UCPM Prevention and Preparedness financing opportunities

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Investing in prevention and preparedness

• It is essential in order to adapt to the current and future reality (e.g. long-term impact of global warming)

• Socioeconomic impact of disaster (50 million people affected by national hazards and climate-related disaster in the EU between 1980 – 2020, worth EUR 487 billion)

• Investing in disaster resilience would also contribute to socioeconomic growth
2014-2021
Calls for multi-country projects

2019-2021
Calls for single country projects

2022
Call for Prevention and Preparedness Projects on Civil Protection and Marine Pollution
- Call for Single Country Grants for Disaster Risk Management

2023
Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness (KAPP)
- Call for Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management

Success stories
Objective:
• To provide technical assistance for disaster risk management to National Civil Protection authorities of UCPM Member and Participating States

Target:
• National Civil Protection Authorities (entities having a legal/capital link with NCP can be affiliated entities)

Direct grants
• 3 calls between 2019 and 2021 (MFF/NGEU)
• 24 grants awarded to 14 different Member/Participating States worth EUR 8.42 million
• Top countries awarded:
  - Latvia (4)
  - Croatia (3)
  - Lithuania, Estonia, Czech Republic, Montenegro, and Türkiye (2)
2019 – 2021 Calls for single country projects for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

Types of hazard:

- Total Multi-hazard
- Count of Geophysical (hazard)
- Hydrological hazard
- Climatological hazard
- Man-made hazard
- Industrial accident hazard
- Transport accident hazard
- Miscellaneous accident hazard
2014-2021 Calls for multi-country projects (Track 2)

Objective:

• To support cross-border disaster risk management through prevention and preparedness in Europe, IPA beneficiaries and EU Neighborhood countries.

Target:

• Consortia of public/private entities from 2+ eligible countries

• Open calls
• 8 calls between 2014 - 2021 (MFF/NGEU)
• 140 grants awarded worth EUR 71 million
• Top 3 Member State frequency as coordinator and implementing actor:
  - Italy (37 times coordinator and 76 times implementing partner)
  - Spain (18 times coordinator and 51 times implementing partner)
  - Germany (10 times coordinator and 34 implementing partner)
2014-2021 Calls for multi-country projects (Track 2)

Types of hazard:

Hazards covered by PPPs (2014-2020)

- Cyber threats
- Droughts
- Heat waves
- Volcanic eruptions
- Storms incl. snow-rain/storms
- Multi-hazards
- Landslides
- Marine pollution, oil spills, HNS
- Forest fires, wild fires
- Other, Not specified
- Earthquakes
- Floods
2022 Call for Single Country Grants for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

Main characteristics

• EUR 5 million total funding
• Max. 95% of total eligible costs
• Invitation to submit applications: 22 April; deadline for submission: 27 June
• Projects’ duration: 24 months

Results

• 17 applications and 12 proposals awarded
• Countries awarded: Ireland (1), Finland (1), Spain (1), Latvia (3), Croatia (1), Romania (1), North Macedonia (1) and Türkiye (3)
• Main hazards addressed: Multi-hazard (8) and wildfire (2)
• Projects will start in 2023
2022 Call for Prevention and Preparedness Projects on Civil Protection and Marine Pollution (Track 2)

Main characteristics

• Total EU financing in 2022: EUR 7 million (EUR 5 million for internal action and EUR 2 million for external action)
• Max. 85% of total eligible costs
• 4 priorities:
  - Risk assessments
  - Risk awareness
  - Early Warning Systems
  - Marine Pollution
• Invitation to submit applications: 10 March; Deadline for submission: 24 May
• Projects’ duration: 24 months

Results

• 20 applications and 11 proposals awarded (7 risk assessments; 2 risk awareness; 1 early warning systems; and 1 marine pollution)
• Main hazards addressed: multi-hazard (3) earthquake (3), and wildfire (2).
• Main country coordinators: Spain, Greece and Italy (3 each)
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2023 Disaster Resilience Grants

Background

• The ‘2021 Evaluation of the Prevention and Preparedness Projects’ and report on ‘Understanding the needs of Civil Protection agencies and opportunities for scaling up Disaster Risk Management investments’ identified some main challenges:
  - Lack of evidence (short term investment are often prioritize)
  - Capacity building (insufficient means for ex-ante DRM interventions)
  - Fragmented funding and assistance opportunities (need to increase access to UCPM and EU funding)

• To tackle those challenges, strategic re-framing of the current UCPM Prevention and Preparedness Programme according to four principles:
  - Achieve administrative simplification and increase efficiency for both DG ECHO and for the Member States
  - Ensure the highest added value of the prevention and preparedness financing to the entire UCPM
  - Develop a result-oriented monitoring of projects and reporting
  - Strive for high quality of the projects financed and provide robust technical guidance to beneficiaries during implementation

• Alignment of the calls’ priorities with the Disaster Resilience Goals and wildfire prevention priorities, to the extent possible.
2023 Disaster Resilience Grants

Background: Disaster Resilience Goals (New Art. 6.5 of UCPM Decision No. 1313/2013/EU)

1st Recommendation

- Target: end of 2022
- Building resilience of civil protection through five specific goals:
  - Improving risk assessment, anticipation and risk management planning
  - Increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population
  - Enhancing early warning
  - Enhancing UCPM response capacity
  - Strengthening disaster and emergency preparedness of civil protection
2023 Disaster Resilience Grants

Background: Wildfire Prevention Action Plan

• In the Informal Ministerial Meeting on Reinforcing Wildfire Preparedness and Response (5 September 2022), EU Member States and the Commission reached a broad consensus to operationalise an Action Plan on Wildfire Prevention

• To be launched in the first months of 2023

• Among the objectives…
  - Dialogue process with Member States on wildfire disaster prevention
  - Financial support through a strategic use of the UCPM prevention and preparedness funding instruments to support wildfire prevention and improve the uptake of good practices
  - Maximum use of EU funds for investing in wildfire prevention
2023 Disaster Resilience Grants

- Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (ex-Track 1)
- Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness (KAPP) (ex-Track 2)
- Information Hub (KN website)
2023 Disaster Resilience Grants

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Information Hub (KN website)

- Purpose: increase awareness, access to funding, and connection between UCPM end-users and EU-funded projects.
- ‘One-stop-shop’ for funding info and guidance on the Knowledge Network Platform
Success stories

Track 1

Croatian Ministry of Interior projects:

- 2019: Assistance in developing a stronger baseline for effective disaster risk management (enabling conditions for Structural Funds 2021-2027)

- Follow up in 2020: Technical Assistance for Preparation of Disaster Risk Management Projects in Croatia - TA for DRM Projects

- Follow up in 2021: Technical assistance for the enhancement of the Civil Protection system for Croatia - TA for CP

Track 2

TSUMAPS-NEAM (2015)
- Probabilistic Tsunami hazard maps for the Neam Region
- Italy, Norway, Portugal, Germany, Türkiye, Spain Greece, Morocco and Tunisia

ASPIres (2016)
- Advanced systems for prevention & early detection of forest fires
- Germany, North Macedonia and Bulgaria

oVERFLOw (2019)
- Vulnerability assessment of embankments and bridges exposed to flooding hazards
- Croatia, The Netherlands and Slovenia
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