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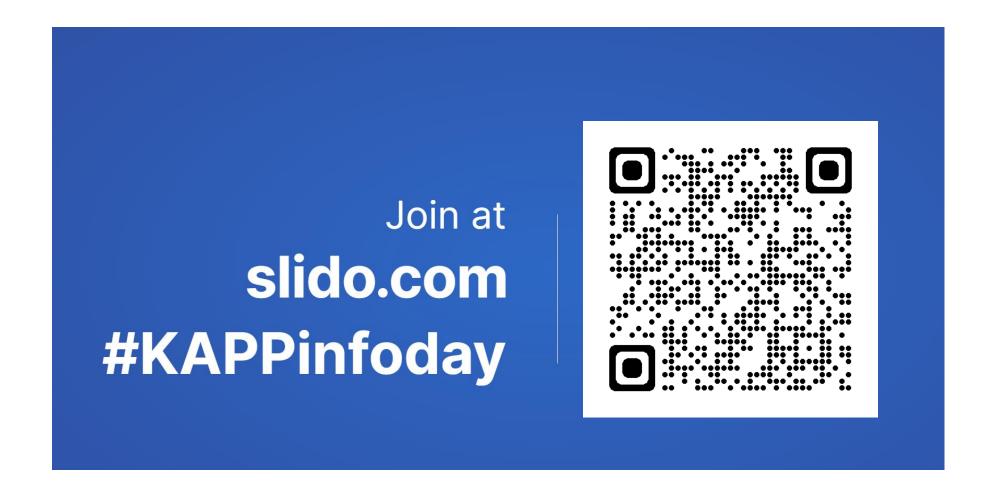
Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness Call for Proposals

Information Day - 15 February 2024



Questions and Answers

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Opening remarks



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UCPM Capacity Building Opportunities

Technical
Assistance for
Disaster Risk
Management
(Track 1)



Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness (KAPP)



Aligned with the EU Disaster Resilience Goals

Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)





1. Anticipate

Improving risk assessment, anticipation and disaster risk management planning



Flagship

Europe- wide disaster scenarios





2. Prepare

Increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population



Flagship

"preparEU": A pan-European awareness programme for disaster resilience





3. Alert

Enhancing early warning



Flagship

Linking global early warning with local action in Europe





4. Respond

Enhancing the Union Civil Protection Mechanism response capacity



Flagship

Scaling-up rescEU strategic reserve





5. Secure

Ensuring a robust civil protection system



Flagship

Stress-testing the emergency operation centres across Europe



Disaster Resilience Goals



Welcome

Information Day Overview

- Introduction to KAPP call
- Topic 1: Prevention
- Topic 2: Preparedness
- Topic 3: Full-Scale Exercises
- Common elements of call
- Financial and legal issues
- Questions & answers
- Introduction to Funding & Tenders opportunities portal

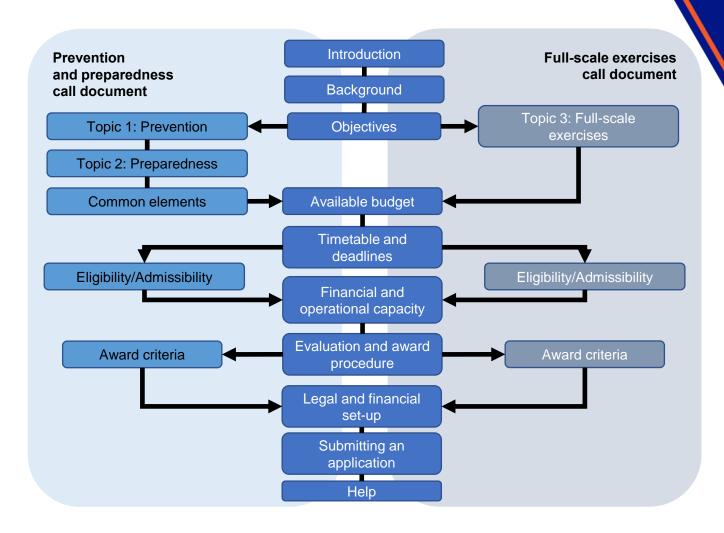




Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness

An Introduction

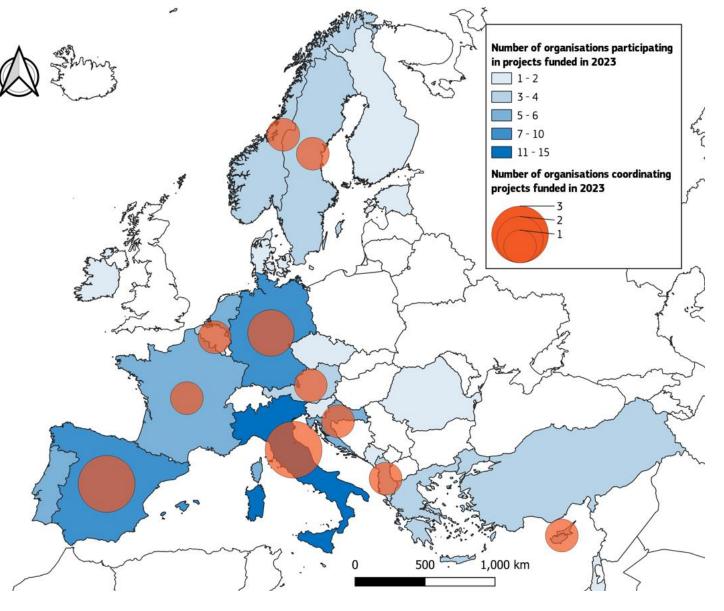
- Coherence/transparency
- One call with two call documents
- One common point of contact
- One single Q&A document





KAPP 2023

- 16 projects
- 115 organisations
- 28 countries





Projects funded - KAPP Call 2023

CRISAFE

EMMERA

preparEU

SAFE-LAND

BORIS2

FIREPRIME

VERA



EUMA

EWED

MANIFESIS

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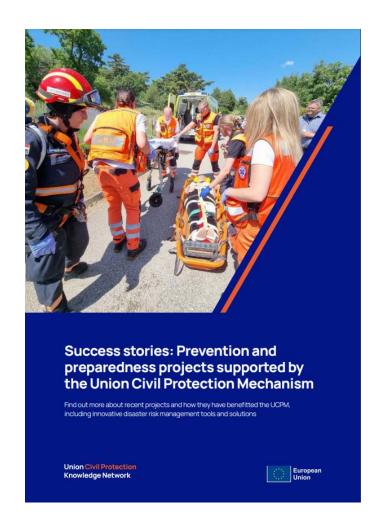


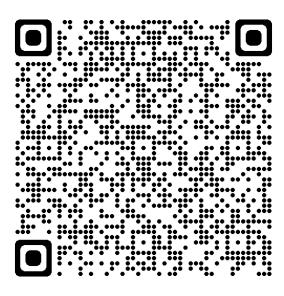
MAGNITUDE



UCPM prevention & preparedness projects

Success stories







KAPP: Objectives

Proposal must define work packages, outputs and deliverables that contribute to the general objectives of the call

- UCPM systemic relevance
- Union disaster resilience goals
- Strengthening knowledge partnerships between civil protection and DRM actors
- Building new and further developing existing competencies/capacities
- Raising further preparedness and awareness of relevant stakeholders





Overview

The call for proposals aims to identify projects strengthening cooperation among Member and Participating States on disaster prevention and preparedness



Prevention

Strengthen cooperation among UCPM countries and between UCPM and third countries for the prevention of natural and human-induced disasters



Preparedness

Address demonstrated preparedness gaps relevant for the UCPM community



Full-scale Exercises

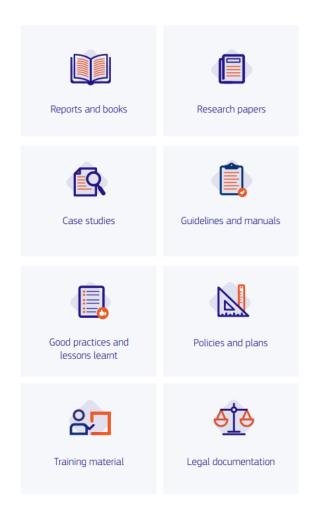
Provide a testing environment and a learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection assistance interventions

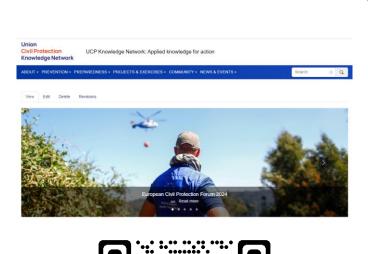


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The UCPKN and its platform as the Prevention and Preparedness hub of the UCPM

- Current state of the network
- Role of projects
- Knowledge Network Platform
 - Project pages
 - User profiles
 - Discussion Groups
 - Knowledge Library











Prevention

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Prevention

Any action aimed reducing risks or mitigating adverse consequences of a disaster for people, the environment and property, including cultural heritage.

Priorities:



1. Risk assessments, anticipation and risk management planning



2. Risk awareness



3. Early warning



4. Wildfire risk management

Priority 1: Risk assessments, anticipation and risk management planning

Enhancing the eligible entities' capability to identify and assess relevant disaster risks with potential transboundary/trans-European and cross-sectoral impacts and use that information to reinforce disaster prevention and preparedness activities.

Outputs

- Improved or new **risk assessment methodologies** of relevance for the UCPM, including to measure and/or enhance the understanding of the impact of current and future disasters.
- Improved or new DRM planning tools.
- Harmonised multi-country risk management plans or action plans for one or more risks (identified in a multi-cross risk assessment) are developed and/or further improved.
- 'Build-back better' tools and guidelines, including cost-benefit analysis tools, feasibility studies for green prevention solutions (including nature-based solutions), and considering climate adaptation, climate mitigation and disaster risk reduction





Priority 2: Risk awareness

Enhancing enhance risk awareness and preparedness of the population, including through increasing the overall level of risk awareness, prevention and preparedness measures amongst the population, improving public access to disaster risk information, and enhancing the culture of risk prevention and self-protection.

Outputs

- Improved or new multi-risk awareness raising methodologies for various DRM stakeholders.
- Compilation of good practices and knowledge in the field of risk communication and risk awareness.
- Awareness raising products, such as media campaigns, including social media, open-source platforms, augmented reality, or other.
- Awareness raising platforms and events (virtual and face-to-face)
- ...



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Priority 3: Early warning

Building and improving forecasting, detection and monitoring capabilities, as well as public warning and alert systems.

Outputs

- Improved systems for hazard monitoring, forecasting and prediction, including through the use of new technologies.
- Mechanisms and procedures for information sharing with the ERCC and for a better integration of early warning systems in decision making at various levels.
- User manuals for early warning systems.
- Methodologies and applications of hazard mapping for early warning systems.
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Priority 4: Wildfire risk management

Developing or improving data collection and analysis, risk assessment, risk management planning, risk governance, and early warning systems on wildfire; and raising public awareness, developing education and training material, and improving the understanding on the wildfire-related risks and prevention measures among key actors.

Outputs

- Overview of existing wildfire governance models and/or proposals for improved integrated wildfire risk governance.
- **Methodologies** for wildfire risk assessment, planning, and/or prevention or post-fire restoration, including for the wildland-urban interface, peatbog fires, various types of ecosystems and socioeconomic conditions.
- Fire hazard assessments and tools.
- Decision-support and training tools for various population groups and decision makers, including Artificial Intelligence-supported wildfire simulation tools.
- ...







Preparedness

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Preparedness

Increase the overall preparedness of the UCPM and its stakeholders through activities that address ongoing and emerging issues of systemic relevance

- UCPM systemic relevance of proposal
- Complement or link to European, national, regional or previous UCPM preparedness initiatives
- Broaden the spectrum of contributing organisations beyond traditional civil protection authorities



Preparedness Priorities

Two broad priorities intended to enable consortia to pursue risks and methods relevant to them.



Institutional preparedness

Advancing preparedness, both within and across organisations, sectors and borders, especially in the context of applying lessons learnt to existing structures and processes



Individual capacity strengthening

Sharing knowledge, and developing formats to effectively make knowledge and skills available to relevant audiences throughout the UCPM community

Institutional preparedness

Encouraging cooperation at institutional level between different stakeholders in the interest of increasing preparedness at an institutional level

Outputs

- Analyses, feasibility studies, background studies, ex-ante evaluations for scenariobased capacity-development and applied science activities.
- Scenario frameworks, manuals, guidelines and planning tools, action plans, evaluation reports and other analytical products on developed, tested and assessed disaster risk scenarios.
- Proposals on integrating scenario-based capacity-development and applied science activities into the existing UCPKN activities.
- Information Technology (IT) tools, processes, and methodologies for collecting, processing, creating and disseminating information.





Individual capacity strengthening

Expanding knowledge, skills and performance to strengthen capacity at an individual scale

Outputs

- Development of **training modules** and corresponding **training materials** to build relevant skills for changing work environment in DRM.
- Guidance material for translating lessons learnt into existing learning initiatives.
- Scenario frameworks, **manuals**, **guidelines** and **planning tools**, action plans, evaluation reports and trainings on their use and adaptation.
- Information Technology (IT) tools, processes, and methodologies for collecting, processing, creating and disseminating information and knowledge.









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What is a Full-scale exercise?

UCPM **full-scale exercises** are the most complex and resourceintensive operations-based exercise. They should involve multiple agencies, organisations, and jurisdictions and test and validate many different elements of preparedness at different levels.

A scenario is a story or situation that unfolds and helps stimulate the exercise participants to react in accordance with their understanding of procedures, plans and response processes.

The exercise incorporates political, strategic, operational and/or tactical aspects and involves the local, regional, national, European and/or international response.





Eligible proposals





The call for proposals is looking for the design, planning, preparation, implementation, conduct, and evaluation of one full-scale exercise project in UCPM Member States/Participating States.

The project is expected to include:

- A building block approach which includes at least one TTX and one FSX, or one CPX and one FSX or all three
- A realistic and challenging scenario linked to risk assessments
- Activation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism
- Deployment of an EU Civil Protection Team
- Deployment of assets and teams of the European Civil Protection Pool (ECPP)



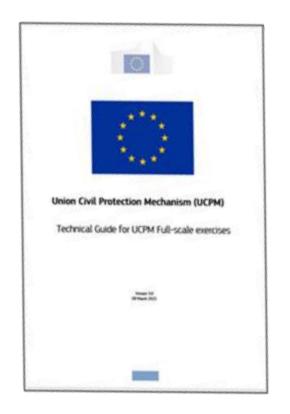
Eligible proposals

- Use of the Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS): Information exchange between the affected country(ies), participating states and the ERCC
- The involvement of relevant national operational structures





- EU Host Nation Support guidelines
- EU observers
- Evaluation, lessons learned and way forward
- EU visibility
- EUCPT



Non-eligible activities

Full-scale exercises in Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood countries that can be funded under other UCPM programmes (example: PPRD East, PPRD Med)





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Common elements

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Timeline

Common for Prevention, Preparedness and Full-scale exercises

Single timeline with deadlines

Timetable and deadlines (indicative)	
Call opening:	1 February 2024
Deadline for submission:	25 April 2024 – 17:00 CET (Brussels)
Evaluation:	May-July 2024
Information on evaluation results:	July 2024
GA signature:	October-November 2024

This information is provided for information purposes only. Refer to call documents for official requirements



Admissibility

Specific for Prevention, Preparedness and Full-scale exercises

- Deadlines!
- Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission
 System/ No paper submissions
- Complete: Part A, Part B and topic specific mandatory Annexes
- Prevention and Preparedness:
 - Mapping of relevant past and present initiatives
 - End-user and stakeholder engagement plan
- Mandated to act
- 50 page maximum (excluding annexes)

Mandatory Annexes		
Annex	Prevention & Preparedness	Full-scale Exercises
Detailed budget table	~	/
CVs project team	/	/
Activity reports	/	/
List of previous projects	~	/
Letter of support from CPA	~	/



Eligibility

Specific elements for Prevention, Preparedness and Full-scale exercises

Eligibility

- Minimum 3 legal entities from 3 eligible countries (topic specific composition)
- See section 13 for special cases (e.g. affiliated entities)
- Participant register before submission each beneficiary
- Meaningful contribution from each beneficiary
- Non-eligible activities: online platforms duplicating UCPKN platform functions, third party financial support, full-scale exercises restricted to Topic 3 of KAPP call
- Geographic location

Financial, operational capacity and exclusion

- Sufficient financial and operational resources
- Participant register before submission

Consortium Eligibility		
Consortium	Prevention & Preparedness	Full-scale Exercises
Eligible Countries	EU MS, UCPM PS, IPA, ENP,	EU MS, UCPM PS,
Consortium coordinator	Public or private entity from EU MS, UCPM PS	Civil protection authority
Composition	Minimum 3 beneficiaries from 3 different eligible states	Minimum 3 beneficiaries from 3 different eligible states
Natural persons	0	O
EU bodies	(except JRC)	(except JRC)
International organisations	ParticipationCoordinatorCounted	ParticipationCoordinatorCounted



Award criteria

Specific for Prevention, Preparedness and Full-scale exercises

- Criteria: Relevance, Quality, Impact
- Sub-criteria:
 - Harmonized sub-criteria and scoring for Prevention and Preparedness topics
 - Exercise specific criteria for Full-scale Exercise topic

Scores	for Prevention	and Prepa	redness ⁻	Topics
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Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	20	30
Quality	25	40
Impact	20	30
Overall (pass) scores	70	100

Scores for Full-scale Exercise Topic

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	30	40
Quality	20	30
Impact	20	30
Overall (pass) scores	70	100



Award criteria

Relevance

Prevention & Preparedness	Full-scale Exercises
Purpose, thematic focus and objectives	Aim, objectives and expected results
Needs analysis	Scenario consistency and complexity
EU added value	Exercising participants
Consortium composition and links to stakeholders	UCPM elements
	EUCP Teams



Award criteria

Quality

Prevention & Preparedness	Full-scale Exercises
Clarity, consistency, and technical soundness	Organisation and planning
Project management, implementation	Exercises
Cost effectiveness	
Project team and composition	

Impact

Prevention & Preparedness	Full-scale Exercises
Replicability, scalability, and impact	Evaluation and Lessons learned dissemination
Sustainability	
Dissemination	



Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements

Common for Prevention, Preparedness and Full-scale exercises

The Grant Agreement will be the framework for the grant including:

- Starting date/project duration: maximum 24 months
- Milestones and deliverables: specific to topic
- Funding rate/maximum grant amount
- Budget categories and eligible costs
- Reporting and payment arrangement (including prefinancing)
- Final report (outside of continuous reporting)

Required milestones and deliverables		
Prevention & Preparedness	Full-scale Exercises	
Progress reports at 9 months (also at 17 if project exceeds 20 months)	Progress reports: at mid-term	
Mapping of relevant initiatives within UCPM including an evaluation of potential synergies	Invitations to EUCPT experts and Observers programmes	
Dissemination plan including end user and stakeholder analysis	Organisation into predetermined work packages	



Available Budget

Indicative allocation of funds by priority distribution

• Prevention topic: EUR 6 000 000

Preparedness topic: EUR 4 000 000

• Full-scale field exercises topic: EUR 4 000 000

- EU Funding from this call can constitute up to **90%** of any proposal budget
- EU funding is capped at EUR 1 000 000 per proposal
- Minimum EU Funding per proposal
 - Prevention, Preparedness: EUR 400 000
 - Full-scale exercises: EUR 500 000



Communication

General approach and requirements

- Increased connection to other initiatives relevant to the theme of the proposal:
 - At EU level: Horizon, LIFE, ERDF,
 - National
 - Regional/local
- General increase in communication of activities to general public and end-users
- Long-term availability of relevant content

Communication Requirements		
Requirement	Prevention & Preparedness	Full-scale Exercises
EU visibility requirements	~	/
Use of UCKNP platform and tools	~	~
Layman report	/	~
High quality visuals	/	~
End-user engagement plan		0







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Grants are direct financial contributions from the European Union budget awarded by way of a donation

Grants for actions finance actions intended to help to achieve an objective that forms part of a Union policy.

The results of the action remain the property of the



What's in the grant agreement?

Rights and obligations of the beneficiaries
 Provisions on:

- Subject of the agreement
- Coordinator/Beneficiaries (if consortium, coordinator + beneficiaries), Affiliated entities, Associated partners, Subcontractors
- Duration of the Action
- Maximum grant amount, funding rate, eligibility of costs, technical and financial reporting



What's in the grant agreement?

Rights and obligations of the beneficiaries
 Provisions on:

- Communication and visibility
- Amendment, suspension and termination of the grant agreement
- Audits by the Commission or OLAF, record keeping
- Recoveries, data protection, Intellectual Property Rights
- Applicable law and settlement of disputes





Financial Aspects



 Guidance published on the Funding & Tenders portal Guidance & Manuals (europa.eu)



Please review annotated grant agreement (AGA)





Financial Aspects

- Project budget (maximum grant amount): EUR 1 000 000 per project.
 The grant awarded may be lower than the amount requested
- The costs will be reimbursed at the funding rate fixed in the Grant Agreement (90%)
- Grants may NOT produce a profit
- Please be aware that the final grant amount may be reduced in case of non-compliance with the Grant Agreement (e.g. improper implementation, breach of obligations, etc)



Reporting and payment

- Only 1 pre-financing payment of 70% of the maximum grant amount within 30 days of signature of the grant agreement
- All payments will be made to the coordinator
- Progress reports (number depends on the duration of the Action)
- Final payment with a final periodic report, which includes a technical and a financial part:
 - Financial statements
 - Explanation on the use of the resources (Technical Report)
 - Certificates on the financial statements (CFS), only if requested EU contribution to costs ≥ EUR 325 000 per beneficiary (data sheet 4.3 and article 24)

ELIGIBLE COSTS – TYPES

- Actual costs
- Unit costs travel, accommodation and subsistence costs (Annex 2a)
- Flat-rate Indirect costs 7% of the eligible direct costs

A few examples:

Eligible costs

- Conference before the end of the project, but paid after the end date
- Interpretation and translation of documents
- Travel for project meetings
- Visibility
- Certificates on the financial statements (if applicable)

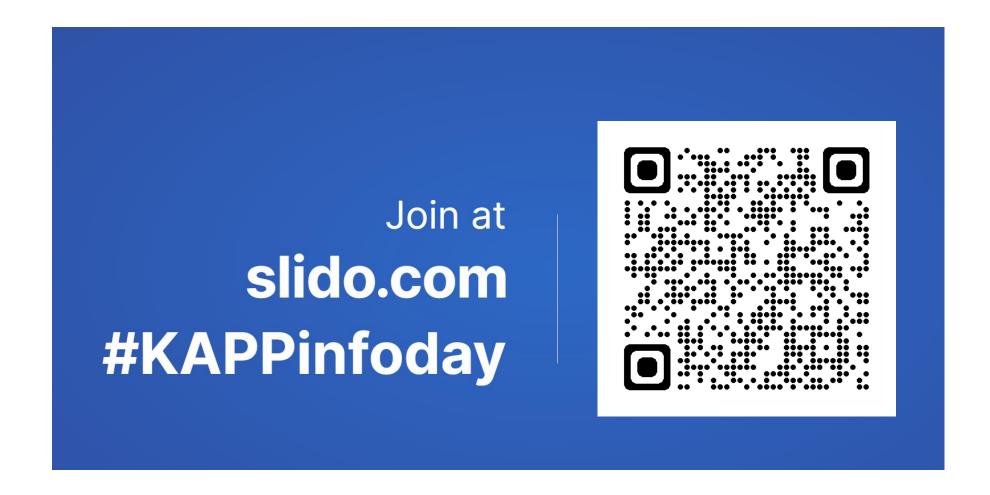
Ineligible costs

- VAT
- Purchase of equipment
- Currency exchange loses
- Excessive or reckless expenditure
- Commission staff missions
- Project communication website



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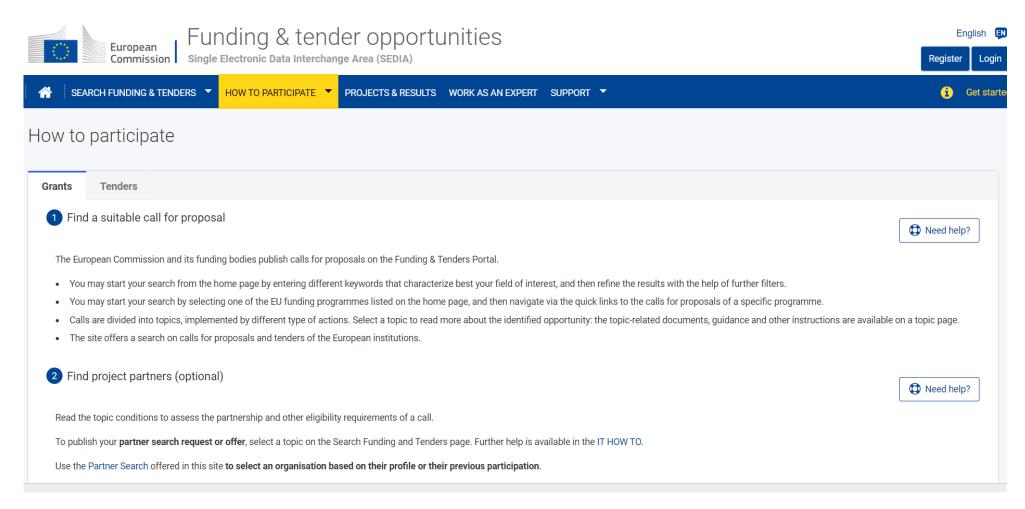




Introduction to the **Funding & Tenders** opportunities portal

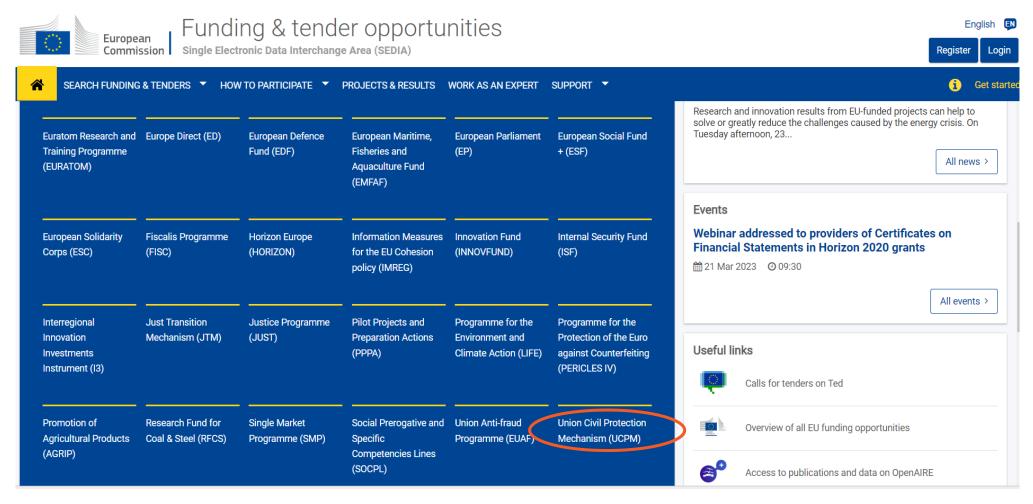
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Where do I start to prepare a proposal?



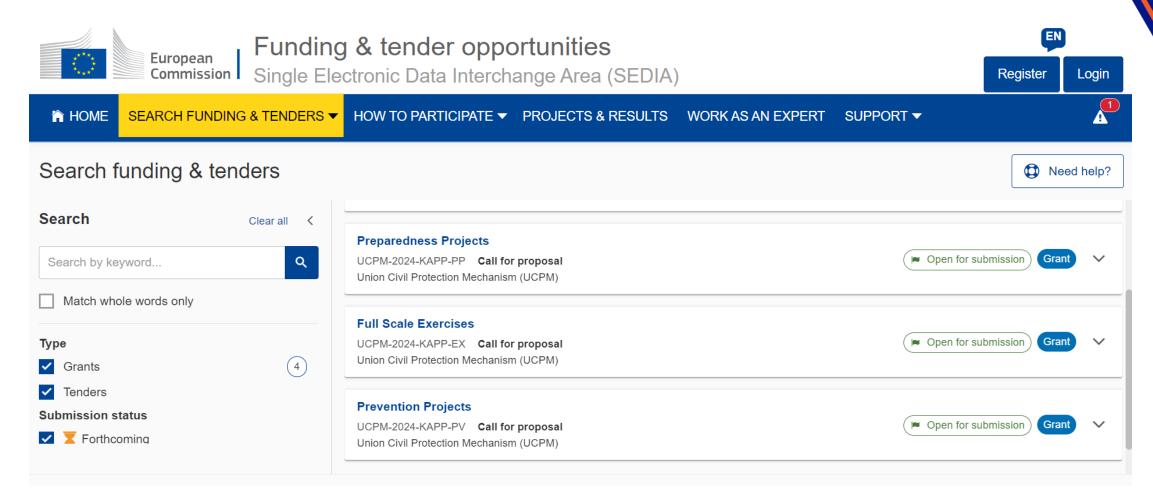


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Additional Resources

We invite you to read the **call documentation** on the Funding & Tenders Portal Topic page carefully, and in particular :

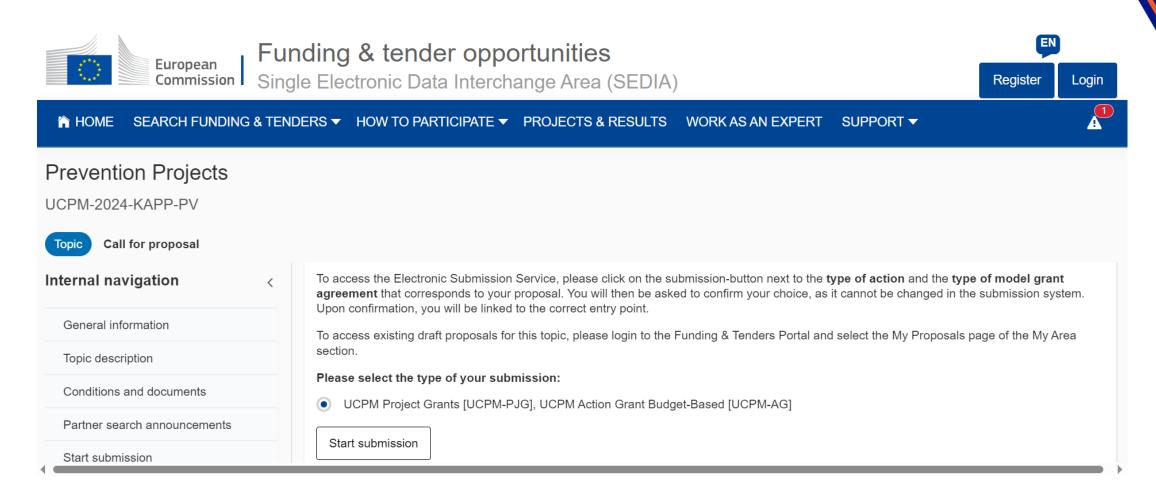
1) Call Document outlines the:

- •Background, objectives, scope, activities that can be funded and the expected results
- Available budget and timetable
- •Admissibility and eligibility conditions, criteria for financial and operational capacity and exclusion
- •Evaluation, award procedure and award criteria
- Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements
- •How to submit an application



Submission of application

Submission system





Submission of application

Two step approach

- 1. User account and registration
 - Personal EU Login
 - Participant register for organisation
 - 9 digit "PIC" for each organisation
- 2. Submit proposal
 - 3 parts submission (A, B, Annexes)
 - Page limits
 - Deadline
 - Confirmation email

Help

Online Manual



FAQs on the Topic page (for call-specific questions)



Portal FAQ (for general questions)



Individual questions on Portal Submission System: IT Helpo



Questions on the validation of the legal entities

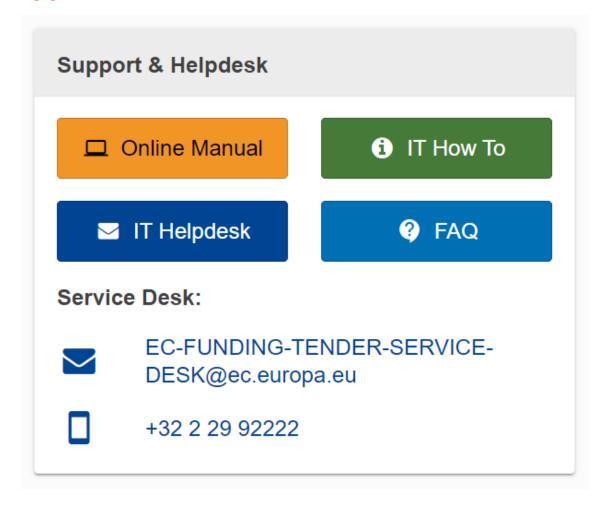


Non-IT related questions: ECHO-CP-KAPP@ec.europa.eu.



Helpdesk and Support Services

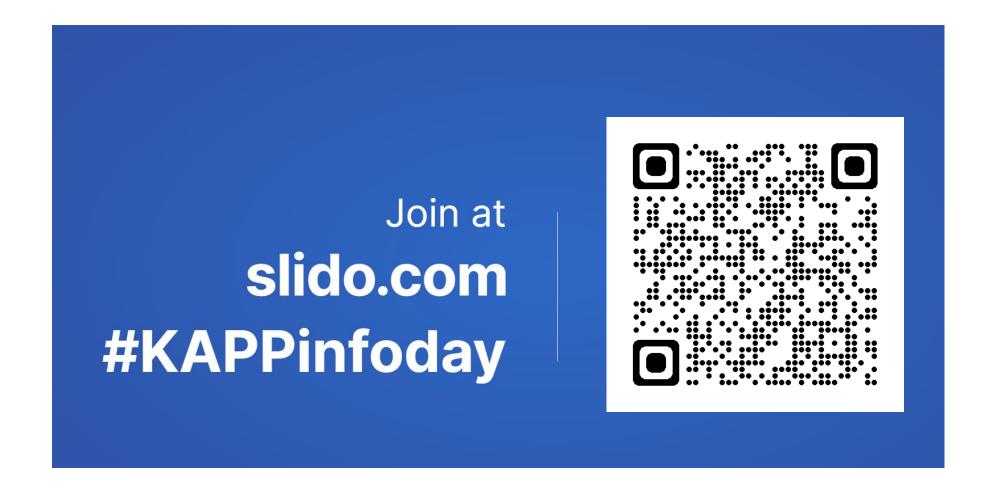
In case of technical support





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Tips & Tricks

Helpful hints for preparing successful proposals

- Orient yourself: Call Document, application form
 - Topic specific content
 - Evaluation criteria (and guiding questions)
 - Answer the questions in the application form
- Consortium structure: added value of partners
- Logical progression: Needs-aim-objectives-methodologies/activities-resources
- Understand the landscape
 - Look at previous projects / UCPKN platform use
 - Ongoing initiatives UCPM, national, regional level
- Be clear, concise, coherent







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Key Resources:

When in doubt, always refer to the call document for the topic you are pursuing.

Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network KAPP page



For questions regarding the KAPP call for proposals: **ECHO-CP-KAPP@ec.europa.eu**

Deadline for submission: 25 April 2024, 17:00 CET!

