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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>2</sup> ('the Financial Regulation') and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union Civil Protection Mechanism established by Decision No 1313/2013/EU, aims to strengthen cooperation between the Union and Member States and facilitate coordination in the field of civil protection in order to improve the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 25(2) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, financial assistance may take any of the forms provided by Financial Regulation, in particular grants, reimbursement of expenses, public procurement or contribution to the trust funds, the subject and conditions of which are to be further specified in annual work programmes, as required by Article 128 of the Financial Regulation and Article 25(3) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.
- (3) The Annual Work Programme 2018 identifies the actions that should be eligible for financial assistance under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism in the field of prevention, preparedness and horizontal actions.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 188 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<sup>3</sup> (the Rules of Application) and Article 25(3) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, the work programme specifies the objectives, the schedule of the call or calls for proposals, the indicative amount involved, the maximum rate of financial intervention and the results expected from the actions and projects benefiting from financial assistance in the form of grants.
- (5) The work programme also specifies the circumstances in which, under points (c) and (f) of Article 190(1) of the Rules of Application, the Commission may award grants without a call for proposals to bodies with a duly substantiated de facto or de jure monopoly or for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power provided that the actions do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1-96

<sup>3</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

- (6) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (7) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term ‘substantial change’ within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (8) This Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 (2) of the Financial Regulation. Article 94 of the Rules of Application establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 33 (1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### The work programme

The Annual Work Programme 2018 for the implementation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

#### *Article 2*

##### Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme in 2018 is set at EUR 35 475 000 and shall be financed from the following lines of the general budget of the European Union:

- Budget item 23 03 01 01- Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union for the amount of EUR 29 746 000 and
- Budget item 23 03 01 02- Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries for the amount of EUR 5 729 000

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment. The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2018 after the adoption of the budget for that financial year or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

#### *Article 3*

##### Methods of implementation

1. Pursuant to point (c) of Article 190(1) of the Rules of Application, the Commission may award grants without a call for proposals to the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union to support the exchange of knowledge and experience on specific strategic civil protection issues and to discuss further civil protection actions between participating states and international partners.
2. Pursuant to point (f) of Article 190(1) of the Rules of Application, the Commission may award a direct grant without a call for proposal to Member States that have pre-committed their response capacities to the European Emergency Response Capacity for the purposes of certifying these capacities and adapting them to the quality requirements set for response operations under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

*Article 4*

Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes not exceeding 20 % of the Union's maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the work programme. The Authorising Officer by Delegation may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

Done at Brussels, 19.12.2017

*For the Commission*  
*Christos STYLIANIDES*  
*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEX

The indicated budget amounts are for EU Member States or for IPA II beneficiaries<sup>4</sup> and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries<sup>5</sup> as earmarked for 2018 and may be supplemented by contributions from the EEA countries and future acceding, candidate or potential candidate countries, which have signed the appropriate agreement with the EU.

### **LEGAL BASIS**

Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism<sup>6</sup>

### **BUDGET ITEMS**

23 03 01 01- Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union

23 03 01 02- Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries

### **BUDGET AMOUNTS**

23 03 01 01: EUR 29 746 000

23 03 01 02: EUR 5 729 000

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Union Civil Protection Mechanism ('Mechanism') should protect primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, from all kinds of natural and man-made disasters, including the consequences of acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental disasters, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union (Article 1(2) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU). This work programme covers actions that are eligible for financial assistance under the Mechanism in the field of prevention, preparedness and horizontal actions in 2018<sup>7</sup>.

In compliance with Article 26 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, synergies and complementarity with other instruments of the Union will be sought as these actions are implemented.

The budget breakdown and actions implemented under direct management can be divided according to the objectives set out in the Decision as follows:

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<sup>4</sup> Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Kosovo (This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence). Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are participating in the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

<sup>5</sup> Eastern Neighbourhood countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine  
Southern Neighbourhood countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia. The participation of Syria is currently suspended.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924.

<sup>7</sup> Emergency response actions under the Mechanism are covered by a separate Commission Decision.

## 23 03 01 01- Disaster prevention and preparedness within the Union

<b>Title of action</b>	<b>Action number</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Amount (EUR)</b>
Prevention projects	1.1	Grant	2 800 000
Improving the knowledge base for disaster prevention, awareness-raising and dissemination of good practices	1.2	Procurement	596 000
The Emergency Response Coordination Centre	2.1	Procurement	1 200 000
Early warning and analysis	2.2	Procurement	2 100 000
Maintenance and further development of the Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS)	2.3	Procurement	300 000
Training	2.4	Procurement	4 900 000
Training network	2.5	Procurement	200 000
Union Civil Protection Mechanism Exercises	2.6	Grant/ Procurement	4 100 000
Exercises on civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and EU Civil Protection Teams (EUCPT)	2.7	Procurement	4 800 000
The European Emergency Response Capacity-voluntary pool	2.8	Grant	2 000 000
Addressing temporary shortcomings	2.9	Grant	2 000 000
Preparedness projects	2.10	Grant	2 800 000
Lessons learned programme; technical meetings and workshops; training, exercise and prevention and preparedness missions	2.11	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	600 000
Exchange of experts	2.12	Procurement	900 000
Workshops with the EU Presidency	3.1	Grant	150 000
CECIS hosting, ERCC security and resilience	3.2	Procurement	300 000

**23 03 01 02- Disaster prevention and preparedness in third countries**

<b>Title of action</b>	<b>Action number</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Amount (EUR)</b>
Prevention projects	1.1	Grant	1 400 000
Early warning and analysis	2.2	Procurement	200 000
Training	2.4	Procurement	300 000
Union Civil Protection Mechanism Exercises	2.6	Grant/ Procurement	1 500 000
Exercises on civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and EU Civil Protection Teams (EUCPT)	2.7	Procurement	110 000
Preparedness projects	2.10	Grant	1 400 000
Lessons learned programme; technical meetings and workshops; training, exercise and prevention and preparedness missions	2.11	Procurement/ reimbursement of expenses	619 000
Exchange of experts	2.12	Procurement	200 000

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## 1. PREVENTION

### 1.1 PREVENTION PROJECTS

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Support and complement the efforts of Member States in the field of disaster prevention, focusing on areas where cooperation provides added value and complement existing cooperation frameworks/instruments provided by relevant EU macro-regional strategies.</p> <p>Support the IPA II beneficiaries and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries in the field of disaster prevention and improve their cooperation with the Mechanism and its Participating States<sup>8</sup>.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved cooperation, exchange of good practices and support for capacity building in prevention actions outlined in Chapter 2 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU (including risk assessment, risk management planning, risk prevention measures).</li> <li>• Improved links between relevant actors and policies throughout the disaster management cycle (prevention – preparedness – response - recovery), and with relevant actors and policies beyond, e.g. climate change adaptation policies;</li> <li>• Improved cross border and macro regional cooperation in disaster prevention;</li> <li>• Improved knowledge base on disaster risks and disaster prevention policies, and raising awareness of disaster prevention which would also contribute to better understanding of and adapting to the future impacts of climate change;</li> <li>• Contributing to the implementation of the Sendai international framework for disaster risk reduction and to the support of the EC Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre.</li> </ul>
<b>Type of activity</b>	Projects, studies
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 800 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 1 400 000 for projects covering the IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate: 75% of eligible costs, with maximum EU contribution of EUR 800 000 of for each proposal financed.</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	One call for proposals
<b>Indicative</b>	Publication of call: first quarter 2018

<sup>8</sup> EU 28, Iceland, Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey

<b>schedule</b>	Award decision: third quarter 2018
<b>Priorities for the year</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Projects promoting the linkages between multi-hazard assessments of risks, including from climate change, risk management capabilities assessments with risk management, preparedness and response planning.</li> <li>2. Projects supporting the development of disaster risk reduction strategies, taking into account climate change adaptation.</li> <li>3. Projects supporting risk awareness and risk communication with a focus on border regions, cross-border and regional dimensions.</li> </ol>
<b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 01 are designed and implemented by transnational partnerships involving a minimum of three entities from three different Participating States or international organisations in cooperation with entities from Participating States. International organisations cannot act as lead consortium partner.</p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 02 involve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a minimum of three entities from three different eligible countries, including at least one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism and/or European Neighbourhood Policy country as a primary beneficiary and an entity from at least one Participating State as a lead consortium partner; or</li> <li>b) a minimum of three entities, including international organisations, at least one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism and/or European Neighbourhood Policy country as a primary beneficiary and an entity from at least one Participating State as a lead consortium partner.</li> </ol> <p>The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission Notice No 2013/C-205/05<sup>9</sup> shall apply for all actions under this Work Programme, including with respect to third parties referred to in Article 137 of Financial Regulation.</p> <p>Projects demonstrate that they are complementary to existing efforts in the beneficiary countries.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <p>Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity, professional qualifications and experience to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables;</p> <p>Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Award criteria</i></p> <p>The following award criteria will be used to assess the proposals: Understanding, Methodology, Cost-effectiveness and European added value.</p>

<sup>9</sup> OJEU C-205 of 19/07/2013, pp. 9-12



## 1.2 IMPROVING THE KNOWLEDGE BASE FOR DISASTER PREVENTION, AWARENESS RAISING AND DISSEMINATION OF GOOD PRACTICES

<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p>Fully implement EU disaster prevention framework, ensuring that prevention is a priority at national and local levels, taking into account links and synergies with climate change adaptation action;</p> <p>Identify possible needs for further EU initiatives in the field of disaster prevention contributing to the implementation of the Sendai Framework and related European Commission Action Plan<sup>10</sup>;</p> <p>Strengthen the linkage of science with EU policy goals in the field of disaster risk management, to improve the knowledge and evidence base, including through the disaster risk management knowledge centre;</p> <p>Improve knowledge on present and emerging natural and man-made risks in Europe and their evolution (for example due to climate change) and the link to sustainable development, building on the second overview of risks in the EU; promote citizens' awareness of disaster risks and how to prepare.</p> <p>Promote cooperation between Member States on disaster prevention and science networking; promote awareness-raising, information and communication about the Mechanism (prevention, preparedness, response).</p> <p>Add value through the pooling and sharing of expertise from Member States, the Commission and other relevant stakeholders and further develop good risk management practices and tools (including risk communication practices, disaster risk reduction-climate change adaptation nexus etc.) to support EU civil protection policies.</p>
<p><b>Expected results</b></p>	<p>Improved knowledge base on disasters and their impact, including most relevant disaster risks, loss data and risk management capabilities;</p> <p>Improved ability to manage risk and build resilience via national risk assessments and assessments of risk management capabilities, including the integration of current and future impacts of climate change;</p> <p>Contribution to the development of risk scenarios to improve the risk assessment and planning processes, links with climate change projections/scenarios should be taken into account;</p> <p>Availability of relevant data confirming the feasibility, added value and possible implementation of further EU and Member State initiatives in disaster risk prevention;</p> <p>Greater science networking in the areas of disaster risk prevention and reduction, as well as climate change risks and vulnerability assessment in</p>

<sup>10</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/echo/sites/echo-site/files/1\\_en\\_document\\_travail\\_service\\_part1\\_v2.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/sites/echo-site/files/1_en_document_travail_service_part1_v2.pdf)

	<p>relation to disaster risk prevention and reduction;</p> <p>Exchange of applied knowledge, policy implementation strategies, risk assessment tools, scenario building, risk management practices and prevention measures in technical meetings;</p> <p>Increased awareness of hazards, risks and civil protection issues;</p> <p>Better knowledge and use of tools available to civil protection authorities and citizens;</p> <p>Increased visibility and understanding of the Mechanism and EU civil protection activities, increased and more effective use of the Mechanism.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Studies, surveys, analyses and statistics.</p> <p>Organisation of the Civil Protection Forum 2018</p> <p>Publication and information actions and materials, including audio-visual materials.</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 596 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>Call for tender for services or use of existing framework contracts.</p> <p>Service level agreement with the DG SCIC for the organisation of events</p> <p>Service level agreement with DG DIGIT for the use of "e-grants" system</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: 3-5</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Call for tender and/or use of existing framework contracts: first half 2018

## 2. PREPAREDNESS

### 2.1 THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION CENTRE

<b>Objectives</b>	Further develop and strengthen the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)
<b>Expected results</b>	The ERCC has the capacity to plan, prepare for and respond to disasters on a 24/7 basis
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Service contracts to support the purchase and development of specialised IT and communication equipment, maintenance and/or arrangements to ensure the ERCC's security, resilience and business continuity on a 24/7 basis;</p> <p>Service contract for contributing to 24/7 capacity; need for additional service provider staff for the ERCC duty system</p> <p>Specialised equipment to maintain a fully operational 24/7 centre and ensure the ERCC's security, resilience and business continuity. It is planned to start the renewal of the equipment from the initial setup of the ERCC in 2013 that has reached its normal lifespan.</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 1 200 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	Call for tender and/or use of existing framework contracts
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>For 24/7 capacity:</p> <p>Call for tender and/or use of existing framework contracts: first half 2018</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: two to three</p>

### 2.2 EARLY WARNING AND ANALYSIS

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>In accordance with Article 8(c) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, work will aim at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintaining and updating existing information platforms and detection and alert systems.</li> <li>2. Supporting the enlargement of the geographical scope of the existing European detection and alert system towards a global coverage.</li> <li>3. Fostering the integration between the existing detection alert systems in order to <i>"increase the availability of and access to multi-hazard</i></li> </ol>
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	<p><i>early warning systems</i>" as contribution to the implementation of the Sendai framework<sup>11</sup>.</p> <p>4. Maintaining the analytical capacity of the ERCC, including mapping capacity, in order to ensure a solid scientific and inter-sectorial analysis during emergencies with a view to serving decision-making and planning.</p> <p>5. Continuation of the European scientific multi-hazard partnership for the provision of 24/7 services to the Emergency Response Coordination Centre consisting of scientific advices in forecasting events or in the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Maintaining and improving the ERCC Portal and the analysis support tool (ALKE);</p> <p>Maintaining and updating the Global Disaster Alert Coordination System (GDACS), the Tsunami Analysis Tool (TAT) and the Digital Map Archive (DMA);</p> <p>Developing and maintaining the Global Flood Awareness System (GLOFAS), Global Drought Observatory (GDO) and Global Wildfire Information System (GWIS);</p> <p>Linking flood detection and forecast systems at global level, through the Global Flood Partnership (GFP) and inclusion of the GFP alerts in GDACS;</p> <p>Enhancing synergies between EFAS, EFFIS, EDO aiming at improving the GDACS which is one of the main global multi-hazard detection and alert system of the emergency response community;</p> <p>Delivery of scientific and analytical reports including maps, allowing the ERCC to establish a comprehensive picture of the situation in the immediate aftermath of an emergency or assist ERCC in forecasting the event, estimating scale &amp; severity of the impact of a disaster and serving as a foundation for the ERCC deployment plans.</p> <p>Creation of regular response feedback reports by the Scientific Partnership (that will continue the activity established with the Aristotle project).</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Updating real-time hazard modelling systems, alerting systems, impact assessment systems, databases, hardware infrastructure and software</p> <p>Maintaining the ERCC scientific, mapping and analytical capacities</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 100 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 200 000</p>

<sup>11</sup> The Sendai Framework is a 15 year, voluntary, non-binding agreement that aims for "*the substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries*".

<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>One administrative arrangement with the JRC under Article 121 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>12</sup> ('the Rules of Application')</p> <p>Call for tender and/or use of existing framework contracts</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>Administrative arrangement: first half 2018</p> <p>Call for tender and/or use of existing framework contracts: first half 2018</p>

### 2.3 MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE CECIS

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Manage and further develop the information and communication systems serving the Member States and the Commission for the purposes of the Mechanism</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>The maintenance and further development of a Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS) and other dedicated hardware and software or specialised equipment/arrangements which enable the ERCC, Member States' operational contact points and other participants in the Mechanism and regional sea conventions to cooperate and share information effectively at any moment.</p> <p>The option to develop interface web services or web page in order to export CECIS information to other ERCC information tools, such as the ERCC portal, will be explored. The set of data to be shared will be defined in collaboration with users.</p> <p>To improve the overview of assistance provided and requested, to allow for a better follow-up of priorities and to enhance user- friendliness, a number of key CECIS features will be redesigned.</p> <p>Some features will be added in CECIS to enable a faster process for transport, and reduce the administrative workflow to support requests.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Service contracts to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CECIS administration and evolving maintenance; helpdesk/support service</li> </ul>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 300 000</p>
<b>Type of Procedure</b>	<p>Use of existing framework contract</p>

<sup>12</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.



<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Use of existing framework contract: second quarter 2018
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## 2.4 TRAINING

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Improve EU preparedness, in particular for the deployment of European Union Civil Protection Teams (EUCPT) and modules in European and third countries.</p> <p>Improve UCPM preparedness tools by a better alignment and integration of common objectives, in particular the UCPM training programme and the exercises programmes. Improve the availability and accessibility of reliable information on training, exercises and deployments.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Expected number of places to be offered in the courses for 2019/2020: up to 1200.</p> <p>Enhanced knowledge about the Mechanism among all actors involved in civil protection assistance under the Mechanism (including national and international experts, EU staff and DG ECHO field focal points).</p> <p>Enhancement of staff management, coordination and assessment knowledge and skills of managers, experts and administrators involved in international disaster response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experts enabled to participate in prevention, preparedness and response missions at the request of an affected state, and the UN or its agencies.</li> </ul> <p>Enhanced knowledge among experts of internationally recognized standards and methodologies in specific areas (e.g. logistics, environmental emergencies, medical teams, camp management, disaster assessment, etc.) to allow for better coordination with other international stakeholders.</p> <p>Enhanced collaboration with the UN and other international organisations in the field of training in order to ensure cooperation and interoperability in joint missions.</p> <p>Training and exercises programmes and strategy are aligned with the needs of the Mechanism and Participating States.</p> <p>Developed an integrated information system on expert's participation in training, exercises and deployments, allowing reliable storage and exchange of information with the different stakeholders.</p> <p>Developed a training and exercises online registration and evaluation tool.</p> <p>Translated online training products into different languages.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Organisation of courses for experts from Participating States (civil protection and marine pollution), the Commission, other EU services and the UN who may participate in civil protection interventions. Participation of national and Union diplomatic personnel as well as health experts may be considered for specific courses. This will not have significant impact on civil protection experts' training.</p>

	<p>A number of places will be allocated to experts coming from IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism or the European Neighbourhood Policy countries.</p> <p>Organisation of meetings (e.g. the Training Policy Group, National Training Coordinators, trainer workshops, ad hoc expert and stakeholder meetings, and preparatory meetings for prevention and preparedness missions).</p> <p>Development and organisation on a test basis of new training courses.</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 4 900 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 300 000</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>Use of existing UCPM training framework contracts.</p> <p>Calls for tender and/or use of existing framework contracts.</p> <p>Use of existing framework contract for travel and accommodation costs of trainers, Training Policy Group members, National Training Coordinators, experts and stakeholders or reimbursement of such costs.</p> <p>Use of existing framework contracts or calls for tenders to purchase information materials to provide expertise and organise meetings, to procure a study on preparedness tools gap analysis and to develop an IT management tool for data storage and information exchange.</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>Call for tender and/or use of existing framework contract: second half 2018</p>

## 2.5 TRAINING NETWORK

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Enhance all phases of disaster management training (prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, taking into account adaptation to and mitigation of climate change) through a dedicated network of organisations dealing with civil protection/disaster management training.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>A training network is established and maintained, effectively linking relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Strengthening the disaster management training community by facilitating cooperation among its members and supporting the development of a more consistent, inclusive and diversified training offer.</p> <p>.Identify the strategic priorities for training and implementation of best practice in specific fields, e.g. industrial or natural and technological disasters.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Development and daily running of the EU Disaster Management Training Network, including:</p> <p>Secretarial support, logistic support, document management;</p> <p>Hosting and managing the IT platform, training, maintenance;</p> <p>Outreach to interested training institutes and other relevant actors in the</p>

	EU, IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries.
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 200 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>Calls for tender and/or the use of existing framework contracts for one renewable contract to run the network.</p> <p>Service-level agreement for the hosting and management of the network's IT platform under the framework contract of DG DIGIT.</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Call for tender and/or use of framework contracts: first half 2018

## 2.6 UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM EXERCISES

<b>Objectives</b>	To improve civil protection preparedness and response to all kinds of disasters, including marine pollution, forest fires and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) disasters, as well as combined disasters, climate-change induced disasters, and disasters simultaneously affecting a number of countries (inside or outside the Participating States of the Mechanism) by providing a testing environment of established and/or new operational concepts and procedures of the Mechanism and a learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection assistance interventions under the Mechanism.
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Improving the response capacity of Member States, in particular with regard to teams and other assets provided in civil protection assistance interventions.</p> <p>Improving and verifying the procedures and establishing a common approach for the coordination of civil protection assistance interventions and reducing the time taken to deploy in major disasters.</p> <p>Enhancing cooperation between the civil protection and marine pollution services of Member States, the Commission and other relevant actors.</p> <p>Identifying and sharing lessons learned.</p> <p>Testing the implementation of lessons learned.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Design, plan, conduct and evaluate exercises with scenarios simulating the situation and conditions of all types of disasters for the activation of the Mechanism, including marine pollution, forest fires, and CBRN disasters, as well as combined disasters and disasters affecting simultaneously a number of countries (inside or outside the participating states of the Mechanism), taking into account climate change impacts where appropriate. The design and planning for the exercises should also take into account the results of evaluations of previous exercises as well as lessons learned from civil protection actions. Towards the end of the exercise project, recommendations and a plan to implement the recommendations should be developed based on the findings that have been outlined in the evaluation.</p> <p>The exercises can be full-scale exercises, command post exercises with</p>

	<p>limited deployment, and table top<sup>13</sup> exercises. A combination of two or three of these exercise concepts is considered as strength. The involvement of Member States is ensured through the ERCC, according to established procedures (e.g. use of CECIS, and activation of the Mechanism) and deployment of exercise participants as defined in Article 32 of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism<sup>14</sup>, i.e. intervention teams (including modules), teams of assessment and/or coordination experts (EUCPT), national key contact point staff, other intervention support resources and officials of the EU Institutions, including humanitarian aid experts (if required by the scenario).</p> <p>The activation of the UCPM and the subject of the Host Nation Support should be integrated in every Mechanism exercise.</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 4 100 000 for the call for proposals and the call for tender</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate: 85 % of eligible costs of proposals, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 1 000 000 for each proposal financed.</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 1 500 000 for tender covering activities in third countries and for proposals covering IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy countries. Maximum co-funding rate: 85 % of eligible costs, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 1 000 000 for each proposal financed.</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>One call for proposals</p> <p>One call for tender</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>Publication of the call for proposals and call for tender: first half of 2018</p> <p>Award decision: third quarter 2018</p>
<b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b>	<p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <p>The emergency scenario is realistic and supports the formulated objectives and aim for the exercise, takes into account existing risk- and vulnerability analysis and is of such magnitude such as to overwhelm the capacities of the affected country;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The request for assistance to the ERCC is established through the official channels of the affected state(s) (National Authority(ies)) and coordinated through the ERCC and the official channels of the other countries;</li> <li>• The Mechanism is activated; and a EUCPT is deployed.</li> <li>• Exercises financed through budget item 23 03 01 01 must involve,</li> </ul>

<sup>13</sup> Also known as discussion based exercises.

<sup>14</sup> OJ L 320, 6.11.2014, p. 1.

as beneficiaries, entities from at least two different Participating States, other than the state organising the exercise project. International organisations can participate in the consortium in addition to the three entities from three different Participating States as an Associate Beneficiary.

- Exercises financed through budget item 23 03 01 02 must involve, as beneficiaries, entities from:

- • at least one European Neighbourhood Policy country or one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism and

- • at least one an entity from an additional country (European Neighbourhood Policy country, IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism or a Participating State)

- • together with the Participating State which is the Coordinating Beneficiary.

International organisations can participate in the consortium in addition to the three entities from three different eligible countries as an Associate Beneficiary, provided that at least one of the three entities is from one European Neighbourhood Policy country or one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism. The focus of these exercises will be to maximize the exchange of knowledge and experience on the EU Mechanism with the third countries.

The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission Notice No 2013/C-205/05 shall apply for all actions under this Work Programme, including with respect to third parties referred to in Article 137 of Financial Regulation.

- Involvement of the national civil protection authorities of the countries in the project (and/or the marine pollution authorities as necessary depending on the exercise scenario). As a minimum, the involvement must be in the form of participation by the 24/7 national contact point in the exercise.

- The application contains a plan describing how improvements should be included following evaluation and how they will be further implemented and retested.

*Selection criteria*

- Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity and professional qualifications and experience of all participants to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables;

- Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity.

*Award criteria*

- Understanding: the use of the elements and resources of the Mechanism as well as the testing of the procedures proposed by the project correspond to the objectives, and the strategic and legislative context of the call;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methodology: the proposed project tasks, the project management methodology in general and the exercise planning, conduct and evaluation methodology are suited to the achievement of the project aims, objectives and expected results. The standards and procedures of other Member States in the exercise, as well as other international standards and conventions (UN), are taken into account where appropriate.</li> <li>• Cost effectiveness: the proposed budget is sufficient for a proper project implementation and the project is designed in such a way as to ensure the best value for money, taking also into account the expected results and deliverables.</li> <li>• European dimension: the proposed project has a proper European dimension, i.e. broad participation of Participating States of the Mechanism, importance, applicability and relevance of the scenario and the expected results for the Member States and the EU as a whole: integration of other products/services funded or developed by the EU.</li> <li>• Understanding and "European dimension includes the following criteria": (a) for disasters inside the EU: the involvement of a wide range of emergency responders (civil protection, police, health and other intervention support), is measured and (b) for scenarios related to disasters outside the EU: the involvement, as appropriate, of EU services and offices and of relevant humanitarian aid and international organisations. In both cases, the use of European Mechanism elements and tools (e.g. Host Nation Support Guidelines, registered modules and/or similar assets) is measured.</li> </ul>
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## 2.7 EXERCISES ON CIVIL PROTECTION MODULES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TEAMS AND EU CIVIL PROTECTION TEAMS (EUCPT)

<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p>To establish common understanding of the cooperation and achieve an interdisciplinary interoperability between modules, other response capacities as listed in the implementing rules, technical assistance and support teams (TASTs) and the (EUCPT) in an international environment.</p> <p>Improvement of civil protection preparedness for and response to disasters by providing a testing environment and learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection modules, other response capacities, technical assistance and support teams and EUCPT, as well as testing the procedures of the Mechanism.</p> <p>The exercises will also be used as part of the certification system for the voluntary pool.</p>
<p><b>Expected results</b></p>	<p>Civil protection modules are interoperable and Member States and the ERCC are aware of cooperation arrangements and operational procedures for their use in real disasters.</p> <p>Enhance cooperation of modules, other response capacities, TAST and EUCPT between each other and with other actors involved during an international deployment.</p> <p>Response capacities participating in the voluntary pool are tested and</p>

	certified.
<b>Type of activity</b>	Plan and conduct exercises for civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams registered in CECIS as well as the EUCPTs. Other response capacities registered in the voluntary pool may also participate in these exercises.  The plans for the exercises should take into account the results of evaluations of previous exercises and lessons learned from civil protection actions.
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 4 800 000 Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 110 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	One call for tender
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Call for tender: second quarter 2018

## 2.8 THE EUROPEAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY (EERC)-VOLUNTARY POOL

<b>Objectives</b>	Improve EU disaster preparedness and response by managing the EERC in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed response capacities and experts.
<b>Expected results</b>	The EERC, including the European Medical Corps are operational; Quality requirements are specified for identified capacities; Pre-committed response capacities are registered in the repository system (CECIS) and certified through a process which generally includes a consultative visit, a table-top exercise, and a field exercise; Adaptation costs (to upgrade response capacities from their purely national use to a state of readiness and availability that makes them deployable as part of the EERC) are financed where necessary. Gap funding costs to address gaps in response capacities.
<b>Type of activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshops, training courses and exercises for modules, TAST, other response capacities, and experts and potential members in the EERC.</li> </ul> Grants for adapting response capacities participating in the EERC. Grants for addressing gaps in response capacities.
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 000 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<b>Certification:</b> Certification activities will be implemented through existing training courses and Mechanism and modules exercises, as well as through specific workshops (the costs of which are covered under this action). Certifiers are

	<p>appointed by the Commission following the nomination by Member States. The costs of certifiers as well as costs of experts attending workshops may be financed using existing framework contracts for travel and accommodation.</p> <p><b>Adaptation:</b></p> <p>Adaptation costs for response capacities participating in the EERC will be financed through direct grants, reimbursement of adaptation costs or framework partnership agreements with Member States' authorities. Up to 100% of eligible costs will be covered, provided this does not exceed 30% of the average cost of developing the capacity.</p> <p><b>Gap funding:</b></p> <p>Gap funding will be awarded by the Commission through a call for proposals in order to support the Member States in developing new response capacities necessary to address gaps identified in accordance with Article 12 of the Decision 1313/2013/EU.</p>
<p><b>Indicative schedule</b></p>	<p>Direct adaptation grants: on the basis of requests from competent authorities</p> <p>Gap funding: first and second quarter 2018, if necessary</p> <p>Reimbursement or new partnership agreements with Member States for the purposes of reimbursing adaptation costs: on the basis of requests</p>
<p><b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b></p>	<p><b>Eligibility criteria:</b></p> <p>Member States' competent authorities or other entities not governed by public law authorised by the Member State pre-committing the response capacity to the EERC to request and receive financial support from the Commission on behalf of that Member State, on the basis of Article 17 of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU.</p> <p><b>Selection criteria:</b></p> <p><b>a) Adaptation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission has considered for inclusion and accepted into the EERC the particular module, TAST or other response capacity for which EU financing of adaptation costs is requested;</li> <li>• An implementation plan for adaptation costs, including estimated costs and timeline, has been submitted by Member States competent authorities;</li> <li>• The implementation plan is approved by the Commission pursuant to Article 17(3) of Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU.</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Gap funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission has considered for future inclusion into the EERC the particular module, TAST or other response capacity for which EU gap funding is required based on the gap identification process.</li> <li>• Preference shall be given to consortia of Member States cooperating</li> </ul>



	<p>on a common risk;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-financing of the capacity(ies) is cost effective.</li> </ul> <p><b>Award criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of the nature of the tasks to be undertaken and the arrangements to be made;</li> <li>• Quality and volume of the intended response capacity provided/developed, suitability and strength of the proposal as measured against the EERC requirements;</li> <li>• Importance of the contribution of the project in closing eventual gaps in EERC capacities goals. Length of commitment to the EERC;</li> <li>• Project management and sustainability, quality of project planning, the availability of the resources for the completion of the tasks and the organisation, structure and control mechanisms intended to secure a quality end result;</li> <li>• Certifiers and experts will be nominated by Participating States and selected by the Commission.</li> </ul>
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## 2.9 ADDRESSING TEMPORARY SHORTCOMINGS (BUFFER CAPACITIES)

<b>Objectives</b>	To contribute to addressing temporary shortcomings in extraordinary disasters.
<b>Expected results</b>	Establish stand-by availability of certain response capacities and Member States' rapid access to these capacities, in accordance with Article 21(2)(d) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>2018 priority: maximum of three response capacities of any of the following type(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood Containment</li> <li>• Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems</li> <li>• Aerial forest fire fighting using planes</li> </ul>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 000 000</p> <p>Maximum co-financing: 40% of eligible costs ensuring rapid access to buffer capacities</p> <p>Up to 100% of costs or fees necessary to design, prepare, negotiate, conclude and manage the contracts or arrangements as well as the costs of developing standard operating procedures and exercises to ensure the effective use of assets.</p>
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>Call for proposals</p> <p>Indicative number of calls: 1-3</p>
<b>Indicative</b>	Publication of the call(s) for proposals: first - fourth quarter 2018

<b>schedule</b>	Award decision(s): second - fourth quarter 2018
<b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b>	<p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <p>Member States' competent authorities or other entities not governed by public law authorised by the Member State pre-committing the response capacity to the EERC to request and receive financial support from the Commission on behalf of that Member State, on the basis of Article 17 of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU.</p> <p>Eligible activities may include i) preparatory work on the design, preparation, negotiation, conclusion and management of contracts or arrangements to ensure the stand-by availability of the necessary response capacities; ii) development of standard operational procedures and exercises to ensure the effective use of these capacities agreements or similar arrangements.</p> <p><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof that all participants have the adequate operational and financial capacity to carry out the action according to the proposed objectives and deliverables;</li> </ul> <p><i>Award criteria</i></p> <p>The following award criteria will be used to assess the proposals: Understanding, Methodology, Cost-effectiveness and European added value.</p>

## 2.10 PREPAREDNESS PROJECTS

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01:</p> <p>Improve the preparedness of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism to respond to disaster risks.</p> <p>Enhance knowledge of effective preparedness and through the EC Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre.</p> <p>Develop cooperation across countries on challenges in the field of civil protection and/or marine pollution and enhance the awareness of professionals and volunteers.</p> <p>Complement existing cooperation frameworks/instruments provided by relevant EU macro-regional strategies.</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02:</p> <p>Support a closer partnership between the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy countries.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01:</p> <p>The EU response capacity is enhanced through a better pooling of teams, assets and expertise.</p> <p>Additional response capacities are made available to the European</p>

	<p>Emergency Response Capacity and the European Medical Corps.</p> <p>Plans are developed to increase the efficiency of disaster response.</p> <p>The quality and interoperability of EU response capacities are improved.</p> <p>Approaches to meet specific civil protection and marine pollution needs and/or challenges at regional and cross border level are assessed, tested and evaluated.</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02:</p> <p>The preparedness of IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism or European Neighbourhood Policy country is increased through a closer cooperation with the UCPM and its Participating States.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	Cooperation projects and studies, which may include small-scale exercises and training aimed at specific complementary improvements and innovation.
<b>Priorities for the year</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Actions aimed at increasing the countries' preparedness for receiving international assistance in the context of the EU Host Nation Support Guidelines</li> <li>2. Actions improving trans-border and macro regional cooperation in disaster preparedness, including enhancing support to Participating States in awareness-raising, public information (e.g. risk awareness), knowledge dissemination and education (e.g. self-resilience).</li> <li>3. Enhancing cooperation between civil protection and humanitarian aid actors</li> <li>4. Actions, other than those mentioned in 2.8 (certification and adaptation) aimed at further developing the preparedness aspects of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, inter alia through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the development and testing of innovative response technologies and methodologies.</li> <li>• enhanced quality and interoperability of response capacities These activities will be undertaken on a pilot basis and their results will be presented to relevant working groups and the Civil Protection Committee to inform debate on more structural solutions.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02:</p> <p>Actions aimed at enhancing the cooperation with enlargement and Neighbourhood countries through a closer cooperation with the UCPM and its Participating States. Projects should be complementary and should take stock of achievements of relevant activities undertaken at European level using Union funds.</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 2 800 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 1 400 000 for projects covering the IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries</p>

	Maximum co-funding rate: 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 800 000 for each proposal financed.
<b>Type of procedure</b>	One call for proposals
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Publication of the call: first quarter 2018 Award decision: third quarter 2018
<b>Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria</b>	<p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 01 are designed and implemented by transnational partnerships involving a minimum of three entities from three different Participating States or international organisations in cooperation with entities from Participating States. International organisations cannot act as lead consortium partner.</p> <p>Projects financed under budget item 23 03 01 02 involve:</p> <p>a) a minimum of three entities from three different eligible countries, including at least one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism and/or European Neighbourhood Policy country as a primary beneficiary and an entity from at least one Participating State as a lead consortium partner; or</p> <p>b) a minimum of three entities, including international organisations, at least one IPA II beneficiary not participating in the Mechanism and/or European Neighbourhood Policy country as a primary beneficiary and an entity from at least one Participating State as a lead consortium partner.</p> <p>The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission Notice No 2013/C-205/05 shall apply for all actions under this Work Programme, including with respect to third parties referred to in Article 137 of Financial Regulation.</p> <p>Projects demonstrate that they are complementary to existing efforts in the beneficiary countries.</p> <p><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <p>Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity, professional qualifications and experience to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables;</p> <p>Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity.</p> <p><i>Award criteria</i></p> <p>The following award criteria will be used to assess the proposals: Understanding, Methodology, Cost-effectiveness and European added value.</p>

**2.11 LESSONS LEARNED PROGRAMME; TECHNICAL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS; TRAINING, EXERCISE AND PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS MISSIONS**

<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p>Encourage learning through a lessons learned programme covering the entire disaster management cycle and synergies with climate change adaptation.</p> <p>Facilitate the exchange of knowledge, skills and good practices through workshops and technical meetings and facilities offered by the EC Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre.</p> <p>Improve the professional skills of experts and other response teams through participation in selected trainings and exercises, including trainings in the ERCC.</p> <p>Support Member States and third countries in prevention and preparedness measures and provide expert advice through the deployment of an expert team.</p> <p>Maximise synergies between different initiatives in the area of disaster management and encourage the pooling of expertise from Member States, the Commission and international partners. Explore synergies with climate change adaptation.</p> <p>Contribute to resilience building in line with the Joint Communication on the "EU's Strategic Approach to Resilience", including by providing support to third countries regional crisis centres, sharing EU Civil Protection experience and knowledge, and ensuring that development actors step in civil protection measures whenever possible to enhance disaster preparedness, disaster risk reduction and disaster response in a coordinated manner.</p> <p>Familiarise Member States as well as neighbouring countries with European tools and systems used in the preparedness and response to disasters, including marine pollution and climate-change induced events.</p>
<p><b>Expected results</b></p>	<p>A comprehensive programme of lessons learned is developed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the monitoring, analysis and evaluation of relevant actions;</li> <li>(b) the implementation of lessons learned;</li> <li>(c) the development of methods and tools.</li> </ul> <p>Temporary shortcomings and capacity gaps are identified and evidence on capacity gaps is enhanced.</p> <p>Technical meetings and workshops on relevant themes, with a broad participation of Member States and other relevant stakeholders, including in the context of certification for the voluntary pool.</p> <p>An appropriate participation of experts and response capacities in trainings and exercises.</p> <p>Member States and third countries are better prepared for natural and man-made disasters.</p> <p>Prevention activities are included in national strategies, including</p>

	<p>national climate change adaptation strategies.</p> <p>Improved preparedness of the coastal neighbouring countries to receive operational and technical support through the ERCC and to allow them to become users of the marine pollution CECIS application.</p> <p>Improved risk governance and strengthened chemical accident prevention in IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Organising lessons learned meetings and facilitating a broad participation therein.</p> <p>Supporting the deployment of experts to advisory prevention and preparedness missions.</p> <p>Organising technical meetings on specific topics related to disaster management. This may include for instance meetings on risk assessment and management, modules, early warning, transport, disaster response planning, CBRN, training network, innovative approaches, social media in disasters, joint meetings between marine pollution and civil protection actors, between disaster management and climate change adaptation actors, etc. It covers preparatory analysis, meetings with the representatives of Member States, including regular DGs meetings to exchange best practices and to further develop cooperation within the Mechanism. It can also include meetings and conferences with international partners to exchange best practices in disaster management.</p> <p>Facilitating an appropriate participation of Member States' experts and response capacities in selected training events, technical meetings and workshops, debriefings (lessons learned), exercises and observation missions organised by others.</p> <p>Where relevant, the activities can be extended to IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries. The participation of experts or representatives of other third countries can be supported on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>Support the implementation of Council Directive 82/501/EEC of 24 June 1982 on the major-accident hazards of certain industrial activities<sup>15</sup> ('the Seveso Directive') by the IPA II beneficiaries and European Neighbourhood Policy countries through a technical cooperation with the Major Accidents Hazards Bureau of JRC (JRC-MAHB) addressing countries' needs over the long term in areas as good practice exchange, risk assessment, Seveso information/ application website, including online information exchange and portals, and applications for accidents lessons learned reporting and analysis.</p>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	<p>Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 600 000</p> <p>Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 619 000</p>
<b>Type of</b>	Use of existing framework contracts

<sup>15</sup> OJ L 230, 5.8.1982, p. 1.

<b>procedure</b>	<p>Call for tender for services e.g. web streaming for meetings</p> <p>Administrative arrangement with JRC-MAHB to support the implementation of the Seveso Directive (for a maximum of EUR 500 000)</p> <p>In addition, reimbursement of per diems of experts on the ERCC missions or invited by the Commission to present their missions or other activities during relevant lessons learned or technical meetings.</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: one or two</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	<p>For lessons learned and technical workshops, the schedule follows the activation of the Mechanism case by case, depending on the disasters. For training and exercise observation missions, the schedule follows the organisation of major exercises or other training events.</p> <p>One lessons learned meeting per quarter, depending on disasters.</p> <p>One annual report of the identified lessons learned; their follow up and the state of implementation.</p> <p>Two DGs meetings per year.</p> <p>Five to ten prevention and preparedness missions per year (upon request)</p>

## 2.12 EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS

<b>Objectives</b>	<p>To improve the effectiveness of transnational cooperation through the Mechanism by improving the knowledge and experience of the experts involved and enabling them to attend specific courses not available in their home country, or to give such courses in a host country.</p>
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>Experts have experience and direct knowledge of similar responsibilities under different national systems; they are familiar with various techniques and approaches used by other emergency services, with modules and the 112 call centres.</p>
<b>Type of activity</b>	<p>Design, organisation, promotion and monitoring of a system of exchange and short-term placement of experts (target: 450-500 experts, of which up to 75 from eligible third countries).</p> <p>Priority will be given to experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- who can be called upon for EU missions;</li> <li>- working in operation centres;</li> <li>- in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) defence;</li> <li>- in prevention and preparedness and</li> <li>- in risk assessment.</li> </ul> <p>Experts from IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and from European Neighbourhood Policy countries may participate in the programme.</p>

<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 900 000 Budget item 23 03 01 02: EUR 200 000 for experts from IPA II beneficiaries not participating in the Mechanism and European Neighbourhood Policy countries.
<b>Type of procedure</b>	One call for tender
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Call for tender: second quarter 2018



### 3. HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES

#### 3.1 WORKSHOPS WITH THE EU PRESIDENCY

<b>Objectives</b>	Workshops to exchange knowledge and experience on specific strategic civil protection issues and to discuss further civil protection actions organised in cooperation with the Austrian and Romanian Presidencies of the Council of the European Union.
<b>Expected results</b>	Increased awareness and better understanding of strategic civil protection challenges. Improved consensus among the main stakeholders from the Participating States.  Improved awareness of synergies and linkages with other relevant policies (migration, climate change adaptation, etc.)
<b>Type of activity</b>	2 workshops
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 150 000 (indicative amount: EUR 75 000 for each Presidency), maximum co-funding rate: 75 % of eligible costs
<b>Type of procedure</b>	Grants without a call for proposals to bodies with a duly substantiated de facto or de jure monopoly (Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union <sup>16</sup> and Article 190(1) (c) of the Rules of Application).
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	First and second half of 2018 (preparatory work)
<b>Essential award criteria</b>	Award criteria: 1. Relevance of the proposed workshop topic to the objectives and priorities of the civil protection work programme; 2. Quality of project planning and implementation; 3. Budget and cost-effectiveness of proposal.

#### 3.2 CECIS HOSTING, ERCC SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

<b>Objectives</b>	Ensure ERCC's security and resilience against external and internal hazards and increase safety and security of liaison officers on ERCC missions. Ensure interoperability and data exchange between CECIS and the other ERCC applications.
<b>Expected results</b>	The ERCC and CECIS work permanently, in secure conditions and at full capacity, during disasters and on normal duty. Liaison officers on ERCC missions are fully equipped and protected.
<b>Type of activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software architecture, CECIS hosting and related assistance;</li> <li>• Supply of necessary protective and other equipment;</li> </ul>

<sup>16</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012. p. 1.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further extend and implement the ‘ERCC mission kit (secure mobile communication equipment linking headquarters and field experts) for use in expert missions not involving a TAST.</li> </ul>
<b>Indicative amount</b>	Budget item 23 03 01 01: EUR 300 000
<b>Type of procedure</b>	<p>Service-level agreement with DG DIGIT (CECIS hosting on two servers)</p> <p>Call for tender or the use of framework contract for equipment</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: one to two</p>
<b>Indicative schedule</b>	Launch of procedures: mid-2018