

CIVIL PROTECTION FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT

Work Programme 2007

The present work programme constitutes the annual financing decision for grants and procurement, in compliance with Art. 110 of the Financial Regulation, for the actions to be financed in 2007 in the framework of Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument.

It also constitutes the annual work programme in compliance with Art. 6(3), 6(4) and 6(5) of Council Decision No /162/EC, Euratom.

Budget line 070401 – Civil Protection Financial Instrument and Civil Protection mechanism

Objective 1 - Disaster response

Action 1 - Dispatching expertise (expert missions)

2 separate commitments will be needed (one on budget line 070401 and one on budget line 190605)

Objectives	Financial resources are reserved for dispatching and sending out assessment and coordination experts/teams
Expected results	To have practical expertise to assess the situation and to facilitate the overall European assistance arriving on the field
Indicative amount	350 000€(of which 40 000€committed in 2006)
Type of contractual document and subject	Agreements of service for experts. The precise content of such agreements will depend on the type and nature of the missions.
Type of activity	Expert missions
Number and schedule	On a case by case basis, depending on emergencies

Action 2 - Transport and associated logistics

Objectives	Supporting Member States in obtaining access to transport and associated logistics - by providing information and assisting Member States to identify, and facilitating their access to transport resources that may be available from other sources, including the commercial market - complementing the transport provided by Member States by financing additional transport resources necessary for ensuring a rapid response to major emergencies under certain criteria
Expected results	To help Member States to ensure a rapid, cost-effective and efficient mobilisation of European civil protection assistance in any type of major emergency.
Global indicative amount	2 725 000 € This item is expected to cover all relevant costs, including the actual transport costs, subject to Art. 4.3a) of the Civil Protection Financial Instrument (partial reimbursement of Community funds by Member States), Art. 7 and the relevant financial provisions applicable to revenue operations.
Type of calls	- Procurement - Grants (including framework partnership agreements)
Type of activity	Provision of information and possibility of hiring transport
Schedule	May 2007

Action 3_ Lessons learnt programme

Objectives	Lessons learnt activities including workshops on different topics: activation of the Mechanism, exercises, interventions, training, CECIS
Expected results	Improvement of the system in practical terms
Indicative amount	300 000€
Type of activity	Reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenditure of workshop participants, including daily allowances to experts who were dispatched under Action 1 and who are invited by the Commission to present their mission during the relevant lessons learnt activities
Schedule	Activation of the Mechanism: on a case by case basis, depending on the emergencies For other activities (exercises,...): on a regular basis

Action 4 - Preparation to Early Warning

4a) General actions

A close cooperation with the research community is essential for an adequate implementation of this policy. The MIC will therefore reinforce its ties with the Commission research departments, in particular DG INFSO, DG RTD and the Joint Research Centre, to be able to benefit from the latest developments in this area. Efforts will be made to integrate MIC EWS into CECIS.

Objectives	To enhance the monitoring and analytical capacity of the MIC and its partners, in particular by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensuring rapid access to existing and new EWS through multi-hazard based applications, integrating and interlinking EWS. providing of conceptual input to development of new EWS from an end user point of view facilitating exchange of best practice and dissemination of knowledge on EWS promoting interconnection, interoperability and cooperation with other Commission early warning and analysis capacities.
Expected results	Activities will contribute to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a better understanding and mapping of the hazards; more precise monitoring and forecasting of impending events; quicker processing and dissemination of warnings to contact points, political authorities and decision makers in the Community Mechanism for civil protection; Community Mechanism participants able to undertake appropriate and timely actions in response to the warnings
Indicative amount	200 000 €
Type of call	Procurement
Type of activity and subject of contract	Preparation to development of appropriate applications such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adaptation of GDACS (Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System) to European situation upgrading of MIC Daily and other tools available to the MIC (e.g. integrate available flood alerts; development of „MIC Flash“) integration of new EWS into the MIC system (e.g. GITEWS)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> expert meetings, feasibility studies, policy documents etc. to promote EWS and to support innovative approaches (e.g. cell broadcast project)
Indicative number	1 administrative arrangement
Schedule	1 st half 2007

4b) Workshop

The Commission will organise a joint workshop on Early Warning with the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Objectives	<p>To enhance the monitoring and analytical capacity of the MIC and its partners, in particular through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provision of conceptual input to development of new EWS from an end user point of view facilitation of exchange of best practice and dissemination of knowledge on Early Warning Systems interconnection, interoperability and cooperation with other Commission early warning and analysis capacities provision of input to other Commission initiatives by civil protection experts and the research community-
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better understanding and mapping of the hazards more precise monitoring and forecasting of impending events quicker processing and dissemination of warnings to contact points, political authorities and decision makers in the Community Mechanism for civil protection. Community Mechanism participants able to undertake appropriate and timely actions in response to the warnings
Indicative amount	100 000€
Type of call	Direct grant (Art. 110 FR/Art. 168 IR)
Max co-funding rate	75%
Type of activity	Workshop
Schedule	July 2007

Objective 2 - Preparedness

Action 1 – Training

Objectives	Courses according to the general course structure Additional training activities for coordination experts, trainers and managers.
Expected results	<p>Significantly improve the Community preparedness concerning the capabilities on rapid dispatching and deploying European civil protection assistance intervention teams and European Commission expert teams to European and third countries. Experts, managers and administrators at the operational and administrative levels will improve their personal skills on management, coordination and assessment.</p> <p>Expected number of experts to be trained in 2007 : 400-500</p>

Indicative amount	2 410 000 €
Type of call	Procurement
Type of activity subject and indicative number of contracts	Training courses - European Virtual Academy and other training activities 6 service contracts
Schedule	Launch of call : May 2007

Action 2 - Command post and full scale exercises

⇒In 2007, precise financial requirements may be lower depending on the actual number and size of exercises. Command post exercises should be linked to the phase in of CECIS and allow training of CECIS users

Objectives	To improve civil protection prevention, preparedness and effective response during emergencies through practicing cooperation arrangements within the Mechanism To test new procedures and working modes associated with the phase in of CECIS
Expected results	Improvement in the response capacity of intervention teams and testing the procedures of the Mechanism through real-life practical training. - Better awareness of cooperation arrangements - quicker response time in real emergencies - better identification of shortcomings in the existing structures - better communication between HQ and field
Indicative amount	5 000 000 €
Type of call	Grants
Max cofunding rate	75% (~ max. 500.000 EUR)
Type of activity	Simulation exercises
Schedule	Four command-post exercises during 2007 Launch of new call for full scale exercises mid- 2007 for actions to be implemented in 2008
Provisional conditions for proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any disaster / emergency scenario eligible within the mandate of the Mechanism • Sufficient proof of how the procedures of the Mechanism will be implemented during the project (incl. setting up and testing of coordination Mechanisms both in the field and HQ levels, dispatching experts and teams, communication links, modular approach if applicable, etc.) • Sufficient European dimension – min. 2 participating states including the beneficiary • Early commitment from other MSs to participate

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time schedule for the implementation of the project • MS' national civil protection authorities must be informed of the submission of any proposals
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Action 3 - Secure communications and information tool (CECIS and geographic information systems)

Implementation of this action requires close cooperation with Commission's IT Department (DG DIGIT), in particular the conclusion of a service level agreement to move the CECIS application from the current test environment to a state-of-the-art IT platform. This will considerably improve data security and availability of the system. Supplementary measures are required to reinforce the general MIC IT infrastructure. No new CECIS tender required in 2007.

Objectives	To establish and maintain a secure communication system (CECIS) and tools
Expected results	To enable effective cooperation and sharing of information between the MIC and the operational contact points of the Member States and other participants in the context of the Mechanism
Indicative amount	300 000€
Type of call	Procurement
Type of activity, subject and indicative number of contracts	<p>3 service contracts, to support the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop and implement the "MIC in a box" concept (secure portable communication equipment linking HQ and field experts) • reinforce security architecture of CECIS (conclusion of service level agreement with DG DIGIT) • CECIS evolutive maintenance, training, helpdesk
Schedule	Mid-2007

Objective 3 - Prevention and other actions

Sharing of information, knowledge, best practices and information to enhance prevention, preparedness and effective response

Public information, education and awareness raising as to minimize the effects of an emergency on EU citizens

Workshops, creation of networks, demonstration projects and technology transfer in order to enhance prevention, preparedness and effective response

(studies, surveys, modelling, scenario building and contingency planning, capacity building assistance, demonstration projects, technology transfer, awareness/dissemination actions, provisions of adequate means and equipment, monitoring, assessment)

Overall amount : 3 475 000 €

3.1 Procurement :

Studies, monitoring, assessment (*surveys, scenario building, contingency planning, awareness/dissemination actions*)

Objectives	<p>a) To facilitate and support the implementation of the Community Civil Protection Mechanism and maximise the effectiveness of assistance missions performed in this framework. To improve the general intervention framework for the national civil protection teams that might be deployed following an international assistance request to the Mechanism. To enhance common knowledge and practical know-how and promote mutual trust.</p> <p>b) To promote awareness-raising and information on the Community Civil Protection Mechanism</p> <p>c) To perform exploratory work in specific areas as a preparation for new policy initiatives</p>
Expected results	To support and facilitate the implementation of the Community Civil Protection Mechanism
Indicative amount	300 000 €
Type of call	Procurement
Type of activity, subject and indicative number of contracts	<p>Studies and surveys on scenario building and contingency planning.</p> <p>Evaluation, design, development and trialling of technical procedures and/or standards and their interoperability.</p> <p>3 service contracts</p>
Schedule	Launch of calls: 2nd half 2007

3.2 Grants :

(Surveys, modelling, scenario building and contingency planning, capacity building assistance, demonstration projects, technology transfer, awareness/dissemination actions, provisions of adequate means and equipment)

Objectives

The action is based on 3 basic and permanent operational objectives corresponding to different target populations and on one main annual thematic priority. Proposals on subjects other than the annual thematic priority will not be considered.

Operational objective a) :

Enhancing the preparedness of the professional and volunteer civil protection services operating in the Member States

These actions should aim at improving the quality and operating conditions (knowledge, skills, working framework, technical standards) of the human and technical resources operating in the official civil protection services - professionals and volunteers - in the Member States, through exchanges of ideas, information, experiences and joint initiatives.

They may include simulation exercises having a trans-national or cross-border dimension, but not immediately related to interventions in the framework of the Community Mechanism for civil protection.

Thematic priority for operational objective a) in 2007 :

Projects to be designed and implemented by trans-national partnerships involving entities from at least 2 Member States, aiming at identifying specific challenges or needs of civil protection services in the partnership countries, in relation to climate change-related emergencies - particularly natural disasters -, at evaluating existing solutions and/or designing, developing and testing possible improvements and/or innovation in the partnership countries.

Operational objective b) :

Enhancing the preparedness of the public in case of emergencies in the Member States, communication actions

Making all citizens aware of the need to protect and help themselves in emergency situations by acquiring correct knowledge and by practising adequate behaviours.

Design, development, adaptation, testing of contents or practices on self-help for the public in general, for specific vulnerable groups or against particular types of hazards/vulnerabilities.

Thematic priority for operational objective b) in 2007 :

Projects to be designed and implemented by trans-national partnerships involving entities from at least 3 Member States, aiming at raising the awareness of citizens, primarily of the participating Member States, on specific safety issues connected with climate change - particularly natural disasters - and promoting safe behaviours at home and/or abroad

<p>Objectives</p>	<p>Operational objective c) :</p> <p>Prevention</p> <p>Make civil protection response more effective by promoting a better matching between general policy requirements and civil protection requirements, in particular regarding risk assessment, risk reduction, risk management and damage mitigation. Pure research actions would not be eligible. Actions should show a clear added-value for civil protection operators.</p> <p>Thematic priority for operational objective c) in 2007 :</p> <p><i>Trans-national partnerships, involving entities from at least 3 Member States, aiming at identifying specific (common or different) prevention issues relating to adaptation to climate change in the partner countries: evaluating existing approaches, identifying possible improvements, developments and/or innovations, integration of civil protection concerns in spatial and urban planning</i></p> <p>Operational objective d) :</p> <p>Dissemination, promotion and implementation of project results</p> <p>Maximising the impact of completed European civil protection projects in the Member States and at international level.</p> <p>Proposals should preferably aim at disseminating or promoting the results of project clusters in a particular thematic area rather than of individual projects. The simple follow up of an individual project will not be considered sufficient. Proposals should demonstrate a clear added-value to the initial project(s).</p> <p>Thematic priority for operational objective d) in 2007</p> <p><i>Given the wide variety of completed projects, no specific thematic priority is proposed for this action</i></p>
<p>Expected results</p>	<p>a. Improved understanding and joint solutions to specific problems, leading to more effective resource management. Improvement of technical performance and reduction of risk and stress for civil protection professionals and volunteers, ultimately leading to better protection for all citizens in any kind of emergency situation.</p> <p>b. Damage prevention and/or mitigation thanks to improved knowledge on vulnerability and safety behaviour skills</p> <p>c. Long-term damage prevention or mitigation</p> <p>d. Improve the effectiveness of European civil protection. Demonstrate and improve the cost-effectiveness of Community civil protection resources used in a subsidiarity context.</p>
<p>Indicative amount</p>	<p>2 775 000 €</p>
<p>Type of call</p>	<p>1 call for proposals covering objectives a) to d)</p>

Max co-funding rate	75%
Type of activity	<p>a) Operational pilot projects, studies and surveys, or a combination thereof</p> <p>b) Operational pilot projects, networking, public training and information actions or a combination thereof</p> <p>c) Pilot/demonstration projects, networking, studies, surveys, workshops, etc. or a combination thereof</p> <p>d) Organisation of conferences or other dissemination and promotion events, publications, preparatory actions intended to support the implementation, the transfer or the adaptation - to different contexts or in different Member States - of good practice established through European projects.</p>
Schedule	Launch of calls : 2nd half 2007

3.3. Civil Protection Forum	
Objectives	In times where natural and man-made disasters are on the increase, public interest, be it specialized or general, makes it appropriate to hold a debating forum that is able to network various actors and interested parties. It is time that the Commission launches once again the idea of holding this event. The event will be an opportunity for highlighting the results achieved in civil protection at Community level.
Expected results	Involve all interested parties in each others' activities in civil protection. The Commission will organise a major event in Brussels, providing a platform where people can network, interact, establish contacts, thus maximizing the Community dimension of civil protection. The event will include a conference, exhibitions, panel discussions and other awareness-raising activities.
Indicative amount	400 000 €
Type of call	Procurement
Type of activity, subject and indicative number of contracts	<p>Conference/dissemination event</p> <p>Service contracts for publications and logistical support (through SCIC)</p>
Schedule	Launch of procedures: 1 st half 2007 for an event scheduled in November 2007

**Budget line 07 01 04 02 (CP Financial Instrument - Administrative management)
CECIS hosting, MIC security and resilience**

Objectives	Hosting of the CECIS IT platform, ensure the MIC's security and resilience against external and internal hazards
Expected results	Full, permanent and secure operation of CECIS and of the MIC in case of emergencies

Indicative amount	540 000€(CECIS hosting : 350 000€ MIC : 190 000€)
Type of call	Procurement
Type of activity, subject and indicative number of contracts	1 Service-level arrangement (CECIS hosting) 3 procurement contracts (MIC)
Schedule	Launch of procedures : mid-2007

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Objective 1 - Disaster response

Budget line 19 06 05 (Civil protection interventions in third countries)

Dispatching expertise (expert missions)

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	and to the relevant financial provisions applicable to revenue operations
Type of call	- Procurement - Grants (including framework partnership agreements)
Type of activity	Provision of information and possibility of hiring transport
Schedule	May 2007