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Addressees: Directors-General for Civil Protection of the Member and Participating States to
the Union Civil Protection Mechanism; Directors-General for Civil Protection
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Union Civil Protection Mechanism; National Training Coordinators of the
Member and Participating States to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism;
Disaster Prevention Expert Group; Members of the Union Civil Protection
Knowledge Network Board; Members of the Early Warning Expert Group

**Subject: Invitation to the information day on the Knowledge for Action in
Prevention and Preparedness (KAPP) call for proposals**

Remarks: The Information Day will take place on:

**Tuesday, 28 January 2025
10:00 – 12:30 (CET)**

Dear Directors-General,
Dear Colleagues,

The aim of the information day is to familiarise potential applicants with the **Knowledge
for Action in Prevention and Preparedness (KAPP) call for proposals** and to provide
useful guidance on the preparation of applications for this call, **which will be published
on 23 January 2025.**

The agenda and other practical details on the live streaming event will be available on the
Knowledge Network.

The KAPP call for proposals will be published on the Commission's Funding & Tenders
Portal, as well as in the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network website.

The KAPP call for proposals aims to identify projects strengthening cooperation among
eligible countries on disaster prevention and preparedness, as well as providing a testing
environment and a learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection
assistance interventions, through full-scale field exercises. This approach is structured

around two topics, namely, Prevention and Preparedness projects and Full-Scale Exercises.

Prevention and Preparedness projects focuses on enhancing collaboration and cooperation on these phases of the DRM cycle among Member States and between the UCPM and third countries. These projects should seek to strengthen efforts in preventing disasters while improving the overall preparedness of the UCPM, its stakeholders, and the wider population. Through initiatives that address both ongoing challenges and emerging systemic issues, these projects should aim to build resilience and foster a more coordinated response framework. This topic comprises four priorities, namely, improving risk assessment, anticipation, and disaster risk management planning; increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population; enhancing early warning and ensuring a robust civil protection system by strengthening institutional preparedness and individual capacity.

The **Full-Scale Exercises** topic focuses on simulating real-life emergencies, through which the participants can test, practise and review procedures in a realistic setting. The UCPM full-scale exercise projects also include all the preparatory actions as well as activities after the exercise to build on the learning.

All KAPP call topics support the implementation of the Union disaster resilience goals.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this information within your organisations and to all potentially interested stakeholders (including non-governmental organisations, universities, research centres, regional authorities, etc).

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

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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Enclosure: Agenda of the Information Day

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