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

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Marine Pollution Contact Points of the Member and Participating States to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism

Members of the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network Board

Disaster Prevention and Risk Management Commission Expert Group

Subject: Invitation to register to the 9th European Civil Protection Forum

Remarks: The European Civil Protection Forum will take place on:

<p style="text-align: center;">3-4 November 2026 in Tour & Taxis, Brussels, BE</p>

Dear Directors-General,
Dear Colleagues,

The European Commission is pleased to invite you to the 9th edition of the European Civil Protection Forum.

To participate, please register at [European Civil Protection Forum 2026](#) before 15 September 2026.

Since its first edition in 2003, the Forum has evolved into a significant European assembly for professionals and decision-makers engaged in civil protection. It serves as an essential platform for knowledge exchange, discussion, and collaboration among stakeholders involved in European civil protection policy, operations and research. Building on the foundations laid by the 2024 edition — which emphasised knowledge exchange, innovation and cross-sectoral cooperation — the 2026 Forum will provide an opportunity for stakeholders from across the disaster risk management community to take stock of progress, explore the implications of the Preparedness Union Strategy in

enlarging the narrow understanding of civil protection, and jointly shape the next phase of European civil protection.

Highlights of the 2026 edition:

- **Theme:** Preparing today, ready for tomorrow
- **Key Objectives:** Reflecting on progress made in building a Preparedness Union and embedding preparedness by design across EU and national legislation, policies and programmes; providing a space for knowledge exchange and innovation among UCPM stakeholders, to inspire future developments of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.
- **Civil Protection Village:** A central feature of the Forum, it will showcase innovative solutions, good practices and projects in disaster risk management. It will be an interactive space offering ample opportunities for professional networking with peers from across Europe.

This year the event will be held in-person, with only a few selected sessions being web-streamed. For the latest updates and detailed information, including the agenda of the event, please visit [our official event page](#).

For any queries regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact us at ECHO-EVENTS@ec.europa.eu. For any queries regarding the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact echo@wearemci.com.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this information within your organisation and to all potentially interested stakeholders.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an enriching and pivotal event in the field of civil protection and disaster risk management.

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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