



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN AID  
OPERATIONS (ECHO)  
Emergency Response Coordination Centre  
**The Director**

Brussels,

**ARES e-mail**

**Addressees: Directors-General for Civil Protection of the of the Member States and Participating States of the Union Civil Protection Mechanisms; Members of the Civil Protection Committee**

**Subject: Invitation to submit application for the UCPM emergency response actions - UCPM-2026-RESPONSE-IBA**

Dear Directors-General,

This is an invitation to submit proposals for EU action grants in the field of response actions under the **Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)**.

Response actions aim to provide assistance to immediate adverse consequences of a disaster/emergency inside or outside the European Union, following a request for assistance through the UCPM. In the event of a disaster/emergency, the UCPM supports response actions, *inter alia* through grants for the following types of action:

- **Equipment, transport and logistics, and operations response actions, including Pooling**, i.e. any actions that need logistical set-up, such as UCPM Logistical Hubs (Article 22(a) and (b) UCPM Decision 1313/2013) and
- **Other additional necessary supporting and complementary response actions** (Article 22(c) UCPM Decision 1313/2013)

UCPM Implementing Decision 2025/704 lays down detailed rules for the implementation, notably as regards the interaction of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) with Member State and UCPM Participating State contact points; the identification of modules, other response capacities and experts, as well as the operational costs and requirements for the functioning and interoperability of modules, including their tasks, capacities, main components, self-sufficiency and deployment; as well as the Union assistance in response actions.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Annexes to this letter. They contain important information relating to the conditions for awarding grants without call for proposals.

The rules determining the grant award procedures are set out in the Financial Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>1</sup>.

This letter does not prejudice the Commission's final decision on the requests it will receive.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please prepare your application and submit all relevant documents on the Funding & Tenders Portal, which can be accessed through the following link **as from 17 December 2025**:

**UCPM emergency response actions - UCPM-2026-RESPONSE-IBA:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/submission/manage/screen/submission/create-draft/43011?topic=UCPM-2026-RESPONSE-IBA>

Please **use the application form (Part B) and the detailed budget table downloaded from the Portal submission screen** when preparing a new grant application/proposal.

The deadlines for submitting grant applications/proposals are set **every Tuesdays at 17:00 CET until 16 December 2026**.

Please note that you can submit your application in the system, reopen it for updates and resubmit it as many times as you wish up until the deadline indicated on the submission screen. Each new submitted version will replace the previous one.

Each application will be evaluated by the Commission services on the basis of the criteria established in the Call Document attached to this letter.

In addition to the information and guidance that you will find in the annexed document and on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#), we will organise an online information session on 13 January 2026. This session will be dedicated to the **operational aspects of the application** as well as **the Funding & Tenders Portal submission process**. Individuals who are interested in receiving the recording of this session may contact us at: [ECHO-TRANSPORT-COFINANCING@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ECHO-TRANSPORT-COFINANCING@ec.europa.eu).

We would appreciate if you could facilitate the transmission of this letter and its annexes to the relevant /authority in charge of civil protection.

Yours faithfully,

Michela MATUELLA

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Enclosure:

Annex I: Call document/Invitation to submit proposal - UCPM emergency response actions (UCPM-2026-RESPONSE-IBA)

Annex II: Model grant agreement