

Expected EU Civil Protection Funding Opportunities 2014

This document has been prepared to assist potential UK applicants for EU civil protection funding. It is based on the draft 2014 Civil Protection Work Programme and summarises the expected priority areas and requirements for 2014.

As indicated in the table below, proposals must involve other countries that participate in the Civil Protection Mechanism¹. In 2014, funding will also be available for proposals involving European Neighbourhood Policy countries² and enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism³.

The Cabinet Office, as the UK's national contact point for EU civil protection would be happy to provide further advice and guidance to interested UK organisations. Please contact us via pnc-ccs@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

Category	Co-funding level	Maximum EU funding	Minimum number of countries
Prevention projects	75%	EUR500k	2
Preparedness projects	75%	EUR500k	2
Civil protection exercises	85%	EUR1m	3

Prevention projects

Projects should support and complement participating states efforts in the field of disaster prevention, focusing on areas where cooperation provides added value. This could include improving knowledge about disaster risks and disaster prevention policies, and linking up actors and policies through the disaster management cycle. Projects would contribute to the implementation of the [Hyogo Framework for Action](#).

Particular priority areas which the Commission have identified for 2014 include:

1. Economics of investing in disaster risk prevention, including costs and benefits of risk prevention measures, and 'risk-proofing' of public and/or private investments and strategies;
2. Development of urban resilience strategies, including community and local-based disaster risk reduction actions and tools and guidelines for urban risk assessment, taking into account existing international initiatives in this field

¹ Civil Protection Mechanism participating states are 28 EU Member States, Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

² European Neighbourhood Policy countries are Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine

³ Enlargement countries not participating in the Mechanism are Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo.

(e.g. UNISDR resilient cities campaign) and climate change adaptation strategies;

3. Governance of risk management practices, including the integration of disaster risk assessments into the planning process and cross-border and cross-sectoral risk management practices for sustainable development.

Requirements: At least two participating states

Co-funding available: 75% of eligible costs, up to EUR 500k

Preparedness projects

Project proposals should support and complement efforts of participating states to protect citizens, environment and property in order to reinforce cooperation in the field of preparedness in civil protection and/or marine pollution. Projects should result in improved exchange of information, experience and good practice and improve preparedness among all parties involved.

Particular priority areas which the Commission have identified for 2014 include:

1. Improving cross border cooperation, including regional cooperation, around interoperability and preparedness for, direct response to and reducing the impacts of natural and man-made disasters. Specific focus on better planning, preparing for CBRN events and mass evacuation.
2. Enhancing operational cooperation in the framework of the Mechanism, enabling countries to develop, exercise and register multinational assets.
3. Increasing countries' preparedness for reception of international assistance in the context of the [EU Host Nation Support Guidelines](#).

Proposals can include small scale exercises and training aimed at specific complementary improvements and innovation. Specific outputs may include joint design, planning, development and implementation of innovative civil protection activities, including procedures, techniques, tools, etc. Projects may also include transfer or adaptation of existing features from other geographical or thematic contexts.

Requirements: involvement of at least 2 participating states

Co-funding available: 75% of eligible costs, with max EU contribution of EUR500k per proposal

Civil protection exercises

Successful proposals for civil protection exercises should improve preparedness and response to all kinds of disasters, including marine pollution, chemical, biological, radiological disasters, as well as combined disasters and disasters simultaneously

affecting a number of countries. The expected outcomes include improved interoperability of teams, improved preparedness to receive international assistance, and the establishment or improvement of relevant procedures.

The exercise scenario should be sufficiently credible to require international assistance proposal. Proposals should cover planning, conducting and evaluating for:

- Full scale exercises;
- Command post exercises with limited deployment; or
- Table top exercises or other types of discussion based exercises.

Requirements

- At least 3 participating states (one hosting and minimum two others involved)
- National civil protection authorities of these states involved (Cabinet Office for the UK)
- Request for international assistance to the Commission's Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) should be through official channels of affected state
- EU civil protection team to be deployed to assist in assessing the needs on the ground or coordinating incoming assistance.

Co-funding available: Up to 85% co-funding of eligible costs, with maximum of EUR1m for each proposal

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