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ADDRESSEES: Directors-General for Civil Protection of the Member States and Participating States to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism

Subject: **Call for nomination of peers – UCPM Peer Review**
Deadline for submitting nominations: Friday 14 June 2024

Region (country)	Date of field mission	Type of peer review
Land Brandenburg (Germany)	18 – 22 November 2024	Thematic review on wildfire risk management

Dear colleagues,

The region of Brandenburg, Germany, represented by the State School and Technical Facility for Fire and Disaster Protection of the State of Brandenburg (LSTE) with support of the national civil protection authority, the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK), has volunteered to undergo a wildfire specific peer review within the 2020-2024 cycle of the [UCPM Peer Review Programme](#).

DG ECHO hereby publishes a call for nomination of peers for this review, open to staff in civil protection and disaster risk management (DRM) authorities/organisations in UCPM Member and Participating States. Given the wildfire focus, DG ECHO encourages national civil protection authorities to share the call for peers with colleagues working for other relevant authorities, ministries and agencies that are involved in wildfire risk management.

The key priorities of this review on wildfire risk management have been defined in consultation with the region under review. Peers will be selected based on the experience and skills needed for these priorities. Selected peers voluntarily commit their time and expertise, and, in their assessment and conclusions, they should strive to conduct an objective and evidence-based assessment. They should also share good practices in DRM and should recommend improvements in the disaster management policy and operations of the reviewed region. The peers are also encouraged to integrate their gained experience into their respective national/regional systems.

The peers will take part in an on-site mission to Land Brandenburg (in and around Potsdam) in the week of 18 to 22 November 2024 (with arrival the weekend before and departure the

weekend after). They will also be invited to attend a one-day preparatory meeting held on 26 September 2024 in Brussels. Costs for attending the on-site mission as well as the preparatory meeting will be covered (for travel, accommodation, and subsistence). During the mission, the peers will be accompanied and supported by DG ECHO representatives as well as representatives of the external consultant assisting the review process throughout (this assistance includes support for drafting the peer review report). Post-mission online meetings will also be held, with a view to finalise the report and discuss findings with the reviewed region. Therefore, it is expected that peers commit to attending all relevant meetings, as needed.

Required expertise of peers

The overall objective of this peer review is to identify areas for improvements and highlight good practices within the wildfire risk management and civil protection system of Land Brandenburg. It will be a thematic peer review with the following key focus areas, chosen in collaboration with the regional authorities:

- **Governance of wildfire risk management:** overall governance as well as the legislative and institutional framework;
- **Wildfire risk management planning:** legislative framework, roles of stakeholders, prioritisation of measures, monitoring-evaluation-reporting, policy coherence;
- **Wildfire prevention:** legislative framework, landscape management, fire use laws and guidelines enforcement, innovation and knowledge services;
- **Wildfire preparedness:** legislative framework, training-exercises-international exchanges;
- **Recovery and lessons learned:** legislative framework, lessons learned, data collection and analysis.

DG ECHO is looking for a minimum of four peers with the below-mentioned experience and expertise:

Peer 1: expert in policy and institutional aspects of wildfire risk management

Professional experience: progressively senior managerial experience (at least 10 years) within a civil protection - national or sub-national - authority; proved experience in drafting and implementing wildfire risk reduction and management policies, strategies and plans; experience in supporting institutional reforms and/or change of the wildfire risk reduction legal and institutional framework; good knowledge of the global frameworks addressing natural and human-induced risks (i.e. Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030, Sustainable Development Agenda, Paris agreement on climate change); good knowledge of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism; good knowledge of sources, methods and tools for risk financing including insurance.

Will be considered an additional asset: knowledge of the German disaster and wildfire risk management system; knowledge of socio-economic aspects for wildfire risk management, experience in public finance and public investment programmes for wildfire risk management, experience in preparing investment projects on wildfire risk; expertise in the management of the risk posed by Unexploded Ordnance in relation to wildfires, German language knowledge.

Peer 2: expert in wildfire risk management planning

Professional experience required: excellent knowledge and experience in drafting and implementing wildfire risk reduction/wildfire risk management plans; good knowledge of different prioritisation methods of wildfire risk reduction/wildfire risk management measures; experience in monitoring, evaluation and reporting process of plans; good knowledge of the main interactions between wildfire risk reduction, climate change adaptation and sustainable development goals; good knowledge of sources, methods and tools for risk financing; familiarity with EU structural and investment funds.

Will be considered an additional asset: knowledge of the German disaster and wildfire risk management system; participation in UCPM missions in Germany, expertise in the management of the risk posed by Unexploded Ordnance in relation to wildfires, German language knowledge.

Peer 3: expert in wildfire risk prevention measures and lessons learned processes

Professional experience required: excellent knowledge of wildfire risk prevention measures and experience in identifying and implementing prevention measures at national and/or sub-national level; good knowledge of territorial planning processes and their interactions with wildfire risk assessment and management processes; good knowledge and experience in landscape management, including in the wildland-urban interface areas; knowledge of innovation and knowledge services for disaster wildfire risk management (i.e. Copernicus programme, EFFIS, research projects); experience in drafting and implementing fire use laws, guidelines and procedures. Experience in conducting lessons learned analysis after major wildfires, expertise in data collection, and analysis and data sharing.

Will be considered an additional asset: knowledge of the German wildfire risk management system; knowledge and experience in wildfire risk assessment and wildfire risk management planning processes; expertise in the management of the risk posed by Unexploded Ordnance in relation to wildfires, German language knowledge.

Peer 4: expert in wildfire preparedness

Professional experience required: excellent knowledge of wildfire risk preparedness measures and experience in identifying and implementing wildfire preparedness measures at national and/or sub-national level; experience in drafting and implementing civil protection and wildfire risk management training for various target groups) and exercises (Command Post exercises, Table-Top exercises, Full Scale exercises).

Will be considered an additional asset: knowledge of the German disaster and wildfire risk management system; participation in UCPM missions in Germany; experience in EUCPT (European Civil Protection Team) missions; experience as EUCP fire-related module team leader; expertise in the management of the risk posed by Unexploded Ordnance in relation to wildfires; German language knowledge.

How to submit nominations for peers

You are invited to send nominations to the Peer Review mailbox (ECHO-CP-PEER-REVIEW@ec.europa.eu), **latest by Friday 14 June 2024.**

Candidates should provide a CV, if possible in the Europass format (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>), clearly demonstrating the experience in civil protection and wildfire risk management covering prevention and preparedness, especially with regards to the areas of expertise listed above and the thematic priorities of the review.

For potential candidates not working in a national civil protection authority, prior to submitting your candidacy, kindly inform your respective civil protection authority and include a proof of this with your application.

Please note that full proficiency in English is required while knowledge of the German language will be considered an additional asset.

Female candidates are encouraged to apply, with a view to form a gender-balanced peer team.

For information, a one-pager factsheet of the UCPM Peer Review Programme is annexed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my team responsible for the UCPM Peer Review Programme.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
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Enclosure: Fact Sheet - UCPM Peer Review Programme

c.c.: Civil Protection Committee delegates; Disaster Prevention Expert Group members; Expert Group on Forest Fires; experts involved in the development of the Wildfire Peer Review Assessment Framework