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Addressees: Directors-General for Civil Protection of the Member and Participating States to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism; Members of the Civil Protection Committee; Member States' Permanent Representations and Participating States' Permanent Missions to the EU; Contact points for civil protection for Kosovo ⁽¹⁾; Marine Pollution Contact Points of the Member and Participating States to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism; National Training Coordinators the Member and Participating States to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism; Coordinators of ongoing and past Track 1 projects; Disaster Prevention Expert Group; Members of the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network Board; Members of the Early Warning Expert Group

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Subject: **Invitation to an information day on the Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management “Track 1” (UCPM-2026-TRACK 1) call for proposals, and call for expression of interest for the Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)**

Remarks: The information day will take place on:

**Thursday, 12 February 2026
10:00 – 12:30 (CET)**

Dear Directors-General,
Dear Colleagues,

The aim of the information day is to familiarise civil protection authorities and other national authorities with disaster risk management responsibilities with two recently launched capacity building opportunities:

1. The **Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management “Track 1”** (UCPM-2026-TRACK 1) call for proposals, which was published on 20 January 2026. This funding instrument provides financial support (with a rate of EU co-financing of 95%) to the national disaster risk management authorities of Member States and other participating states in the Union Civil Protection Mechanism for the development of strategic activities (including feasibility studies, proposals,

⁽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.

policies and plans) which can leverage investments for greater disaster risk management impact.

The Track 1 call for proposals was published on the Commission's [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#), and information about the call is also available on the [Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network website](#). Last year, we received 41 proposals, among which only 13 were selected given the limited available budget. We therefore highly recommend that your organisations submit a limited number of proposals, reflecting key national priorities.

2. The **Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)**, for which a new call for expression of interest is launched on 30 January 2026. The full information package for TAFF was shared through note Ares(2026)1025221/29.01.2026. The call for expressions of interest is published on the [UCP Knowledge Network website](#). The **Technical Assistance Financing Facility for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness (TAFF)** is a partnership between the European Commission through its Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), the World Bank and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR).

The agenda and other practical details on the live streaming event will be published on the [Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network website](#). Participants will be able to ask questions via a dedicated session on slido.com.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this information within your organisation.

For any further queries, please contact: ECHO-CP-P&P@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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Enclosure: Agenda of the information day
 List of Track 1 grants awarded during 2025