



# Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network

## Knowledge Network governance

The governance structure of the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network (Knowledge Network) is composed of advisory bodies and a secretariat. Together, they advise on and ensure the smooth running of the network.

### The Knowledge Network Board

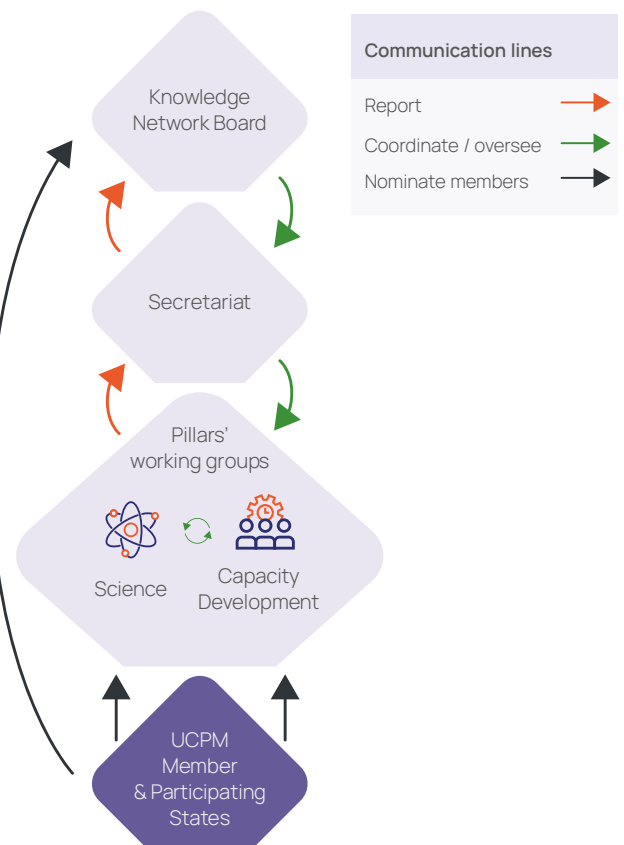
The Board acts primarily as a strategic forum, advising the Commission on the strategic orientation of the Knowledge Network, and overseeing the Network's functions. It is composed of a Commission representative and a representative from each Member State, with representatives of the Participating States of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism being granted observer status.

The Board is chaired by the Commission and co-chaired by the Member State holding the preceding rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union. It reviews, monitors and ensures that the members comply with the Knowledge Network's rules and policies, and endorses the annual report.

### The Secretariat

To ensure the effective and efficient organisation of its activities, the Knowledge Network has a secretariat, which is provided by the Commission.

The Secretariat's main role is to support the work of the Knowledge Network bodies to ensure their coordination, coherence and information sharing.



## Pillars' working groups

The **pillars' working groups** will steer the work of the Knowledge Network's two pillars: the Capacity Development Pillar and the Science Pillar. The pillars are where activities are initiated, planned, designed and implemented and their working groups will support the technical work of the Knowledge Network.



### The Capacity Development Pillar

The Capacity Development Pillar aims to connect, promote and strengthen capacity development initiatives relevant to civil protection and disaster-management stakeholders. It focuses on existing programmes and projects, such as the Union Civil Protection Mechanism Training and Exercises programme, the Exchange of Civil Protection Experts programme, the Knowledge Network partnerships and the Union Mechanism Prevention and Preparedness programme.



### The Science Pillar

The Science Pillar aims to bring together academia, practitioners and decision-makers for multi-disciplinary, cross-sectoral and cross-border cooperation. One of its objectives is to apply scientific knowledge to disaster risk management – particularly prevention and preparedness activities – more efficiently.

The Science Pillar builds on and integrates existing scientific structures and networks supporting the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

It will particularly rely on the Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre, managed by the Commission's Joint Research Centre and relevant Horizon Europe programmes that fund research and innovation networking initiatives in the area of disaster risk management.



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