



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN AID
OPERATIONS (ECHO)
Strategy and Policy
Prevention and Preparedness Capacity Building

Brussels,

CORRESPONDENCE SLIP

Addressees: Directors-General for Civil Protection of the Member States and Participating States of the Union Civil Protection Mechanisms; Directors-General for Civil Protection of Georgia and Kosovo ⁽¹⁾; Members of the Civil Protection Committee; Member States' Permanent Representations and Participating States' Permanent Missions to the EU; Members of the Early Warning Expert Group; Disaster Prevention Expert Group; Members of the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network Board

Subject: Invitation to submit an expression of interest to benefit from a project under the Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF) in 2025

Dear Directors-General,

This is an invitation to submit expressions of interest under the UCPM Technical Assistance Financing Facility for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness (TAFF).

TAFF is a technical assistance instrument launched in 2024 as a partnership between the European Commission (DG ECHO) and the World Bank Group and its Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR). TAFF aims to support EU Member States and Participating States of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) as well as Georgia and Kosovo to increase their technical capacity for disaster prevention and preparedness and support the implementation of the Union Disaster Resilience Goals ([link](#)). The Facility provides access to turnkey tailor-made technical support through leading global expertise on disaster and climate resilience.

The work programme ⁽²⁾ of the UCPM for 2021-2027 provides for a funding opportunity to indirectly support Member States' efforts in the field of disaster risk management

⁽¹⁾ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Decision C(2024) 7235 final of 22.10.2024 concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2021-2027 and the financing decision for the implementation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

(Action 5.4, Technical Assistance Financing Facility). As stipulated in the same document (art. 5.5), the World Bank Group/GFDRR will implement activities under this action given its robust technical expertise and global practice of disaster prevention and preparedness and climate resilience.

The purpose of this action is to help national civil protection and other disaster risk management authorities fill technical and/or financial gaps to preparing investments or to strengthening their institutional and policy framework for disaster risk management.

Enclosed, you will find the guide for applicants setting out the scope and procedure for this funding opportunity, the evaluation criteria, an indicative list of possible activities as well as the template to be used for your expression of interest.

The call for expressions of interest will be published on the TAFF and the UCP Knowledge Network websites.

Your expression of interest should be submitted to UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org, and consulted with the World Bank/GFDRR prior to submission.

The deadline for submitting expressions of interest is **14 March 2025 at 23.59 CET**.

Questions on eligibility and the application procedure should likewise be addressed to UCPM_TAFF@worldbank.org well in advance of the deadline for submitting expressions of interest.

We will also organise an **on-line information session on Tuesday 04 February 2025 from 12.30 to 15.15 CET** on Webex. Interested participants should log into the following link: <https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/information-day-on-the-2025-technical-assistance-for-disaster-risk-management-call-for-proposals-and-taff-2025-02-04>

Yours faithfully,

[e-signed]

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Enclosures:

Guide for applicants including evaluation criteria and template for the expression of interest and an indicative list of possible activities;
TAFF Factsheet;
Booklet with an overview of the 2024 TAFF-supported projects;
Agenda of the Info Day – 04 February 2025 (see next page).

UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (“TRACK 1”) & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FINANCING FACILITY (TAFF) & THE REGIONAL CIVIL PROTECTION PROGRAMME IN THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES (PPRD EAST 4)

- **INFORMATION DAY** -
TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025, 12:30 – 15:15 CET
WEB STREAMING

12:30	Welcome (5mins) Erwan Marteil, Head of Unit, <i>B.3 Prevention and Preparedness Capacity Building, DG ECHO, European Commission</i>
12:35	Overview of Track 1 grants (10mins) Cristina Brailescu, Team Leader, <i>DG ECHO B.3 Prevention and Preparedness Capacity Building</i>
12:45	Overview of the call for proposals: call document and recommendations for a good proposal (30mins) Christian Aagaard, Call Coordinator, and Juan Francisco Galvan Montero, Planning and Programming Officer, <i>DG ECHO B3</i> Application process: online platform and application form (10mins) Vladlena Doroshenko Salatenko, Call Coordinator, <i>DG ECHO B.3</i> Questions & answers – <i>slido.com</i> (20 min)
13:45	<i>Wellbeing break</i>
13:55	Overview of the progress during the 2024 Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF) (10 min) Christian Aagaard, Call Coordinator, <i>DG ECHO B3</i> Overview of the 2025 TAFF call for Expression of Interest (25 min), including process and form Zuzana Stanton-Geddes, Sr. Disaster Risk Management Specialist, <i>World Bank</i> ; and Cristina Otano, Sr. Operations Officer, <i>Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR)</i> Questions & answers – <i>slido.com</i> (25 min)
14:55	Regional civil protection programme in the Eastern Partnership countries (PPRD East 4) (10 min): Overview of the invitation to submit a proposal & Application process Paule Gailiunaite, Desk Officer Civil Protection Cooperation, <i>C.1 Southeast Europe, Eastern Neighbourhood and Central Asia, DG ECHO</i> Questions & answers – <i>slido.com</i> (10 min)
15:15	Concluding remarks

The [livestream link](#) is also published on the [Knowledge Network page](#).

The Track 1 call for proposals is published here:

[Funding & Tenders Portal](#)
[Knowledge Network page](#)

The TAFF call for expression of interest is published here:

[Knowledge Network Page](#)

[TAFF Page](#)

More information about PPRD East programme can be found here:

[PPRD East 3 Knowledge Network page](#)

Questions to the speakers can be asked via Slido.com:

