they are complementary to existing efforts in the beneficiary countries.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <p>Proof that all participants have the operational capacity, professional qualifications and experience to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables;</p> <p>Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Award criteria</i></p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>European dimension: the expected results come from transnational work, serve the interest of a large number of Member States and could be efficiently reproduced and/or transferred to other Member States, regions or organisations.</p>
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## 2.11 EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS PROGRAMME

<b>Objectives</b>	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.
<b>Expected results</b>	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.
<b>Type of activity</b>	Design, organisation, promotion and monitoring of a system of exchange and short-term placement of experts (target: 450-500 experts, of which

	<p>up to 75 from eligible third countries).</p> <p>Priority will be given to experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- who can be called upon for EU missions;</li> <li>- working in operation centres;</li> <li>- in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) defence;</li> <li>- in prevention and preparedness and</li> <li>- in risk assessment.</li> </ul> <p>Experts from IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and from European Neighbourhood Policy countries may participate in the programme.</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 900 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 200 000 for experts from IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries.</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	Renewal of the existing contract or a call for tender
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>Renewal of the existing contract: September 2016 or</p> <p>Publication of the call: second quarter 2016</p>

## 2.12 LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAMME; TECHNICAL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS; TRAINING, EXERCISE AND ADVISORY MISSIONS

<b>Objectives</b>	<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 through participation in selected trainings and exercises, including trainings in the ERCC.</p> <p>Support Member States and third countries in prevention and preparedness measures and provide expert advice through the deployment of an expert team.</p> <p>Maximise synergies between different initiatives in the area of disaster management and encourage the pooling of expertise from Member States, the Commission and international partners.</p> <p>Familiarise Member States as well as neighbouring countries with European tools and systems used in the preparedness and response to disasters, including marine pollution.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>A comprehensive programme of lessons learned is developed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the monitoring, analysis and evaluation of relevant actions;</li> <li>(b) the implementation of lessons learned;</li> <li>(c) the development of methods and tools.</li> </ul>

	<p>Technical meetings and workshops on relevant themes, with a broad participation of Member States and other relevant stakeholders, including in the context of certification for the voluntary pool.</p> <p>An appropriate participation of experts and response capacities in trainings and exercises.</p> <p>Member States and third countries are better prepared for natural and man-made disasters.</p> <p>Prevention activities are included in national strategies.</p> <p>Improved preparedness of the coastal neighbouring countries to receive operational and technical support 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 IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries.</p>
<p><b>Type of activity</b></p>	<p>Organising lessons learned meetings and facilitating a broad participation therein.</p> <p>Supporting the deployment of experts to advisory prevention and preparedness missions.</p> <p>Organising technical meetings on specific topics related to disaster management and facilitating a broad participation therein. This may include for instance meetings on risk assessment and management, modules, early warning, transport, CBRN, innovative approaches, social media in disasters, joint meetings between marine pollution and civil protection actors, etc. It covers meetings with the representatives of Member States at different levels, including regular DGs meetings to exchange best practices and to further develop cooperation within the Mechanism. It can also include meetings and conferences with international partners (e.g. Asia-Europe meeting) to exchange best practices in disaster management.</p> <p>Facilitating an appropriate participation of Member 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 IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries. The participation of experts or representatives of other third countries can be supported on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>Support the implementation of Council Directive 82/501/EEC of 24 June 1982 on the major-accident hazards of certain industrial activities<sup>7</sup> ('the Seveso Directive') by the IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries through a technical cooperation with Major Accidents Hazards Bureau of JRC (JRC-MAHB) 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>

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 230, 5.8.1982, p. 1.

<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 650 000 Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 551 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<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 of experts on the ERCC mission or invited by the Commission to present their missions or other activities during relevant lessons learned or technical meetings.</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: one to two</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<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.</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> <p>Five to ten advisory missions per year (upon request)</p>

### 3. HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES

#### 3.1 PEER REVIEWS

<b>Objectives</b>	<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>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Building upon the results of the first peer review programme cycle (2015-2016), 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 promoted at EU level;</p> <p>Cooperation between various stakeholders in the reviewed country in the different phases of the disaster management cycle is strengthened;</p> <p>Cooperation between countries exposed to shared or similar hazards at EU and regional level is enhanced;</p> <p>The impact and implementation of relevant EU and international policies and actions is reviewed at national level.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Peer reviews of indicatively six to eight countries interested in being reviewed (four participating states and two IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy countries), including the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and possible revision of the common framework and guidelines for reviews</li> <li>• preparation for the reviews</li> <li>• on-site missions in the reviewed countries</li> <li>• drafting of peer review reports</li> <li>• publication and publicity of reports</li> <li>• policy dialogue, lessons learnt and follow-up to the reviews.</li> </ul> <p>Participation in peer reviews is on a strictly voluntary basis.</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 500 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 150 000</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<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>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>Call for tender/renewal of existing contract</p>

	Publication: first half of 2016
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### 3.2 AWARENESS-RAISING AND DISSEMINATION OF GOOD PRACTICES

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Promote citizens' awareness of disaster risks.</p> <p>Promote awareness-raising, information and communication on the Mechanism (prevention, preparedness, response).</p> <p>Perform exploratory work in specific areas (e.g. crisis communication including the 112 emergency number, follow up of the EU CBRN Action Plan) and support the development of policy initiatives.</p> <p>Contribute to implementation of the Sendai international framework for disaster risk reduction.</p> <p>Where relevant, make use of research results and developments at national and European levels.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<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 activities. Improved knowledge and understanding of technical and policy-related civil protection issues.</p> <p>Increased and more effective use of the Mechanism.</p>
<b>Type of activity and subject of contract</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General information and communication actions;</li> <li>• Publications and information materials, including audio-visual materials;</li> <li>• Publication of deliverables from previous prevention and preparedness projects;</li> <li>• Promotion and dissemination events;</li> <li>• Studies (e.g. on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems), surveys, analyses and statistics.</li> </ul>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 166 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	Call for tender for services, or use of framework contracts. Indicative number of contracts: three
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Publication of the call: second quarter 2016

### 3.3 WORKSHOPS WITH THE EU PRESIDENCY

<b>Objectives</b>	Workshops to exchange knowledge and experience on specific strategic civil protection issues and to discuss further civil protection actions organised in cooperation with the Slovak and Maltese Presidencies of the Council of the European Union.
<b>Expected results</b>	Increased awareness and better understanding of strategic civil protection challenges. Improved consensus among the main



	stakeholders.
<b>Type of activity</b>	Workshops
<b>Indicative amount</b>	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
<b>Type of procedure</b>	Grants without a call for proposals to bodies with a duly substantiated de facto or de jure monopoly (Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union <sup>8</sup> and Article 190(1) (c) of the Rules of Application).
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	First and second half of 2016 (preparatory work)
<b>Essential award criteria</b>	Award criteria: 1. Relevance of the proposed workshop topic to the objectives and priorities of the civil protection work programme; 2. Quality of project planning and implementation; 3. Budget and cost-effectiveness of proposal.

### 3.4 CECIS HOSTING, ERCC SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

<b>Objectives</b>	Ensure ERCC's security and resilience against external and internal hazards and increase safety and security of liaison officers on ERCC missions.
<b>Expected results</b>	The ERCC and CECIS 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.
<b>Type of activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software architecture, CECIS hosting and related assistance;</li> <li>• Supply of necessary protective and other equipment;</li> <li>• Further extend and implement the 'ERCC in a box' concept (secure mobile communication equipment linking headquarters and field experts) for use in expert missions not involving a TAST.</li> </ul>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 200 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	Service-level agreement with DG DIGIT (CECIS hosting on two servers) Call for tender or the use of framework contract for equipment Indicative number of contracts: one to two
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Launch of procedures: mid-2016

### 3.5 EVALUATION

<b>Objectives</b>	Evaluation of activities under the Mechanism
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<sup>8</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012. p. 1.

<b>Expected results</b>	Better understanding of civil protection policy implementation and results. Improved knowledge of impacts of civil protection initiatives and their contribution to national policies.
<b>Type of activity</b>	Evaluation and impact assessment studies, including mid-term evaluation of the Mechanism
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 150 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	Calls for tender or the use of framework contracts. Indicative number of contracts: one
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Publication of the call: second quarter 2016