

# Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network



## Union Civil Protection Mechanism Training Programme

### What is it?

Through its Knowledge Network, the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) offers a dynamic and comprehensive training programme tailored to specific target groups. The programme aims to enhance the coordination, compatibility and complementarity of capacities, and improve the competence of civil protection experts in EU Member States and UCPM Participating States. The UCPM Training Programme helps to increase the UCPM response capability and better prepare for disasters, and supplements the national training offer provided to experts by their countries and organisations.

### Who can participate?

The UCPM Training Programme is open to civil protection and disaster management experts from EU Member States and UCPM Participating States. Some courses are also open to eligible third countries (EU candidate/potential candidate countries and Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood countries), as well as to representatives from the United Nations and other international organisations involved in international disaster management operations.

### What training is on offer?

Various courses are offered as part of the training programme, ranging from introductory to advanced and refresher training:

- The core training programme consists of courses that prepare different categories of experts – such as European Union Civil Protection Team (EUCPT) experts, Technical Assistance and Support Team (TAST) members, technical experts, and modules and other response capacities key personnel – for deployment on UCPM missions. Specialised European Commission-United Nations (EC-UN) joint training courses are designed as part of the deployable pathway to train participants for specific deployments, like environmental or medical emergency missions.

- Additional core components of the programme train participants in their UCPM role linked to their national emergency management system. These courses target mainly civil protection and disaster management stakeholders who perform a UCPM coordination role at national level and will be involved, in some form, with UCPM assistance.
- The UCPM Training Programme also offers e-learning modules on different disaster management topics, from stand-alone courses, such as cultural sensitivity and gender, to refresher and pre-learning for residential training courses. Some online modules are offered in French, Spanish and Arabic in addition to English.
- Finally, the UCPM provides flexible training to respond to emerging risk and needs in the form of ad-hoc training courses, training of trainers, and thematic workshops and seminars. These learning activities aim to address knowledge and skills gaps as they are identified.

## Why take part?

Thanks to the UCPM Training Programme, civil protection experts and emergency management personnel can acquire competencies they need to collaborate effectively in response to disasters both inside and outside the European Union.

The training programme also provides access to a community of highly-skilled peers ready to support and engage in UCPM operations and activities worldwide.

## How can I register?

To take part in training courses, participants must be nominated by their National Training Coordinator or National Focal Point (for third countries).

Self-instructed e-learning modules are open and freely accessible upon registration on the [EU Academy Knowledge Network - UCPM Training and Exercises Programme](#) page.

To find out more, go to the [training](#) page on the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network website.

## UCPM Training Programme since 2004:

**15,000+**

Training opportunities

**6,200+**

Experts

# UCPM Training Programme

## Core UCPM training courses

- Union Mechanism Introduction Course (UMI)
- Safety and Security Course (SEC)
- Operational Deployment Course (ODC)
- Operational Deployment Course advanced (ODC ADV)
- Deployable Capacities Course (DCC)
- Team Leadership Course (TLC)
- Safety and Security Course advanced (SEC ADV)
- Information Management Course advanced (IMC ADV)
- Mechanism Refresher Course (MRS)
- Mechanism Introduction Course for National Civil Protection and Disaster Management staff (NAT)
- Mechanism Course for National Authorities UCPM Contact Points (NCP)
- Operational Integration Course (OIC)
- Mechanism Introduction Course for EU Delegations and ECHO Offices staff (EUD)

## EC-UN courses

- Environmental Emergency Training Course (EET)
- Urban Search and Rescue Coordination Cell Training Course (UCC)
- Emergency Medical Team Coordination Cell Courses (EMTCC)
- Logistics Response Team Course (LRT)

## Flexible training to respond to emerging risks and needs (examples)

- European Civil Protection Pool Peer Certifiers workshops
- National Training Coordinators online module
- Workshop for Team Leaders of European Union Civil Protection and United Nation Disaster and Assessment Coordination Teams
- Training of trainers courses for EU MODEX coaches and trainers
- Training course on Evidence for Policy in Disaster Risk Management

## Online modules

- Cultural Sensitivity and Gender
- Information Management
- Introduction to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism
- UCPM Refresher e-learning modules:
  - Pre-deployment refresher course for Team and Deputy Team leaders
  - Pre-deployment refresher course for all UCPM experts
- Aerial Forest Firefighting capacities
- ERCC Liaison Officers

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