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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 Mechanism¹, 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 Union² ('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 2017 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 1268/2012³ (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

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012

³ 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 2017 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 2017 is set at EUR 35 146 000 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 29 525 000 and
- Budget item 23 03 01 02- Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries for the amount of EUR 5 621 000

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 2017 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.
3. Pursuant to Article 190(1) (f) of the Rules of Application, the Commission may award a direct grant without a call for proposals to the World Health Organisation (WHO) for the implementation of the medical teams certification.

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, 6.12.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission



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The indicated budget amounts are for EU Member States or for IPA II beneficiaries¹ and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries² as earmarked for 2017 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 Mechanism³

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 29 525 000

23 03 01 02: EUR 5 621 000

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 2017⁴.

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:

¹ 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, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are participating in the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

² 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.

³ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924.

⁴ 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	300 000
The Emergency Response Coordination Centre	2.1	Procurement	800 000
Early warning and analysis	2.2	Procurement	1 600 000
Maintenance and further development of the Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS)	2.3	Procurement	300 000
Training	2.4	Procurement	4 900 000
Training network	2.5	Procurement	200 000
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	4 650 000
The European Emergency Response Capacity-voluntary pool	2.8	Grant	3 000 000
Addressing temporary shortcomings	2.9	Grant	2 400 000
Preparedness projects	2.10	Grant	2 900 000
Lessons learned programme, technical meetings and workshops, training, exercise and advisory missions	2.11	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	550 000
Awareness-raising and dissemination of good practices	3.1	Procurement	575 000
Workshops with the EU Presidency	3.2	Grant	150 000
CECIS hosting, ERCC security and resilience	3.3	Procurement	300 000
Peer reviews	3.4	Procurement	500 000
Exchange of experts			pm

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

Title of action	Action number	Procedure	Amount (EUR)
Prevention projects	1.1	Grant	1 400 000
Improving the knowledge base for disaster prevention	1.2	Procurement	100 000
Early warning and analysis	2.2	Procurement	200 000
Training	2.4	Procurement	300 000
Civil Protection Mechanism Exercises	2.6	Grant	1 300 000
Exercises on civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and EU Civil Protection Teams (EUCPT)	2.7	Procurement	110 000
Preparedness projects	2.10	Grant	1 500 000
Lessons learned programme, technical meetings and workshops, training, exercise and advisory missions	2.11	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	611 000
Peer reviews	3.4	Procurement	100 000
Exchange of experts			pm

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1. PREVENTION

1.1 PREVENTION PROJECTS

Objectives	<p>Support and complement the efforts of Member States in the field of disaster prevention, focusing on areas where cooperation provides added value and complement existing cooperation frameworks/instruments provided by relevant EU macro-regional strategies.</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>
Expected results	<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 cross border and macro regional cooperation in disaster prevention</p> <p>EU contribution to the implementation of the Sendai international framework for disaster risk reduction</p>
Type of activity	Projects, studies
Indicative amount	<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>
Type of procedure	One call for proposals
Indicative schedule	<p>Publication of call: first quarter 2017</p> <p>Award decision: third quarter 2017</p>
Priorities for the year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Projects focusing on improving urban resilience by addressing cascade effects and the resilience of urban infrastructure. 2. Projects with the objective of implementing multi-hazard assessments of risks, risk management capabilities assessments, risk management planning and risk awareness campaigns, with a particular focus on cross-

	<p>border and regional dimensions.</p> <p>3. Pilot and demonstration projects aiming to gather, record and share disaster loss data at all levels of government, taking into account loss data guidance prepared by the EU expert group on disaster damage loss data⁵ and Sendai Framework indicators.</p> <p>Projects should be complementary with previous prevention projects and other actions in the disaster risk reduction field.</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<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, one as lead consortium partner. International organisations can also take part in the partnership.</p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 02 involve a minimum of three entities from three different eligible countries, including at least one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism and/or European Neighbourhood Policy country as a primary beneficiary and an entity from at least one Participating State as a lead consortium partner. International organisations can also take part in the partnership.</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><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>The following award criteria will be used to assess the proposals: Understanding, Methodology, Cost-effectiveness and European added value.</p>

1.2 IMPROVING THE KNOWLEDGE BASE FOR DISASTER PREVENTION

Objectives	<p>Fully implement EU disaster prevention framework, ensuring that prevention is a priority at national and local levels, taking into account links and synergies with climate change adaptation action;</p> <p>Identify possible needs for further EU initiatives in the field of disaster prevention including as a result of the Sendai Framework;</p>
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⁵ http://drr.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Portals/0/Loss/JRC_guidelines_loss_data_recording_v10.pdf

	<p>Strengthen the linkage of science with EU policy goals in the field of disaster risk management to improve the knowledge and evidence base, including through the disaster risk management knowledge centre;</p> <p>Improve knowledge on present and emerging natural and man-made risks in Europe, building on the second overview of risks in the EU;</p> <p>Promote cooperation between Member States on disaster prevention and science networking;</p> <p>Disseminate good practice through sharing experience between Member States;</p> <p>Add value through the pooling of expertise from Member States, the Commission and other relevant stakeholders and further develop good risk management practices and tools (including risk communication practices) to support EU civil protection policies.</p>
Expected results	<p>Improved knowledge base on disasters and their impact, including most relevant disaster risks, loss data and risk management capabilities;</p> <p>Improved ability to manage risk and build resilience via national risk assessments and assessments of risk management capabilities;</p> <p>Contribution to the development of risk scenarios to improve the risk assessment and planning processes, links with climate change projections/scenarios should be taken into account;</p> <p>Availability of relevant data confirming the feasibility, added value and possible implementation of further EU and Member State initiatives in disaster risk prevention;</p> <p>Greater science networking in the areas of disaster risk prevention and reduction;</p> <p>Knowledge and policy tools are systematically identified, shared and where relevant adopted by stakeholders;</p> <p>Exchange of applied knowledge, policy implementation strategies, risk assessment tools, scenario building, risk management practices and prevention measures in technical meetings.</p>
Type of activity	Studies, meetings, workshops, surveys
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 300 000</p> <p>Budget line 23 03 01 02: EUR 100 000</p>
Type of procedure	<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 (terminology, cross border risks), risk management capabilities, disaster data (implications of new Sendai indicators) - Administrative</p>

	Arrangement with the Joint Research Centre (JRC).
Indicative schedule	Call for tender: first half 2017

2. PREPAREDNESS

2.1 THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION CENTRE

Objectives	Further develop and strengthen the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)
Expected results	The ERCC has the capacity to plan, prepare for and respond to disasters on a 24/7 basis
Type of activity	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 to maintain a fully operational 24/7 centre and ensure the ERCC's security, resilience and business continuity.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 800 000
Type of procedure	Call for tender and/or use of existing framework contracts
Indicative schedule	For 24/7 capacity: Call for tender, if required: first half 2017 Indicative number of contracts: one to two

2.2 EARLY WARNING AND ANALYSIS

Objectives	In accordance with Article 8(c) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, work will aim at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 obtain quick and accurate data on potential events following a multi-hazard approach, allowing the ERCC to identify appropriate and timely action (i.e. ERCC Portal and ALKE Application). 2. Supporting the enlargement of geographical coverage of the existing alerting systems, including the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS), European Flood Awareness System (EFAS), the Global Flood Awareness System (GLOFAS) 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 with a view to serving decision-making and planning. Supporting the development of the scientific partnerships for analytical analysis in the knowledge centre for
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	disaster risk management.
Expected results	<p>Regarding objective 1,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining of early warning and impact assessment systems such as GDACS, the Tsunami Analysis Tool and the Digital Map Archive and updating of real-time hazard modelling systems, which include the multiparametric approach to storm surge modelling in the European basins with alerting and information mechanisms and integration of statistical models for GDACS hazards to allow potential loss estimation; • Maintaining and improving the ERCC Portal, the analysis support tool and the ERCC Wall application <p>Regarding objective 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending EFAS and EFFIS coverage to IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries which are not yet EFAS/EFFIS members; inclusion of GLOFAS alerts into GDACS; • Linking flood detection and forecast systems at global level, through the Global Flood Partnership (GFP) and inclusion of the GFP alerts in GDACS; • Further improving and extending the coverage of the EDO, taking into account the information existing in relevant climate services, and adapt it to the needs of ERCC and DG ECHO; • Enhancing synergies between the above applications; <p>Regarding 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 & severity of the impact of a disaster and serving as a foundation for deployment and contingency planning.</p>
Type of activity	Software maintenance and upgrade; Maintaining and further enhancing the ERCC scientific, mapping and analytical capacities
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 1 600 000 Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 200 000
Type of procedure	Two 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) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union ⁶ ('the Rules of Application') Call for tender or use of framework contracts

⁶ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

Indicative schedule	Administrative arrangement: first half 2017 Call for tender or use of framework contracts: first half 2017
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2.3 MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE CECIS

Objectives	Manage and further develop the information and communication systems serving the Member States and the Commission for the purposes of the Mechanism
Expected results	<p>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.</p> <p>The option to develop interface web services or web page in order to export CECIS information to other ERCC information tools, such as the ERCC portal, will be explored. The set of data to be shared will be defined in collaboration with users.</p> <p>CECIS will be modified to include more details on the voluntary pool assets (i.e. current location of the assets and their current status).</p> <p>Some features will be added in CECIS to enable a faster process for transport, and reduce the administrative workflow to support requests.</p> <p>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.</p>
Type of activity	Service contracts to support: CECIS administration and evolving maintenance; helpdesk/support service
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 300 000
Type of Procedure	Use of existing framework contract
Indicative schedule	Signature of the contract: second quarter 2017

2.4 TRAINING

Objectives	Improve EU preparedness, in particular for the deployment of European Union Civil Protection Teams (EUCPT) and modules in European and third countries.
Expected results	Expected number of places to be offered in the courses for 2018/2019: up to 1200.

	<p>Enhanced knowledge about the Mechanism among national and 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>Enhanced collaboration with the United Nations and other international organisations in the field of training in order to ensure cooperation and interoperability in joint missions.</p>
Type of activity	<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 as well as health experts may be considered for specific courses. This will not have significant impact on civil protection experts' training.</p> <p>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, National Training Coordinators, trainer workshops, ad hoc expert and stakeholder meetings, and preparatory meetings for preparedness and prevention missions).</p> <p>Development and organisation on a test basis of new training courses</p>
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 4 900 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 300 000</p>
Type of procedure	<p>Renewal of existing framework contracts (6-7)</p> <p>Calls for tender for pilot courses and for trainings on specific topics</p> <p>The use of existing framework contract for travel and accommodation costs of trainers, Training Policy Group members, National Training Coordinators, 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</p>

	centres, to provide expertise and organise meetings.
Indicative schedule	Renewal of existing contracts: fourth quarter 2017 Call for tender for pilot courses: second quarter 2017

2.5 TRAINING NETWORK

Objectives	Enhance all phases of disaster management training (prevention, preparedness, response and recovery) through a dedicated network of organisations dealing with civil protection/disaster management training.
Expected results	A training network is established and maintained, effectively linking relevant stakeholders. Strengthening the disaster management training community by facilitating cooperation among its members and supporting the development of a more consistent, inclusive and diversified training offer. Identify the strategic priorities for training and implementation of best practice in specific fields, e.g. industrial or natural and technological disasters.
Type of activity	Development and daily running of the EU Disaster Management Training Network, including: Secretarial support, logistic support, document management; Hosting and managing the IT platform, training, maintenance; Outreach to interested training institutes and other relevant actors in the EU, IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 200 000
Type of procedure	Public procurement procedure or the use of framework contract for one renewable contract to run the network. Service-level agreement for the hosting and management of the network's IT platform under the framework contract of DG DIGIT.
Indicative schedule	Publication of tender: first half 2017 Launch of service level agreement for IT: second half 2017

2.6 CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM EXERCISES

Objectives	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.
Expected	Improving the response capacity of Member States, in particular with

results	<p>regard to teams and other assets provided in civil protection assistance interventions.</p> <p>Improving and verifying the procedures and establishing a common approach for the coordination of civil protection assistance interventions and reducing the time taken to deploy 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>
Type of activity	<p>Plan, conduct and evaluate exercises with scenarios simulating the situation and conditions of all types of disasters for the activation of the Mechanism, including marine pollution 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 Mechanism⁷, 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"> • Deployment of assets and teams of the European Emergency Response Capacity (EERC); • Testing ERCC procedures; • Information exchange between affected country, Participating States and the ERCC; • Crisis communication; <p>The subject of the Host Nation Support should be integrated in every Mechanism exercise.</p>
Indicative amount	<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>

⁷ OJ L 320, 6.11.2014, p. 1.

	EUR 1 300 000 for proposals covering IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy countries. Maximum co-funding rate: 85% of eligible costs, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 1 000 000 for each proposal financed.
Type of procedure	One call for proposals
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call for proposals: first quarter 2017 Award decision: third quarter 2017
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <p>The emergency scenario is realistic and supports the formulated objectives and aim for the exercise, takes into account existing risk- and vulnerability analysis and is 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 a EUCPT is deployed.</p> <p>Exercises financed through budget item 23 03 01 01 must 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 must 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 coordinating beneficiary. 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 must be in the 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 will be further implemented and retested.</p> <p><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <p>Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity and professional</p>

	<p>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-financing capacity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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)

Objectives	<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>
Expected	Civil protection modules are interoperable and Member States and the

results	<p>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 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>
Type of activity	<p>Plan and conduct 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>
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 4 650 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 110 000</p>
Type of procedure	One call for tender for 3-6 framework contracts
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call: first quarter 2017

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

Objectives	Improve EU preparedness by setting up and managing the EERC in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed response capacities and experts.
Expected results	<p>The voluntary pool of disaster response capacities and the European Medical Corps are operational;</p> <p>Quality requirements are specified for identified capacities;</p> <p>Pre-committed response capacities are registered and certified;</p> <p>The voluntary pool assets are kept up-to date in the repository system (CECIS); adaptation costs are financed where necessary.</p>
Type of activity	<p>Workshops, training courses and exercises for potential pool members</p> <p>Grants for adapting response capacities participating in the voluntary pool</p>
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 3 000 000
Type of procedure	<p>Certification:</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 this action). Certifiers are appointed by the Commission following the nomination by Member States. The costs of certifiers observing the exercises as well as costs of</p>

	<p>experts attending workshops may be financed through the use of existing framework contracts for travel and accommodation. Where necessary, a daily allowance will be also provided.</p> <p>A call for tender may be launched for the organisation of the certification visits.</p> <p>Grant 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 Union⁸ and Article 190(1) (c) of the Rules of Application) to the World Health Organisation (WHO) for the joint EU/WHO certification of European medical modules and for further developing the guidelines for emergency medical teams (EUR 440 000), maximum co-funding rate: 100% of eligible costs.</p> <p>Adaptation:</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>
<p>Indicative schedule</p>	<p>Direct adaptation grants: on the basis of requests from competent authorities</p> <p>Reimbursement or new partnership agreements with Member States for the purposes of reimbursing adaptation costs: on the basis of requests</p> <p>Direct grant to the WHO: 2nd quarter 2017</p>
<p>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</p>	<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"> 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; 2. An implementation plan for adaptation costs, including estimated costs and timeline, has been submitted by Member States competent authorities; 3. The implementation plan is approved by the Commission pursuant to Article 17(3) of Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU. <p>Award criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding of the nature of the tasks to be undertaken and the arrangements to be made;

⁸ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012. p. 1.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Quality and volume of the intended response capacity provided, suitability and strength of the proposal as measured against the voluntary pool requirements; 3. Importance of the contribution of the project in closing eventual gaps in EERC capacities goals. Length of commitment to the EERC/voluntary pool; 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; 5. Sustainability of project. 6. Certifiers and experts will be nominated by Participating States and selected by the Commission.
Essential award criteria for the direct grant to the WHO	<p>Award criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevance for the certification of European medical modules and for the further development of guidelines for emergency medical teams 2. Quality of project planning and implementation; 3. Rationality of the proposed budget and cost-effectiveness of the proposal.

2.9 ADDRESSING TEMPORARY SHORTCOMINGS

Objectives	To contribute to addressing temporary shortcomings in extraordinary disasters.
Expected results	Establish stand-by availability of certain response capacities and Member States' rapid access to these capacities, in accordance with Article 21 (2) (d) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.
Type of activity	<p>2017 priority: maximum of three response capacities of any of the following type(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Containment • Unmanned Aerial Vehicles • Unmanned Ground Vehicles for CBRN disasters • Emergency Medical Services • Aerial forest fire fighting using planes • Shelter capacities
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 400 000</p> <p>Maximum co-financing: 40% of eligible costs ensuring rapid access to buffer capacities</p> <p>Up to 100% of costs or fees necessary to design, prepare, negotiate, conclude and manage the contracts or arrangements as well as the costs of developing standard operating procedures and exercises to ensure the effective use of assets.</p>

Type of procedure	One call for proposals
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call for proposals: first quarter 2017
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<p><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><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><i>Award criteria</i></p> <p>The following award criteria will be used to assess the proposals: Understanding, Methodology, Cost-effectiveness and European added value.</p>

2.10 PREPAREDNESS PROJECTS

Objectives	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01:</p> <p>Improve the preparedness of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism to respond to disaster risks.</p> <p>Develop cooperation across countries on challenges in the field of civil protection and/or marine pollution and enhance the awareness of professionals and volunteers.</p> <p>Complement existing cooperation frameworks/instruments provided by relevant EU macro-regional strategies.</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02:</p> <p>Support a closer partnership between the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and enlargement and Neighbourhood countries.</p>
Expected results	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01:</p> <p>The EU response capacity is enhanced through a better pooling of teams, assets and expertise.</p> <p>Additional response capacities are made available to the European Emergency Response Capacity and the European Medical Corps.</p>

	<p>Plans are developed to increase the efficiency of disaster response.</p> <p>The quality and interoperability of EU response capacities are improved.</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>Budget item 23 03 01 02:</p> <p>The preparedness of IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy country is increased through a closer cooperation with the UCPM and its Participating States.</p>
Type of activity	Cooperation projects and studies, which may include small scale exercises and training aimed at specific complementary improvements and innovation.
Priorities for the year	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Actions, other than those mentioned in 2.8 (certification and adaptation) aimed at further developing the preparedness aspects of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, inter alia through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development of new response capacities (e.g. projects leading to the creation of multinational response capacities, the development and testing of niche capacities or innovative technologies and methodologies, the design of new expert teams, developing virtual pools of relief and shelter items. • better planning of operations (e.g. studies linking existing risk assessments to operational planning and preparedness under the European Emergency Response Capacity and the European Medical Corps), • enhanced quality and interoperability of response capacities (e.g. projects leading to the development of new quality and interoperability guidance, common methodologies, the design of new training courses for the European Emergency Response Capacity or the European Medical Corps, the development of tools for response capacities). These activities will be undertaken on a pilot basis and their results will be presented to relevant working groups and the Civil Protection Committee to inform debate on more structural solutions. 2. Actions aimed at increasing the countries' preparedness for receiving international assistance in the context of the EU Host Nation Support Guidelines 3. Enhancing cooperation between civil protection and humanitarian aid actors <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02:</p> <p>Actions aimed at enhancing the cooperation with enlargement and Neighbourhood countries through a closer cooperation with the UCPM and its Participating States. Projects should be complementary and should take stock of achievements of relevant activities undertaken at European level using Union funds.</p>

Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 900 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 1 500 000 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>
Type of procedure	One call for proposals
Indicative schedule	<p>Publication of the call: first quarter 2017</p> <p>Award decision: third quarter 2017</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<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, one as lead consortium partner. International organisations can also take part in the partnership.</p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 02 involve a minimum of three entities from three different eligible countries, including at least one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism and/or European Neighbourhood Policy country as a primary beneficiary and an entity from at least one Participating State as a lead consortium partner. International organisations can also take part in the partnership.</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><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>The following award criteria will be used to assess the proposals: Understanding, Methodology, Cost-effectiveness and European added value.</p>

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

Objectives	Encourage learning through a lessons learned programme covering the entire disaster management cycle and synergies with climate change adaptation.
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	<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. Explore synergies with climate change adaptation.</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>
<p>Expected results</p>	<p>A comprehensive programme of lessons learned is developed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the monitoring, analysis and evaluation of relevant actions; (b) the implementation of lessons learned; (c) the development of methods and tools. <p>Temporary shortcomings and capacity gaps are identified.</p> <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, including national climate change adaptation 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>Type of activity</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. This may include for instance meetings on risk assessment and management, modules, early warning, transport, disaster response planning, CBRN, training network, 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, including regular DGs meetings to exchange best practices and to further</p>

	<p>develop cooperation within the Mechanism. It can also include meetings and conferences with international partners 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 activities⁹ ('the Seveso Directive') by the IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries through a technical cooperation with the 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>
Indicative amount	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 550 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 611 000</p>
Type of procedure	<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>Call for tender for services e.g. web streaming for meetings</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 (EUR 500 000)</p> <p>In addition, reimbursement of per diems of experts on the ERCC missions 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>
Indicative schedule	<p>For lessons learned and technical workshops, the schedule follows the activation of the Mechanism case by case, depending on the disasters. For training and exercise observation missions, the schedule follows the organisation of major exercises or other training events.</p> <p>One lessons learned meeting per quarter, depending on disasters.</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>Five to ten advisory missions per year (upon request)</p>

⁹ OJ L 230, 5.8.1982, p. 1.

3. HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES

3.1 AWARENESS-RAISING AND DISSEMINATION OF GOOD PRACTICES

Objectives	<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 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>
Expected results	<p>Increased awareness of hazards, risks and civil protection issues.</p> <p>Better knowledge and use of tools available to civil protection authorities and citizens.</p> <p>Increased visibility and understanding of the Mechanism and EU civil protection activities. Increased and more effective use of the Mechanism.</p>
Type of activity and subject of contract	<p>Organisation of the Civil Protection Forum 2017</p> <p>Publication and information actions and materials, including audio-visual materials.</p> <p>Studies, surveys, analyses and statistics.</p>
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 575 000
Type of procedure	<p>Call for tender for services, or use of framework contracts.</p> <p>Service level agreement with the SCIC for the organisation of events/seminars</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: three</p>
Indicative schedule	Publication of the call: second quarter 2017

3.2 WORKSHOPS WITH THE EU PRESIDENCY

Objectives	Workshops to exchange knowledge and experience on specific strategic civil protection issues and to discuss further civil protection actions organised in cooperation with the Estonian and Bulgarian Presidencies of the Council of the European Union.
Expected results	<p>Increased awareness and better understanding of strategic civil protection challenges. Improved consensus among the main stakeholders from the Participating States.</p> <p>Improved awareness of synergies and linkages with other relevant policies (migration, climate change adaptation, etc.)</p>

Type of activity	2 workshops
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 150 000 (indicative amount: EUR 75 000 for each Presidency), maximum co-funding rate: 75 % of eligible costs
Type of procedure	Grants without a call for proposals to bodies with a duly substantiated de facto or de jure monopoly (Article 128 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 ¹⁰ and Article 190(1) (c) of the Rules of Application).
Indicative schedule	First and second half of 2017 (preparatory work)
Essential award criteria	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.

3.3 CECIS HOSTING, ERCC SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

Objectives	Ensure ERCC's security and resilience against external and internal hazards and increase safety and security of liaison officers on ERCC missions. Ensure interoperability and data exchange between CECIS and the other ERCC applications (i.e. ERCC portal and ALKE application).
Expected results	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.
Type of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software architecture, CECIS hosting and related assistance; • Supply of necessary protective and other equipment; • Further extend and implement the 'ERCC mission kit (secure mobile communication equipment linking headquarters and field experts) for use in expert missions not involving a TAST.
Indicative amount	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 300 000
Type of procedure	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
Indicative schedule	Launch of procedures: mid-2017

¹⁰ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012. p. 1.

3.4 PEER REVIEWS

<p>Objectives</p>	<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>
<p>Expected results</p>	<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>
<p>Type of activity</p>	<p>Peer reviews of indicatively five to six countries interested in being reviewed (four participating states and one-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"> • Review and possible revision of the common framework and guidelines for reviews • preparation for the reviews • on-site missions in the reviewed countries • drafting of peer review reports • publication and publicity of reports • policy dialogue, lessons learnt and follow-up to the reviews. <p>Participation in peer reviews is on a strictly voluntary basis.</p>
<p>Indicative amount</p>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 500 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 100 000</p>

Type of procedure	<p>Reimbursement of experts' travel and accommodation costs or use of framework contracts.</p> <p>Public procurement procedure for one contract for support for peer reviews in cooperation with participating states' experts.</p>
Indicative schedule	<p>Call for tender</p> <p>Publication: first half of 2017</p>