



Technical assistance for disaster risk management

A funding opportunity

The Union Civil Protection Mechanism co-finances projects that support Member States and participating states' efforts in the field of disaster preparedness and prevention. The next call for proposals will be launched on 1 February 2024.

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

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2019-2023 projects awarded:

- 20 countries
- 49 projects
- EUR 20.6 million

Average grant for the 2023 call: EUR 507 170

Most frequent recipients of grants: Croatia, Latvia, Türkiye

The general objectives include:

- Supporting relevant authorities in enhancing their institutional, technical and financial capacity for preparing, implementing and monitoring disaster prevention and preparedness activities;
- Generating evidence and knowledge for improved policy and practice in disaster risk management, and climate resilience;
- Contributing to the implementation of the Disaster Resilience Goals;
- Supporting the preparation and the implementation of prevention and preparedness investments, strategies and reforms.
- Supporting the greening of civil protection and disaster risk management activities, and the integration of climate adaptation and resilience, and
- Supporting the new and future Participating States in fulfilling their responsibilities under the Mechanism.

Eligible activities

Eligible activities include the following:

- Developing a strategic framework for disaster risk management, including developing disaster risk management plans or strategies, develop risk assessment capabilities, or carrying out studies on disaster and climate resilience building.
- Investments for disaster risk management, including feasibility studies, cost-benefit analyses, impact assessment linked to a change of the disaster risk management policy or legislation, developing or enhancing a national multi-hazard disaster loss database.
- Investments to improve crisis management capabilities, including developing or enhancing plans, procedures and arrangements aimed at ensuring effective cross-sectoral crisis preparedness and response, and at enhancing information sharing through early warning systems.

The annual calls for proposals are published on DG ECHO's [Calls for proposals](#) page.



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Examples of projects

Several examples of projects co-financed under this instrument are listed below (the full list is available on the [DG ECHO website](#)):

- Development of a National Disaster Risk Management Plan in Greece, aimed at increasing the risk reduction investments
- Feasibility study for the development of a national disaster damage and loss database in Latvia & Development of a national disaster loss database in Spain
- Proposed new directions to advance civil protection system in the Czech Republic, including a draft new legislation
- Development of a Long-Term Wildfire Prevention Framework for the Istanbul Forest Region, Türkiye
- Development of a risk management plan and risk management capabilities for large scale nuclear and radiological emergencies, Finland
- Analysis of the needs and requirements for making a Crisis Information Management System internationally and cross-border usable within the Benelux, Belgium
- Technical assistance for developing a pipeline of disaster risk management in Croatia
- Development of a national risk assessment for Montenegro & Development of a new national risk assessment methodology in Ireland

