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ADDRESSEES: Members of the Civil Protection Committee

C.C.: Member States Permanent Representations and Participating States Permanent Missions to the EU. Council Secretariat. EFTA Secretariat.

SUBJECT: Regional Lessons Learnt and Host Nation Support conference, Bodrum, Türkiye, 19-21 May 2026

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

Enclosed please find the invitation to the regional conference “*From Lessons Identified to Lessons Learnt using Host Nation Support Experience and Examples*” organised by the DG ECHO funded On-Site Assistance project (OSA).

The regional conference aims to review past disaster responses in the IPA III region and elsewhere, identifying what went well, what could be improved, and how to effectively turn lessons identified into lessons learnt and integrate them in the decision-making process at the national levels. The emphasis will be on the Host Nation Support and lessons from the 2025 wildfire season.

The event will develop practical recommendations how to include Lessons Learnt (LL) based on Host Nation Support (HNS) examples into national disaster risk management systems. It aims to enhance regional cooperation and interoperability, especially in preparation for the 2026 wildfire season.

The Conference aims to bring together representatives from the IPA III beneficiaries, Eastern Neighbourhood countries, UCPM Member States and other Participating States, and the wider CP/DRM community.

Working language will be English with no interpretation, hybrid options will be available for remote participation.

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation and nominate your representative(s) by April 15, 2026 to Anagnosti, Sergej, Sergej.Anagnosti@gopa.eu.

Please indicate in which panel of three expert technical sessions you would be willing to participate as panellist/presenter. We would also like to invite you to contribute to case studies' sessions with examples how HNS/LL processes influenced changes in legislation, Standard Operating Procedures, and trainings.

Please note that participation costs (travel, accommodation, food, local transport, etc.) are to be covered by participants themselves.

Further details, such as administrative and logistic information, will be shared in due course.

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Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures.: Concept note, Draft agenda, Case studies sessions, Technical sessions, OSA synopsis