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CORRESPONDENCE SLIP

ADDRESSEES: Members of the Civil Protection Committee
Contact points for civil protection for Georgia, Republic of Moldova
and Kosovo*

Project Coordinators of ongoing and past UCPM 'Track 1' projects

SUBJECT: **Invitation to a workshop on “UCPM technical assistance tools for investing in disaster risk management”, to be held on 27 and 28 November 2023 in Brussels**

REMARKS:

Dear Members, dear Project Coordinators,

Following the save the date message you received, we kindly invite you to attend the workshop on “UCPM technical assistance tools for investing in disaster risk management”, which is scheduled to take place in person from **27 November 2023 at 13:00 until 28 November 2023 at 17:30 at the *Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette*, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels**

The objectives of this workshop are:

- 1) Improve awareness of the Track 1 – Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management grants.
- 2) Present the plans for the proposed Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF) that will be launched in 2024.
- 3) Raise awareness on short- and long-term opportunities of EU funding for disaster risk management.

The workshop will be held in English without interpretation, as it will also include group discussions.

Please kindly nominate up to two representatives per country before 24 October by sending an email to: ECHO-CP-P&P@ec.europa.eu. Upon receipt of the nominations, we will send participants the link to an online form to register all necessary details.

Nominated representatives should have responsibilities in preparing disaster risk management project and investment proposals. We kindly invite those countries having already benefitted of Track 1 grants to appoint the project coordinator as one of the two participants. Their hands-on experience will be highly valuable for the discussion.

*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.

The European Commission can arrange and pay for an economy travel ticket and accommodation for two experts per each country invited to the meeting. The registered participants will be contacted by the travel agent AMEX, which will make reservations and provide them with the electronic tickets, and, if needed, accommodation details.

If the registration for the meeting is made after 24 October, the participants are responsible for arranging the necessary travel details taking into account that *the European Commission will not cover the accommodation and travel costs.*

Please note that, to access the Borschette building, participants will need to present themselves at the reception desk and show their identity card or passport.

We kindly invite participants to send us questions or ideas for discussion before the workshop, so that we can try to address them in our programme. Some of the project coordinators will be contacted bilaterally for short presentations of their projects.

We look forward to seeing you in person.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
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Enclosures:

- Draft agenda
- Workshop concept note
- List of Track 1 grants awarded during 2019-2022

