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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument¹, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC²,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002³ on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, as last amended by Council Regulation No 1995/2006 of 13 December 2006⁴ (Financial Regulation)

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁵, as last modified by Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° N°478/2007 of 23 April 2007 (Implementing Rules)⁶,

Whereas:

- (1) The Civil Protection Financial Instrument established by Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom is intended to support and complement the efforts of the Member States for the protection, primarily of people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, in the event of natural and man-made disasters,

¹ OJ L 71, 10.03.2007, p. 9

² OJ L 241, 14.09.2007, p. 17

³ OJ L 248, 16.09.2002, p. 48

⁴ OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p. 1

⁵ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1-71

⁶ OJ L 111, 28.04.2007, p. 13

acts of terrorism and technological, radiological or environmental accidents and to facilitate reinforced cooperation between the Member States in the field of civil protection.

- (2) Article 6(2) of Council Decision No. 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument states that financial assistance may take the form of grants or public procurement contracts.
- (3) Article 6(3) states that, in the case of grants, the Commission shall adopt annual work programmes specifying the objectives, the schedule of the call or calls for proposals, the indicative amount involved, the maximum rate of financial intervention and the results expected.
- (4) Article 6(4) states that, in the case of public procurement, contracts including framework contracts for the purposes of mobilisation of the necessary means for implementing rapid response actions shall be included in the annual work programmes.
- (5) Under Article 110 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (Financial Regulation), grants are subject to an annual work programme.
- (6) Under Article 166 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 (Implementing Rules), the annual work programme for grants is to be adopted by the Commission. It is to specify the basic act, the objectives, the schedule of calls for proposals with the indicative amounts and the results expected.
- (7) This Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 1605/2002 (Financial Regulation) and Article 90 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 2342/2002 (Implementing Rules).
- (8) Under Article 168(1) (a)(b),(c),(f) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 2342/2002 (Implementing Rules), the Commission can decide to award grants without a call for proposals either in exceptional and duly substantiated emergencies or 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.
- (9) The annual work programme to implement Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument should therefore be adopted.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 13 (1) of Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The work programme set out in Annexes A and B is hereby adopted as the 2008 annual work programme on the following budget articles and items, for the amounts of appropriations proposed by the Commission in its 2008 Preliminary Draft budget:

- Budget line 07 01 04 02 - Civil Protection Financial Instrument – Administrative Management for an amount of 700 000 €
- Budget article 07 04 01 - Civil Protection Financial Instrument for an amount of 17 890 000 €
- Budget article 19 06 05 - Civil Protection interventions in third countries for an amount of 6 000 000 €

Article 2

Within the maximum indicative budget of all the specific actions set out in Annexes A and B, cumulated changes not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution of the Community are not considered to be substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the work programme.

The authorising officer by delegation may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 3

The implementation of this work programme is subject to the adoption of the 2008 budget without substantial amendment and the availability of the corresponding appropriations.

Article 4

The Director-General for Environment is responsible for ensuring the publication and implementation of the annual work programme as set out in the Annexes.

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Commission

[...]

Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

CIVIL PROTECTION FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT

WORK PROGRAMME 2008

The budget amount indicated is for EU 27 as foreseen for 2008 together with the contribution from the EEA and future accession countries which have signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

1.1.1. Legal bases:

Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument;

Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC.

1.1.2. Budget lines:

07 04 01 Civil Protection Financial Instrument

07 01 04 02 Civil Protection Financial Instrument - Expenditure on administrative management

19 06 05 Civil Protection interventions in third countries

1.1.3. Budget amounts:

On budget line 07 04 01: 17 890 000 €

On budget line 07 01 04 02: 700 000 €

On budget line 19 06 05: 6 000 000 €

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The Civil Protection Financial Instrument established by Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom is intended to support and complement the efforts of the Member States for the protection, primarily of people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, in the event of natural and man-made disasters, acts of terrorism and technological, radiological or environmental accidents and to facilitate reinforced cooperation between the Member States in the field of civil protection. It builds on three main objectives - Response, Preparedness and Prevention.

1.1.4. Foreword

The present work programme covers the actions that are eligible for financial assistance under the Civil Protection Financial Instrument in the field of response, preparedness and prevention.

In compliance with Article 8 of the Civil Protection Financial Instrument, in implementing these actions, synergies and complementarity with other instruments of the Union or the Community shall be sought.

For emergencies occurring inside the EU, this will include consistency with Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund.

In the case of response to disasters in third countries, the Commission will in particular ensure the complementarity and coherence of the actions included in this work programme and the actions financed under Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 on EC Humanitarian Aid.

All actions inside the Community – i.e. actions in the field of prevention and preparedness as well as actions related to the civil protection response to major emergencies within Member States – are covered by budget line 07 04 01. Actions related to the response to major emergencies in third countries are covered by budget line 19 06 05.

SPECIFIC TARGETS /ACTIONS / THEMES FOR 2008

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The following table summarises the list of actions of the 2008 Work Programme by budget line and according to the three main Objectives of the Civil Protection Financial Instrument - Response, Preparedness and Prevention.

Budget Line	Type ⁷	WP 2008 (€)
07 04 01 Civil Protection Financial Instrument		
Objective 1 Disaster response (incl. Marine Pollution)		
Action 1 Dispatching expertise (expert missions)	S	200.000
Action 2a Transport and associated logistics	G	1.400.000
Action 2b Transport and associated logistics	P	1.400.000
Action 3 Lessons learnt programme	E	400.000
Action 4 Preparation to Early Warning (general)	P	250.000
Total Objective 1		3.650.000
Objective 2 Preparedness		
Action 1 General training programme	P	2.800.000
Action 2 Training activities on modules	P	400.000
Action 3 Training, assessment and observation missions	E	100.000
Action 4 European Virtual Academy	P	350.000
Action 5 Exercises	G	5.470.000
Action 6 Exchange of experts	P	600.000
Action 7 Secure communications/info tool	P	200.000

⁷ P: Procurement,; G: Grants; E: reimbursement of expenditure; S: agreement of services

Budget Line		Type⁷	WP 2008 (€)
(CECIS + geogr. info systems)			
Action 8	Cecis workshops and training	E	100.000
Action 9	Cooperation projects on preparedness	G	1.950.000
Action 10	Support activities for preparedness	P	200.000
Action 11	Awareness-raising activities	P	250.000
Action 12	Workshops about modules	E	320.000
Action 13	Preparation to Early Warning - Workshop	G	100.000
Action 14	Evaluation Study on 112	P	100.000
Total Objective 2			12.940.000
Objective 3 Prevention			
Action 1	Cooperation projects on prevention	G	1.100.000
Action 2	Support activities for prevention	P	200.000
Total Objective 3			1.300.000
Total line 07 04 01			17.890.000
07 01 04 02 Civil Protection Financial Instrument – Administrative Management			
1. Communication strategy		P	200.000
2. Evaluation		P	200.000
3. CECIS Hosting + MIC security/resilience		P	300.000
Total line 07 01 04 02			700.000
19 06 05 Civil Protection interventions in third countries			
Action 1. Dispatching expertise (expert missions)		S	600.000
Action 2a. Transport and associated logistics		G	2.700.000
Action 2b. Transport and associated logistics		P	2.700.000
Total line 19 06 05			6.000.000

Detailed Overviews

The following section shows the details of the different sub-headings of the 2008 Work Programme by budget line and by type of legal commitment - Grants, Procurement, Agreement of services and Reimbursement of expenses.

Budget Line 07 04 01 Civil Protection Financial Instrument and Civil Protection Mechanism

Total amount earmarked in 2008:

- Grants :	10 020 000€
- Procurement :	6 750 000€
- Agreement of services	200 000 €
- Reimbursement of expenses:	920 000 €
TOTAL:	17 890 000 €

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

Total amount earmarked in 2008:

- Grants :	2 700 000 €
- Procurement :	2 700 000 €
- Agreement of services	600 000 €
TOTAL:	6 000 000 €

A) GRANTS

OBJECTIVE 1: DISASTER RESPONSE

Action 2a - Transport and associated logistics⁸

Aims	Supporting Member States in obtaining access to transport and associated logistics by 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.

⁸ Overall amount earmarked for this action: 4 100 000 € Indicatively, 50% of this amount has been allocated to grants and 50% to procurement. This indication is not binding and will depend on the type of financial supports (grant or transport service) requested by the Participating States to the Commission.

Global indicative amount	<p>1 400 000 €on budget line 07 04 01</p> <p>2 700 000 €on budget line 19 06 05</p> <p>Eligible costs are established in Article 9 of Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC. Art. 4.3a) of the Civil Protection Financial Instrument provides for reimbursement of at least 50% of the Community funds by Member States.</p>
Type of calls	<p>Framework partnership agreements to be concluded through calls for proposals or without calls for proposals with competent authorities in the Member States designated in compliance with Article 12 of the Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down the rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport) (Art. 110 FR/Art. 168(1), (a), (c) and (f) of IR).</p> <p>- Pending the conclusion of framework partnership agreements, grants awarded without calls for proposals to competent authorities designated in compliance with Article 12 of the Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down the rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport (Art.110FR/Art. 168(1)(a), (b), (c) and (f) of IR).</p>
Type of activity	Financing of additional transport capacities in case of emergencies within and outside the EU.
Schedule	<p>- Framework partnership agreements with competent authorities to be in place by mid-2008. Implementation through specific grant agreements/ decisions with competent Member States authorities upon occurrence of emergency.</p> <p>- Individual grant agreements/ decisions with competent Member States authorities upon occurrence of emergency.</p>

OBJECTIVE 2 - PREPAREDNESS

Action 5 - Exercises

In 2008, precise financial requirements may be lower depending on the actual number and size of exercises. Command post exercises will be linked to CECIS training.

Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish common understanding of cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions. • To improve civil protection preparedness and response for emergencies through providing a testing environment and learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection assistance interventions under the Community Civil Protection Mechanism. Specific training activities on modules are covered by action 2 under Objective 2 “Preparedness” of this work programme.
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Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in the response capacity of intervention teams and testing the procedures of the Civil Protection 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	5 470 000 €
Type of call	Calls for proposals
Max co-funding rate	75% (~ max. 1 000 000 EUR)
Type of activity	Simulation exercises.
Indicative schedule	<p>Publication of the call for full scale exercises for actions to be implemented in 2009: mid 2008</p> <p>Closure : August 2008</p> <p>Award decision : October 2008</p>
Basic requirements for proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any disaster / emergency scenario eligible within the mandate of the Civil Protection 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 more than one MS to participate. • Schedule for the implementation of the project. • Member States' national Civil Protection Authorities must be involved in the project⁹.

Action 9 - Cooperation projects on preparedness

⁹ "eingebunden" in German.

Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and complement the efforts of the Member States for the protection of citizens, environment and property in the event of natural and man-made disasters. • Facilitate reinforced cooperation between the Member States in the field of civil protection. • Improve the effectiveness of emergency response by enhancing the preparedness and effectiveness of responders and the general public.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of specific civil protection needs • Definition and/or implementation of solutions to concrete needs/challenges • More effective resource management and improved technical performance in civil protection, reduction of risk and stress for emergency responders • Improved awareness and skills for responders and the general public
Indicative amount	1 950 000 €
Type of call	Call for proposals (one single call covering "Cooperation projects on Preparedness" and "Cooperation projects on Prevention").
Max co-funding rate	75 %
Type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects aimed at initiating or implementing concrete complementary improvements and innovation through trans-national cooperation • Concrete project outputs may include, e.g., the joint design, development or implementation of innovative civil protection activities, procedures, techniques, tools, etc.. They may also include the transfer or the adaptation of existing features to other geographical or thematic contexts. • Activities should clearly be targeted at civil protection responders (professionals and/or volunteers) or at the general public in the Member States.
Subject/Target group	<p><i>No specific thematic priority is proposed for 2008. However, projects will have to clearly demonstrate that they are complementary to the efforts already made in the Member States within the specific scope of the project.</i></p> <p>1) Civil protection responders (professional and volunteers) operating in the Member States</p> <p>Actions aiming at improving the quality and operating conditions (knowledge, skills, working and safety conditions, technical standards) of the human and technical resources operating in the official civil protection services - professionals and volunteers - in the Member States.</p>

	<p>They may include simulation exercises having a trans-national or cross-border dimension, but not exercises simulating interventions in the framework of the Community Mechanism for civil protection.</p> <p><i>Projects to be designed and implemented by trans-national partnerships involving entities from at least 2 Member States.</i></p>
	<p>2) Communication actions, actions aimed at the general public</p> <p>Actions aimed at making citizens aware of the need to protect and help themselves in emergency situations by acquiring correct knowledge and practising safe behaviours. Projects may be targeted at specific vulnerable groups or particular types of hazards/vulnerabilities.</p> <p><i>Projects to be designed and implemented by trans-national partnerships involving entities from at least 3 Member States.</i></p>
	<p>3) Dissemination, promotion and implementation of results of clusters of completed projects</p> <p>Actions aimed at maximising the impact of clusters of completed European civil protection projects in the Member States and at international level.</p> <p>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><i>Projects to be designed and implemented by trans-national partnerships involving entities from at least 3 Member States.</i></p>
Indicative schedule	<p>Publication of the call : May 2008</p> <p>Closure : August 2008</p> <p>Award decision : October 2008</p>

Action 13 - Preparation to Early Warning - Workshop

The Commission will organise a joint workshop with the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Aims	<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 focusing on hazards related to floods, storm surges and forest fires: • interconnection, interoperability and cooperation with other Commission early warning and analysis capacities: • provision of input to other Commission initiatives by civil protection
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	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 disaster events; • quicker processing and dissemination of warnings to contact points, political authorities and decision makers in the Community Mechanism for civil protection. <p>Community Mechanism participants able to undertake appropriate and timely actions in response to the warnings</p>
Indicative amount	100 000€
Type of call	Grants without a call for proposals to bodies with a duly substantiated de facto or de jure monopoly (Art. 110 FR/Art. 168(1) (c) IR).
Max co-funding rate	75%
Type of activity	Workshop.
Schedule	Mid- 2008

OBJECTIVE 3 - PREVENTION

Action 1 - Cooperation projects on prevention

Aims	<p>Prevent/mitigate long-term damage by improving risk assessment and management. Promote consistency in the "response-preparedness-prevention-remediation" chain by matching general policy and civil protection requirements, in particular regarding risk assessment, risk reduction, risk management and damage mitigation. Actions should show a clear added-value for civil protection operators. Pure research actions will not be eligible.</p> <p><i>Projects to be designed and implemented by trans-national partnerships involving entities from at least 3 Member States.</i></p> <p><i>No specific thematic priority is proposed for 2008. However, projects will have to clearly demonstrate that they are complementary to the efforts already made in the Member States within the specific scope of the project.</i></p>
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of specific risk prevention needs • Definition and/or implementation of solutions to concrete prevention needs/challenges Projects aimed at initiating or implementing concrete complementary improvements and innovation through trans-national cooperation. • Concrete project outputs may include, e.g., the joint design,

	development or implementation of innovative prevention activities, procedures, techniques, tools, etc.. They may also include the transfer or the adaptation of existing prevention features to other geographical or thematic contexts.
Indicative amount	1 100 000 €
Type of call	Call for proposals (one single call covering "Cooperation projects on Preparedness" and "Cooperation projects on Prevention).
Max co-funding rate	75 %
Type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects aimed at studying, designing, developing, testing and implementing new prevention approaches and/or actions in the Member States or at evaluating and/or improving existing prevention approaches/actions. • Projects aimed at studying, designing, developing, testing and implementing innovative approaches and tools to consistently link prevention measures to preparedness and response needs. • Concrete project outputs may include, e.g., the joint design, development or implementation of innovative prevention procedures, protocols, techniques, tools, etc. They may also include the transfer or the adaptation of existing features to different geographical or thematic contexts. <p>The projects should clearly offer complementary solutions and added value to existing situations.</p>
Indicative Schedule	<p>Publication of the call : May 2008</p> <p>Closure : August 2008</p> <p>Award decision : October 2008</p>

B) PROCUREMENT

OBJECTIVE 1: DISASTER RESPONSE

Action 2b - Transport and associated logistics¹⁰

Aims	<p>Supporting Member States in obtaining access to transport and associated logistics by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing information and assisting Member States to identify, and facilitating their access to transport resources that may be available
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¹⁰ Overall amount earmarked for this action: 4 100 000 € Indicatively, 50% of this amount has been allocated to grants and 50% to procurement. This indication is not binding and will depend on the type of financial supports (grant or transport service) requested by the Participating States to the Commission.

	<p>from other sources, including the commercial market;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 result	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	<p>1 400 000 €on budget line 07 04 01</p> <p>2 700 000 €on budget line 19 06 05</p> <p>Eligible costs are established in Article 9 of Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC. Art. 4.3a) of the Civil Protection Financial Instrument provides for reimbursement of at least 50% of the Community funds by Member States)</p>
Type of calls	Calls for tender
Type of activity	Provision of information on available alternative means of transportation and possibility of hiring the transport.
Indicative number of contracts	2
Indicative schedule	<p>Publication of the call : May 2008</p> <p>Closure : August 2008</p> <p>Award decision : October 2008</p>

Action 4 - Preparation to Early Warning (general)

Aims	<p>To enhance the monitoring and analytical capacity of the MIC and its partners, in particular by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring rapid access to existing and new EWS through multi-hazard based applications, integrating and interlinking existing and newly available 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 • a more precise monitoring and forecasting of events • quicker processing and dissemination of warnings to national contact points, political authorities and decision makers in the Community Mechanism for civil protection • help Community Mechanism participants be able to undertake appropriate and timely actions in response to the warnings
Indicative amount	250 000 €
Type of call	Administrative arrangement.
Type of activity	<p>Preparation to development of appropriate applications such as:</p> <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 newly available alert tools EWS into the MIC system (e.g. "LiveMon" real-time disaster monitor portal); • expert meetings, feasibility studies, policy documents etc. to promote EWS and to support innovative approaches (e.g. cell broadcast project).
Indicative number of contracts	1
Indicative schedule	1 st half 2008

OBJECTIVE 2: PREPAREDNESS

Action 1 – General training programme (training courses)

Aims	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 2008: 500 - 600</p>
Indicative amount	2 800 000 €

Type of call	Call(s) for tender.
Type of activity subject and indicative number of contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training courses • 8 service contracts.
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call : May 2008 Closure : August 2008 Award decision : October 2008

Action 2 – Training activities on modules

Aims	Practical training activities for coordination experts, trainers and managers for the implementation and use of civil protection modules.
Expected results	Create individual skills for using European civil protection modules.
Type of call	Call(s) for tender
Indicative amount	400 000 €
Type of activity	Training sessions.
Indicative number of contracts	1
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call : May 2008 Closure : August 2008 Award decision : October 2008

Action 4 - European Virtual Academy

Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase understanding, interaction and cooperation between civil protection services and individuals. • To support and complement the instruments for Civil Protection training in the Participating States and the overall civil protection training strategy at European level.
Expected results	Networking of the civil protection community.
Indicative amount	350 000 €
Type of call	Call(s) for tender.
Type of activity	IT platform, providing for networking, exchange, communication, including a learning management system between civil protection

	services, training centres and individuals involved in the Civil Protection area.
Subject	European Virtual Academy for civil protection.
Indicative number of contracts	1
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call : May 2008 Closure : August 2008 Award decision : October 2008

Action 6 - Exchanges of experts

Aims	Improved effectiveness of the transnational cooperation provided through the Civil Protection Mechanism by improving the knowledge and experience of the experts involved.
Expected results	Allow experts to gain experience and direct knowledge about similar responsibilities under different national systems; to familiarise themselves with various techniques used; to study the approaches taken by other emergency services including modules and 112 call centres; to attend or give courses requiring specific expert knowledge not available in their home or host country respectively.
Indicative amount	600 000 €
Type of call	Call(s) for tender.
Type of activity	Hosting of foreign experts by national civil protection services. Duration of exchanges: from 1 day to 2 weeks.
Subject	Civil protection structures and methodologies. The content of the exchange programmes can vary according to the profile of the expert and the expertise of the host organisation. Depending on the programme of the exchanges, between 250 and 300 exchanges could be organized.
Indicative number of contracts	1
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call : May 2008 Closure : August 2008 Award decision : October 2008

Action 7 - 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 environment to a state-of-the-art secure IT platform. This will considerably improve data security and availability of the system. Supplementary measures are required to reinforce the general MIC IT infrastructure.

Aims	To maintain and further develop a secure communication system (CECIS).
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 Civil Protection Mechanism.
Indicative amount	200 000 € (+ 100 000 € under reimbursement of expenses for CECIS workshops – see action 8 under reimbursement of expenses).
Type of call	Call(s) for tenders.
Type of activity, subject and indicative number of contracts	3 service contracts, to support the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement the "MIC in a box" concept (secure mobile communication equipment linking HQ and field experts); • reinforce security architecture of CECIS (conclusion of service level agreement); • CECIS evolutive maintenance, training, helpdesk.
Indicative schedule	Publication of the calls : May 2008 Closure : August 2008 Award decision : October 2008

Action 10 - Support activities for preparedness

Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • To perform exploratory work in specific areas as a preparation for policy initiatives.
Expected results	To support and facilitate the implementation of the Community Civil Protection Mechanism. To support policy initiatives with regard to civil protection.
Indicative amount	200 000 €
Type of call	Existing framework contracts, calls for tender (according to the amount)

Type of activity and subject of contract	Studies, surveys, events, publications, analyses, statistics, evaluations and impact assessments.
Indicative number of contracts	1 - 3
Indicative schedule	Publication : May 2008 Closure : August 2008 Award decision : October 2008

Action 11 - Awareness-raising activities

Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote awareness-raising, information and communication on the Community Civil Protection Mechanism. To decentralise awareness activities from Brussels and better reach individuals that will not be able to go for training, visit the MIC, etc.
Expected results	Increased awareness of the European dimension of civil protection.
Indicative amount	250 000 €
Type of call	Call(s) for tender/ framework contracts
Type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General information and communication Outsourcing mini-conference back to back with DGs meeting; roving exhibition (goes to operational and training centres).
Indicative number of contracts	2
Indicative schedule	Mid-2008 + ongoing

Action 14 – Evaluation Study of 112 implementation

Aims	Assessment of qualitative aspect of 112 implementation in Member States and facilitation of implementation.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of qualitative aspects of the responses provided by emergency services in Member States to emergency calls to the 112 single European emergency number. Methodological and practical suggestions as to eventual deficiencies encountered with a view to facilitate implementation in Member States.

Indicative amount	100 000 €
Type of call	Call(s) for tender
Type of activity	Evaluation studies
Indicative number of contracts	1 - 3
Indicative schedule	Publication : May 2008 Closure : August 2008 Award decision : October 2008

OBJECTIVE 3 – PREVENTION

Action 2 – Support activities for prevention

Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the Commission in the development and testing of an integrated disaster/risk prevention strategy. • To increase specialised knowledge on risk/disaster prevention issues.
Expected results	Ensure a sound, realistic and focused prevention approach.
Indicative amount	200 000 €
Type of call	Existing framework contracts, call(s) for tender (according to the amount)
Type of activity and subject of contract	Studies, surveys, analyses, statistics, evaluations and impact assessments..
Indicative number of contracts	1 - 3
Indicative schedule	Publication : May 2008 Closure : August 2008 Award decision : October 2008

C) AGREEMENTS OF SERVICES

OBJECTIVE 1 – DISASTER RESPONSE

Action 1 – Dispatching expertise (expert missions)

Aims	Financial resources are reserved for dispatching and sending out assessment and coordination experts/teams designated under the MIC in compliance with Article 20 of Commission Decision 2004/277 EC, Euratom. ¹¹
Expected results	To observe, coordinate and assess the situation and to facilitate the overall European assistance arriving on the field.
Indicative amount	200 000 €budget line 07 04 01 600 000 €budget line 19 06 05
Type of contractual document and subject	Agreement 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.
Indicative schedule	On a case by case basis, depending on emergencies.

D) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

OBJECTIVE 1: DISASTER RESPONSE

Action 3 - Lessons learnt programme

Aims	Lessons learnt activities including workshops on different topics: activation of the Mechanism, exercises, interventions, training, CECIS. Improving concept for evaluation interventions and exercises; incorporation of findings into training courses and exercises; establishment of a "lessons learnt" library
Expected results	Improvement of the system in practical terms.
Indicative amount	400 000 €
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; Studies
Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activation of the Mechanism: on a case by case basis, depending on the emergencies. • For other activities (exercises,...): on a regular basis.

OBJECTIVE 2: PREPAREDNESS

¹¹ Commission Decision of 29 December 2003 laying down rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2001/792/EC, Euratom establishing a Community mechanism to facilitate reinforced cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions, OJ L 87, 25.03.2004, p. 20.

Action 3 – Training, assessment and observation missions

Aims	Additional practical training activities for coordination experts, trainers and managers who followed the training courses under action 1.
Expected results	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. Selected experts, managers and administrators will have the possibility to attend events that could provide additional practical training and thus improve their personal skills on management, coordination, assessment and interaction with partners and population in the specific context of third countries. For example, additional experts could be sent for exercises under this heading, experts would be able to visit preparedness activities organised at national level, etc. Expected number of experts to be trained in 2008: 400-500
Indicative amount	100 000 €
Type of activity	Reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenditure of the people to be trained and selected by the Commission.
Schedule	On a case by case basis, depending upon the number of exercises organized and emergencies for which the Mechanism has been activated.

Action 8 - CECIS workshops and training

Implementation of this action requires close cooperation with experts in the field.

Aims	To 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 Civil Protection Mechanism.
Indicative amount	100 000 €
Type of activity	Reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenditure of workshop participants, including daily allowances to experts dispatched to Brussels in order to provide expertise about specific communication and information tools. Indicative number of workshops: 6×1/2 day
Schedule	On a case by case basis, depending on the needs.

Action 12 – Workshops about modules

Aims	Develop and maintain a system for management of the civil protection
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	<p>modules, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training of the modules to ensure their operational readiness and interoperability through exercises and information sharing on best practices; • description of the relations between the MIC and the modules (as MS resources and personnel); • production of standard operating procedures (SOP) for the modules.
Expected results	Increased operational readiness and interoperability for the modules.
Indicative amount	320 000 €
Type of expenditure	Reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenditure of workshop participants.
Type of activity	<p>Design of the system, including SOP template, and preparations for exercises and technical planning meetings.</p> <p>Indicative number of workshops: 11</p>
Schedule	According to the needs, all over 2008.

Budget line 07 01 04 02 (CP Financial Instrument - Administrative management)

Total amount earmarked in 2008: - Procurement: 700.000 €

Detail:

PROCUREMENT

1) Communication strategy

Aims	To promote and support efforts through informational and promotional material/events or otherwise of actions undertaken through the Community civil protection mechanism and through the Civil Protection Financial Instrument.
Expected results	Increased awareness on the work undertaken by the Commission and Member States in the field of prevention, preparedness and response.
Indicative amount	200 000 €
Type of call	Various. Call for tender for Vademecum.
Type of activity, subject and indicative number of contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events and publications (including electronic format).• Vademecum: study and compilation of Participating States' Civil Protection structures and presentation of the historical context.
Indicative schedule	Publication of the calls : March 2008 Closure : May 2008 Award decision : July 2008

2) Evaluation

Aims	Civil Protection Financial Instrument, Art. 15 : evaluation of implementation of Art. 4(2) (b), (c) and (3) not later than 31/12/2008
Expected results	Study supporting the first evaluation report on the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the implementation of Article 4(2) points (b) and (c) and (3).
Indicative amount	200 000 €
Type of call	Call(s) for tender.
Type of activity, subject and indicative number of contracts	Evaluation study. 1 contract.
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call : May 2008 Closure : August 2008

	Award decision : October 2008
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3) CECIS hosting, MIC security and resilience

Aims	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	300 000 €
Type of call	Call for tender DIGIT.
Type of activity, subject and indicative number of contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Service-level arrangement (CECIS hosting). • 3 procurement contracts (MIC).
Indicative schedule	Launch of procedures: mid-2008

ANNEX B

CIVIL PROTECTION FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT - WORK PROGRAMME 2008

GRANTS - SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA¹²

- 1) **"EXERCISES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMUNITY MECHANISM TO FACILITATE REINFORCED COOPERATION IN CIVIL PROTECTION ASSISTANCE INTERVENTIONS" (OBJECTIVE 2, ACTION 5)**

Selection criteria

a) *Operational capacity*

Evidence of adequate operational capacity and professional qualifications and experience to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables.

b) *Financial capacity*

Financial soundness of project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity.

Award criteria

a) *Understanding*

The criterion serves to assess whether the applicant has fully understood the objectives and the nature of the project as well as of the proposed end product.

b) *Methodology*

The criterion serves to assess whether the proposed methods are suited for proper project implementation and for reaching the objectives and the expected result.

c) *Cost-effectiveness*

The criterion serves to assess whether the proposed budget is suited for proper project implementation and for the expected result.

d) *European dimension*

The criterion serves to assess whether the proposed project has a proper European dimension, i.e. the expected result could serve the interest of the majority of the countries participating in the Community civil protection Mechanism.

¹² Art. 115.1 and 115.2 of the Financial Regulation.

2) **"COOPERATION PROJECTS ON PREPAREDNESS AND COOPERATION PROJECTS ON PREVENTION" (OBJECTIVE 2, ACTION 9 AND OBJECTIVE 3, ACTION 1)**

Selection criteria

a) *Operational capacity*

Technical soundness of project participants. Evidence of adequate operational capacity and professional qualifications and experience to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables.

b) *Financial capacity*

Financial soundness of project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity.

Award criteria

a) *Clarity and consistency of rationale, objectives and planning*

The criterion serves to assess if the issues or problems dealt with in the proposal have been correctly understood and identified, if the proposed solutions are understandable, relevant to the issues/problems, justified and realistic.

b) *Methodology for implementation, feasibility*

The criterion serves to assess whether the proposed methods are suited for proper project implementation and for reaching the objectives and expected result.

c) *Cost-effectiveness*

The criterion serves to assess whether the proposed budget is suited for proper project implementation and for the expected result.

d) *European added-value*

The criterion serves to assess the degree of implication in the project of different participating countries and the potential for transferability of the project results to other countries than those directly participating in the project.

3) **"TRANSPORT" (OBJECTIVE 1, ACTION 2a AND 2b)**

Criteria set out in Article 8 of Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC Euratom, and in the Annex of this Decision.