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### **ARES e-mail**

**Addressees: Directors-General for Civil Protection of the Member States and Participating States to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, Members of the Civil Protection Committee**

**Subject: Invitation to submit applications for the action “European Civil Protection Pool Upgrade and/or Repair of ECPP Response Capacities” (UCPM-2026-ECPP-URC-IBA)**

Dear Directors-General,

I have the pleasure to inform you of the possibility to obtain financial support, in the form of adaptation grants, under the European Civil Protection Pool.

The objective is to upgrade and/or repair Member States' response capacities to a state of readiness and availability that makes them internationally deployable under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

The enclosed Call document (and its six annexes) specifies the conditions for awarding grants, including the exclusion, selection and award criteria.

If you are interested in applying for an adaptation grant, I invite you to prepare and submit all relevant documents via the Funding & Tenders Portal, which can be accessed through the following link as from **09 December 2025**:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/submission/manage/screen/submission/create-draft/42959?topic=UCPM-2026-ECPP-URC-IBA>

The deadline for submitting the grant application is **10 March 2026 at 17:00 CET**.

In addition to the information and guidance that you will find in the attached documents and on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#), we will organise an **online information session on 15 January 2026 from 10:00 to 12:00 (1<sup>st</sup> part) and from 13.30 to 14.30 (2<sup>nd</sup> part)**.

This session will be divided into two parts: The first part is dedicated to operational aspects of the application followed by a Q&A. The second part will focus on the Funding & Tenders Portal submission process. All persons interested in attending the session are invited to contact us at [ECHO-A4@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ECHO-A4@ec.europa.eu) to receive the connection details.

I would be grateful if you could inform all relevant entities dealing with civil protection in your country of this funding opportunity.

Electronically signed

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Enclosures:

Call document European Civil Protection Pool Adaptation grants (UCPM-2026-ECPP-URC-IBA), including Annex I – Rules for use of equipment procured under adaptation grants

Annex II – Commitment letter

Annex III – Average costs of developing the capacities

Annex IV – Application form to ECPP

Annex V - Factsheet

Annex VI – ECPP goals and gaps