



Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk
Management
Call for Proposals

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Welcome

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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



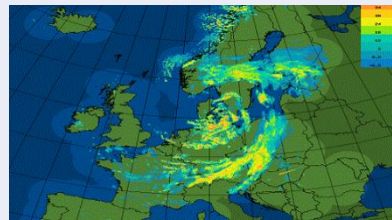
3. Alert

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



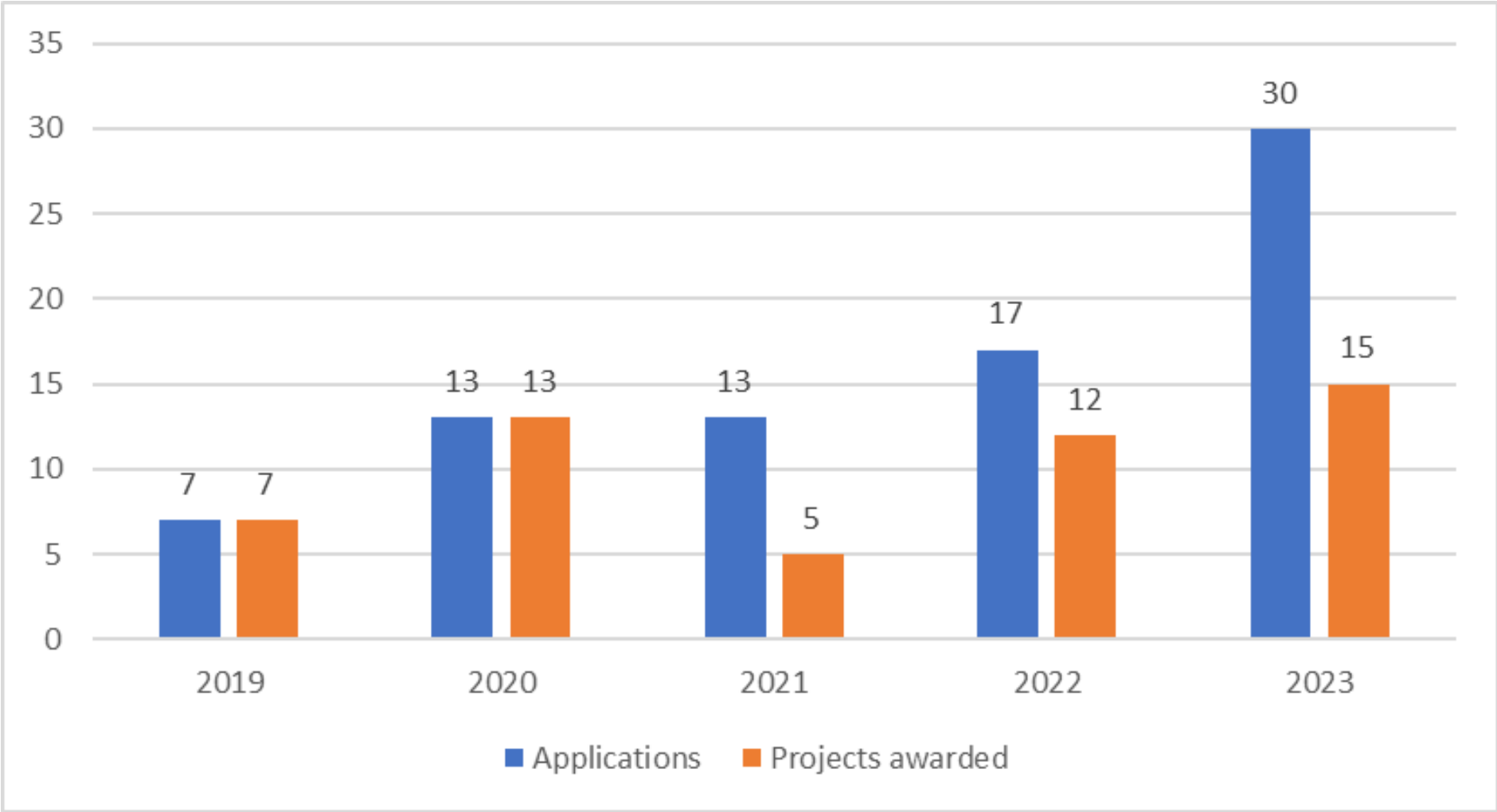
Disaster Resilience Goals

Track 1 Grants – General Objectives

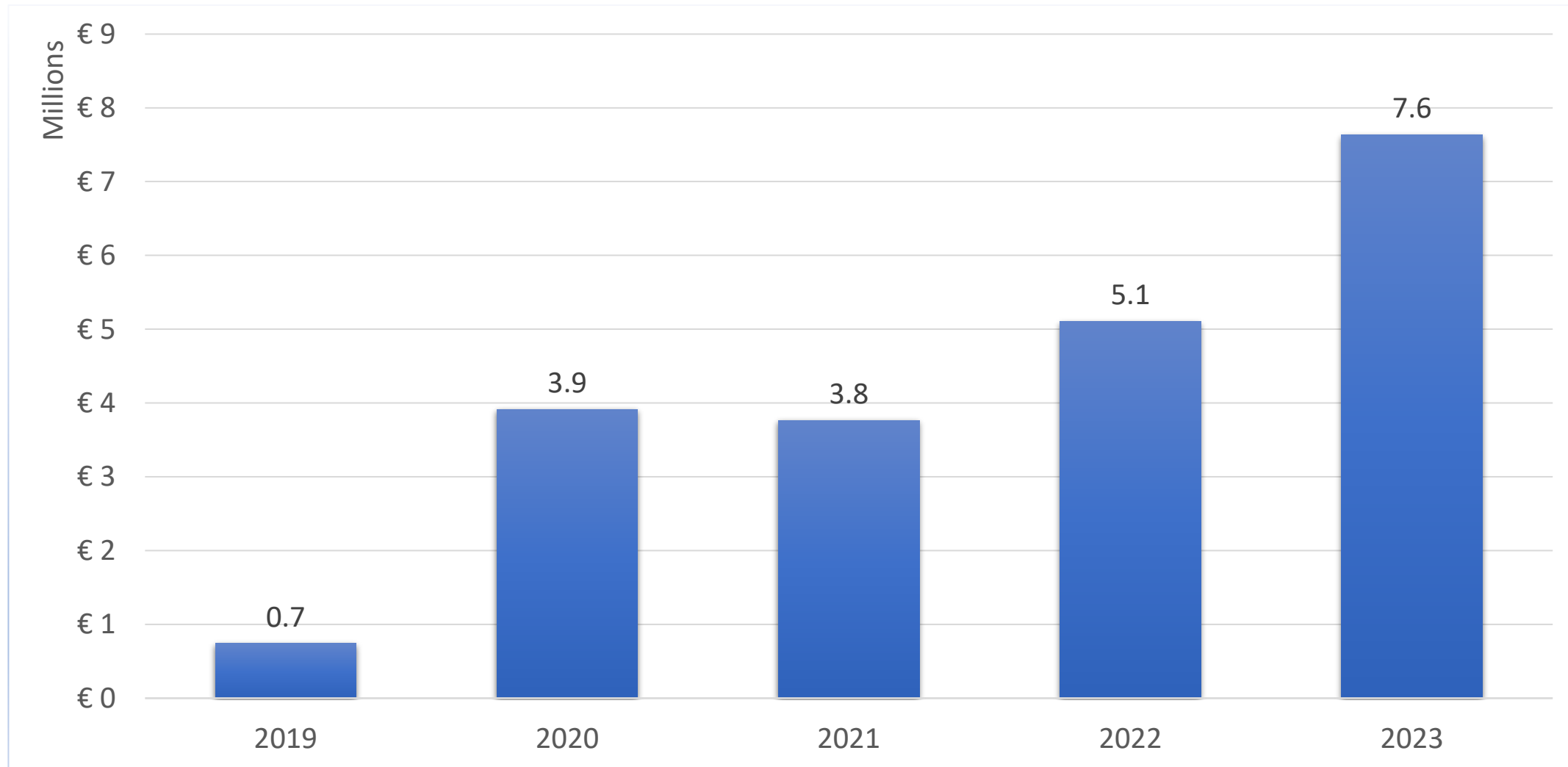
Support eligible countries to carry out strategic disaster risk management actions, prepare investments, and improve crisis management & implement the Disaster Resilience Goals

- Enhance institutional, technical and financial capacity of civil protection and other disaster risk management authorities
- Foster a culture of prevention and improving cooperation between various relevant services.
- Prepare and implement prevention and preparedness investments, strategies and reforms
- Improve the knowledge base on disaster risks
- Help civil protection organisations in integrating climate adaptation and resilience
- Green civil protection and disaster risk management activities.

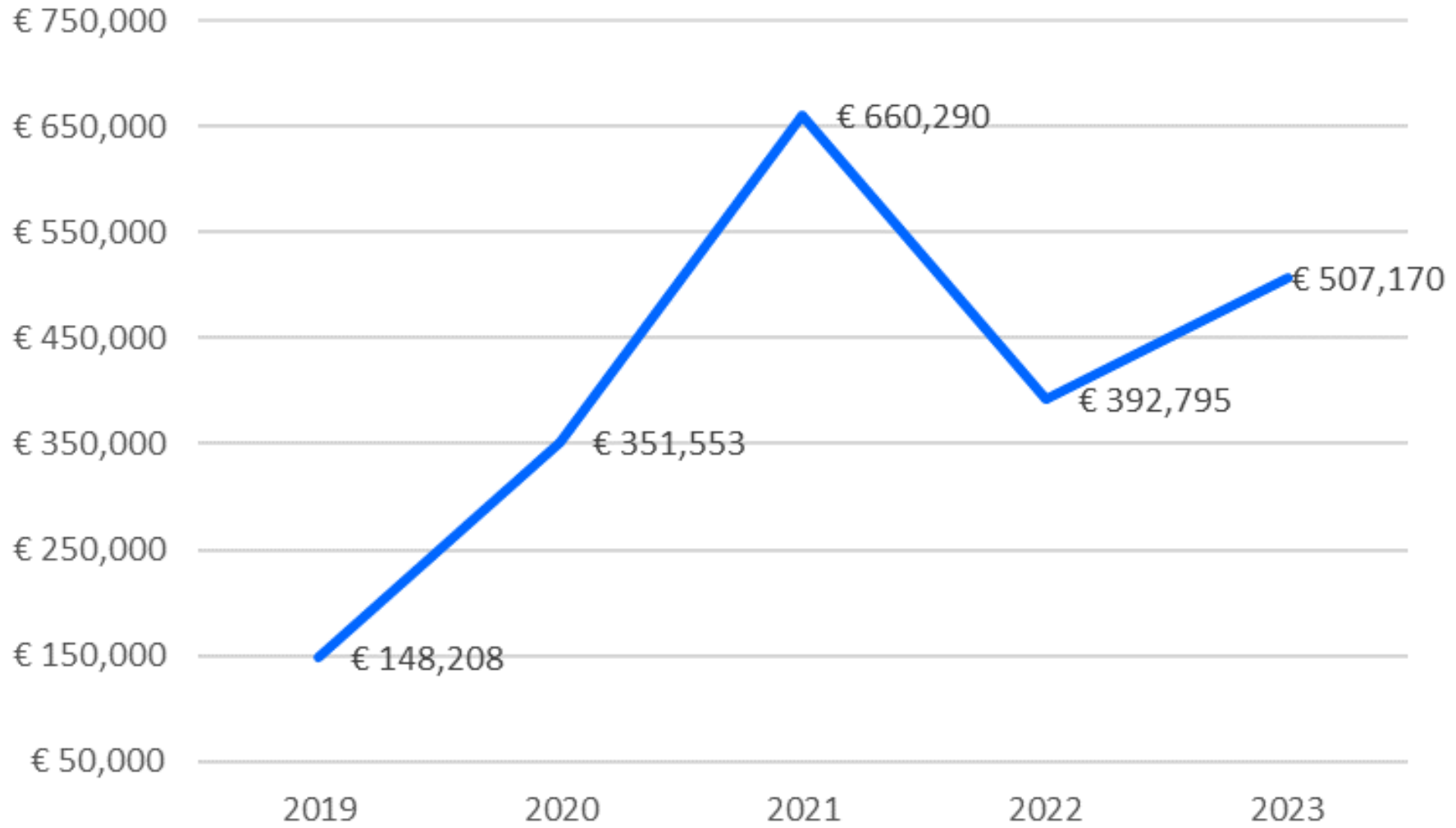
From application to project



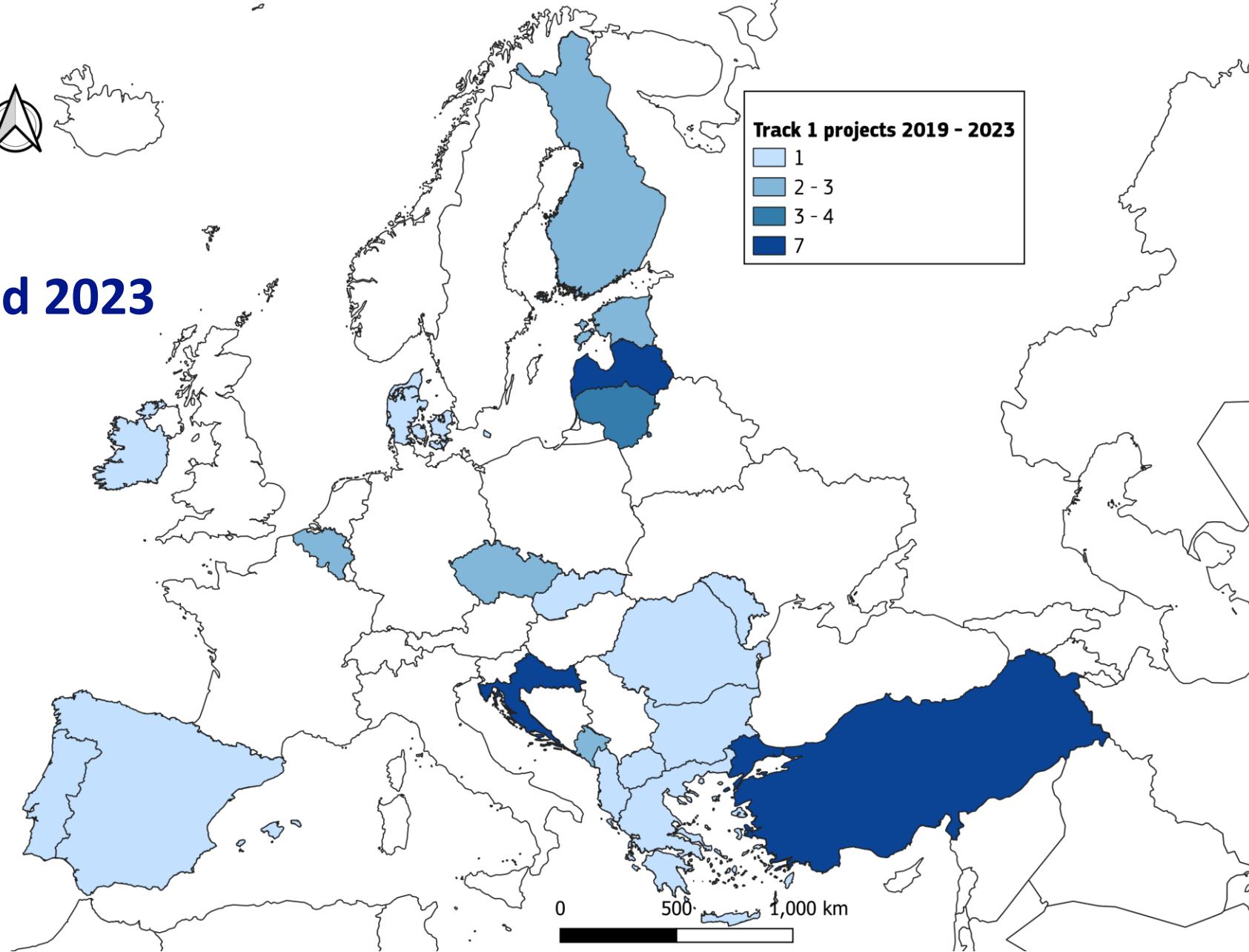
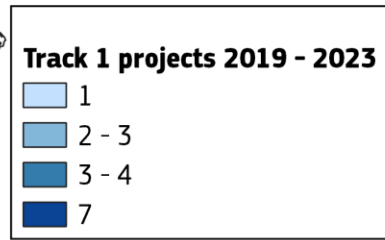
Track 1 budget evolution



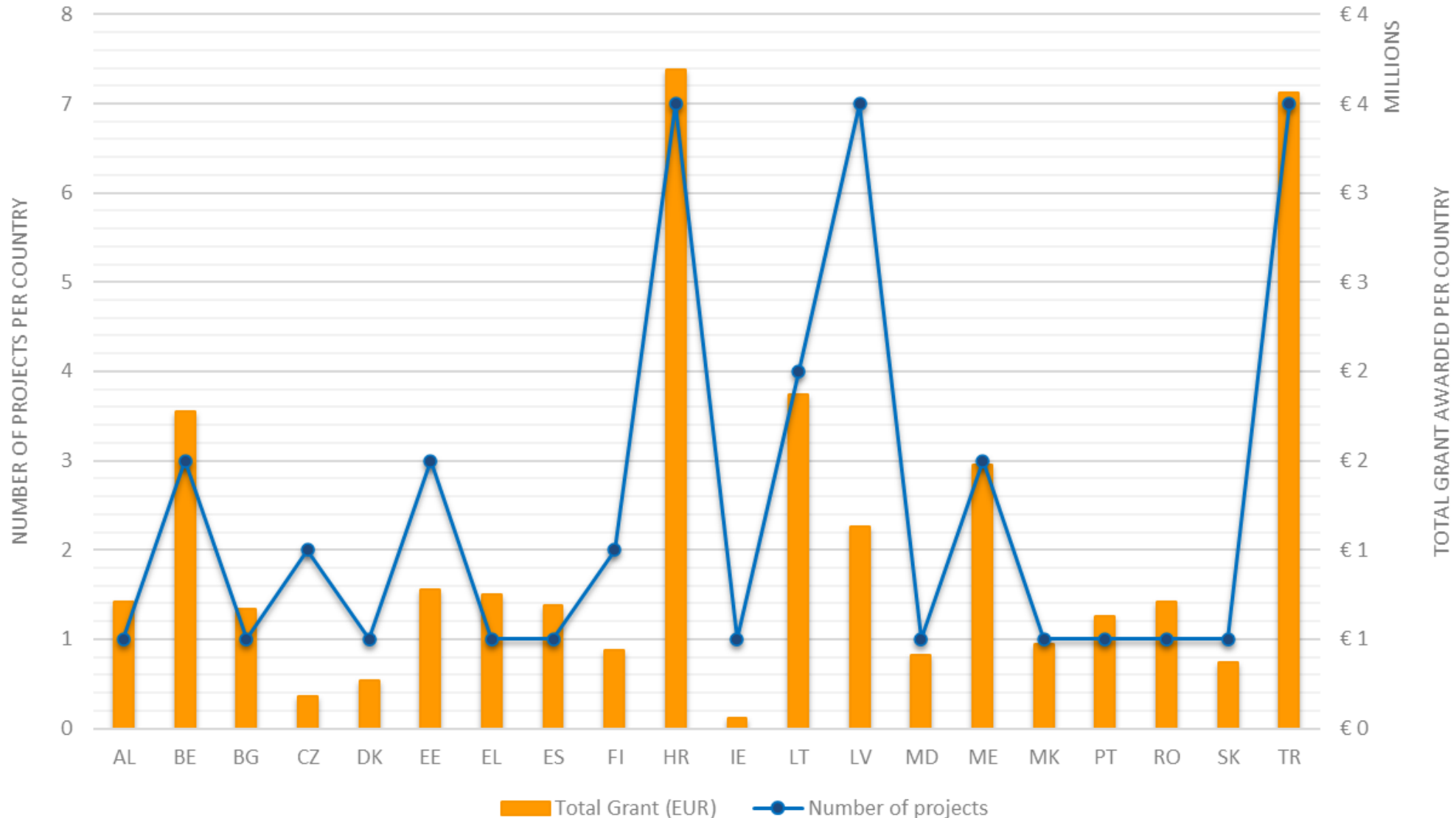
Average grant



Projects awarded between 2019 and 2023



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Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

2023 Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1) projects

- EUR **7.6 million** total funding
- 15 proposals awarded, out of **30** applications

Albania

Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capability at Local Level

Belgium

Funding resilient futures: Exploring funding practices in the field of disaster risk management

Belgium

Implementation of Paragon Across Territories

Bulgaria

Improving Disaster Risk Understanding

Croatia

Operational Forces of Civil Protection for the Protection of Cultural Heritage

Croatia

Safe and equal in emergencies 2

Croatia

Drafting Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness Raising Guidelines and Disaster Loss Data & Assessment System

Estonia

Public warning messages in preferred language

Finland

Improvements for data exchange of emergency data

Lithuania

Innovative Solutions for Public Readiness and Emergency Disaster Management in Lithuania

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Moldova

Feasibility study and specific documentation for the implementation National Early Warning System

Montenegro

Strategy for disaster risk reduction of the Government of Montenegro with the Action Plan for the period 2025-2030

Portugal

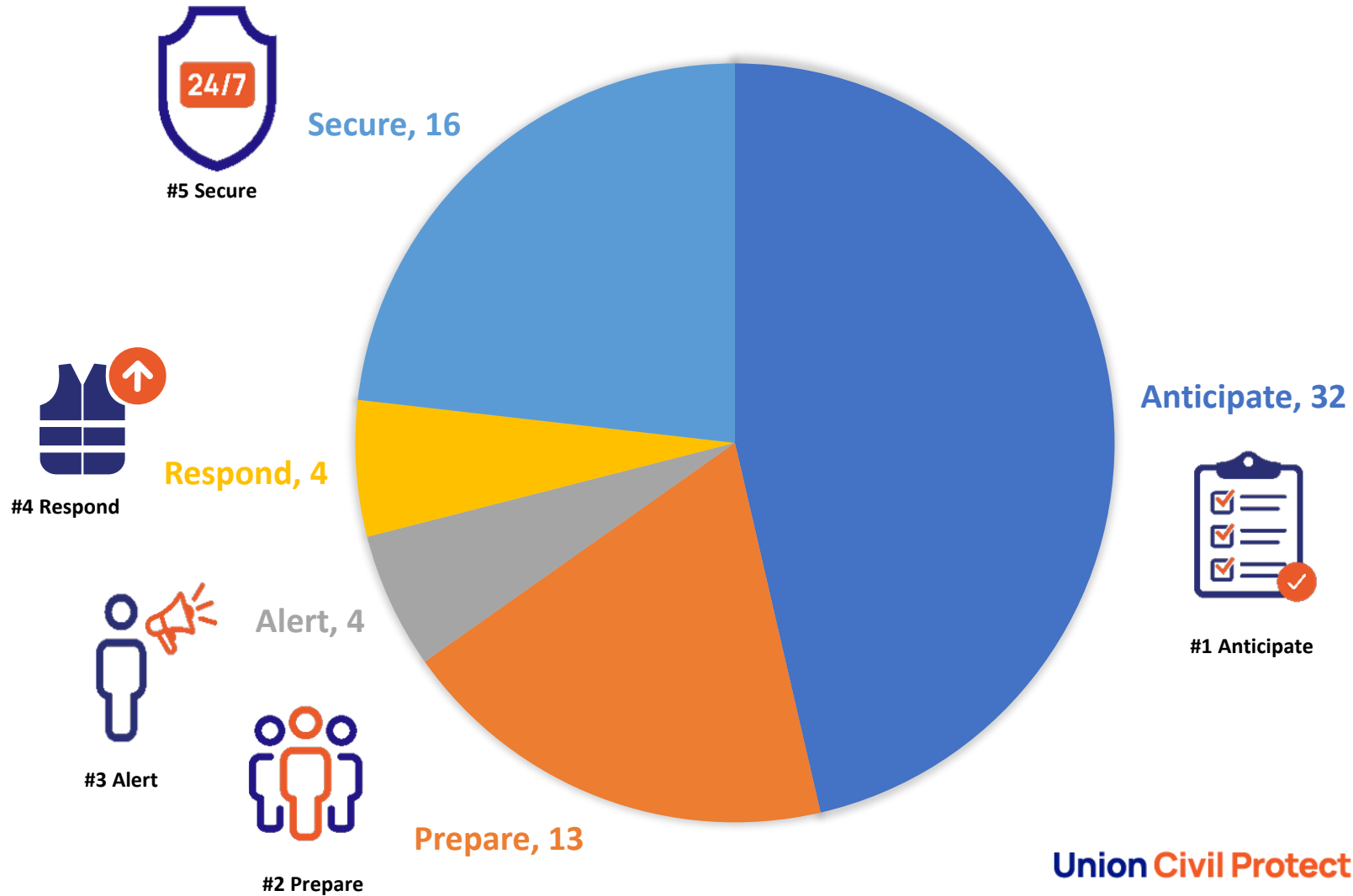
Using fire spread simulation to better anticipate and prepare for dangerous and destructive wildfires at national and local level

Türkiye

Making Industrial Organizations Disaster-resilient by Concept of Business Continuity Management: Marmara Region Implementation

Disaster Resilience Goals

Number of projects per Disaster Resilience Goal





Success stories: Prevention and preparedness projects supported by the Union Civil Protection Mechanism

Find out more about recent projects and how they have benefitted the UCPM, including innovative disaster risk management tools and solutions



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- Recent compilation of success story projects, including Track 1 – have a look for inspiration! (published on 13 February 2024)



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**Overview of the 2024 Technical Assistance
for Disaster Risk Management call:**

Call document and recommendations for a
good proposal



Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

Supports capacity building activities for **National Civil Protection and DRM authorities** to prepare investments & strengthen the institutional and policy framework.

- Open call (Funding & Tenders portal)
- Compulsory document to submit: Letter of Support for applicants that are not the national Civil Protection authority

Priorities

1. Strategic frameworks
2. DRM Investments
3. Improving crisis management capabilities

Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

- **EUR 6 million** in 2024
- Maximum EU contribution per project: **€ 750 000 (95% EU co-financing)**
- Implementation period: max **24 months**
- Publication of the call: **23 January 2024**
- Opening of the call: **1 February 2024**
- **Deadline to submit proposals: 9 April 2024**

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management web page



Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

Priority 1. Strategic frameworks for disaster risk management

Type of projects

- Multi-risk or risk-specific disaster risk management plans and/or strategies;
- Studies and assessments to develop policies, legislation, institutions and/or measures for improved DRM and climate resilience;
- Strategic frameworks for public awareness raising and training programmes for DRM;
- Green transition plans
- ...

Activities that can be funded (outputs)

- New or improved multi-risk or risk-specific DRM plans or strategies;
- Improved risk assessment analyses or methodologies;
- Compilation of good practices and knowledge in the field of disaster risk management;
- Development and implementation of strategies and measures aimed at increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population;
- ...

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Priority 2. Investments for disaster risk management

Type of projects

- Feasibility studies/assessments required for the preparation or upgrade of investments for DRM and climate resilience;
- Proposals for investment projects addressing disaster and climate resilience to be submitted for national/EU funding;
- National/sub-national investment plan(s) for implementing preparedness, prevention and/or recovery measures;
- ...

Activities that can be funded (outputs)

- Studies for the preparation or upgrade of investments in DRM and climate resilience (e.g. feasibility assessment);
- Proposals for investment projects addressing DRM and climate resilience that would be submitted for funding under the national budget or other funding instruments, including EU (e.g. technical specifications);
- Studies, analyses, guidelines, or procedures aimed at implementing the relevant Union DRGs;
- ...

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Priority 3. Investments to improve crisis management capabilities

Type of projects

- Support crisis management capacities (e.g. to ensure scenario-building, foresight and horizon-scanning for detecting, identifying and assessing potential future crisis situations);
- Develop or improve existing plans, procedures and arrangements, to ensure effective cross-sectoral and cross-border crisis preparedness and responses, as well as information sharing;
- ...

Activities that can be funded (outputs)

- Plans and standard operating procedures;
- Development of training modules and corresponding training materials to build relevant skills 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;
- ...



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Application process

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Application process

- An application process is a communication process
- EU communicates a call for proposals and sets a framework of rules
- The applicants respond to this call by providing details for a project idea

Application process

1. User account and registration

- Personal EU Login
- Participant register for organisation
- 9 digit “PIC” for each organisation



2. Submit proposal

- 3-part submission (A, B, Annexes)
- Page limits
- Submission before deadline
- Confirmation email
- Online manual



Application process: admissibility requirements

- Apply via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System no later than:
9 April 2024 at 17:00 CET
- Drafted in one of the EU official languages (applicants are however encouraged to submit their applications in English).
- Proposals should not exceed EUR 750 000 – EU Contribution



Failure to comply with those requirements will lead to the rejection of the application.

Application process: admissibility requirements

- **Mandatory:** Letter of support from the competent national civil protection authority, except for applicants which themselves are the national civil protection authority. For ex: the ministry/authority in charge for flood/other risks prevention, forest service, etc.

Eligibility criteria

- be legal entities (public bodies)
- be the national level civil protection authority or a national authority with disaster risk management responsibilities of eligible countries:
 - UCPM Participating countries:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
 - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Montenegro, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia, the Republic of Moldova, Türkiye, Ukraine
 - Other countries: Georgia and Kosovo*, in view of their ongoing efforts to join the UCPM.

**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.*

Ineligible activities

- Purchase of equipment – except for depreciation costs
- VAT
- Works

Eligible activities

- Conference before the end of the project, but paid after the end date
- Travel for project meetings (kick-off, study visits, CP Forum) - well justified for the project objectives
- Visibility
- Interpretation/translation of docs
- 100% of the project activities may be sub-contracted

Application process: who can participate in the action?

- **Only applications by single beneficiaries are allowed**
- **Affiliated Entities and Associated partners are permitted**

Affiliated entities:

- Affiliated entities are entities that can participate in the action with the applicant, with similar rights and obligations as the beneficiaries.
- They will receive part of the grant money, so they may declare eligible costs.
- Affiliated entities must be legal entities with a legal or capital link with the main applicant.

Associated partners:

- Associated partners are entities that can participate in the action with the applicant.
- Associated partners do not receive any grant money, so they have to bear their own costs.
- Associated partners must register in the Participant Register — before submitting the proposal

Application process: recommendations for a good proposal

- Read the questions posed and make sure that you answer to the question concisely.
- After drafting an answer, you should go back to the question.
- Provide information on the policy context. Why you need to execute this project
- Avoid repetitions in your texts
- Ask a peer to read the final draft and listen to the comments
- Get in the shoes of the evaluator. Others do not necessarily have your knowledge on the issue. Provide technical details without being too comprehensive.

Evaluation process: award criteria

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	15	30
Quality	20	40
Impact	15	30
Overall (pass) scores	65	100

- Maximum points: 100 points.
- Where the total requested co-financing of all eligible applications received exceeds the available budget, applications will be ranked and selected for EU funding in descending order until the available budget has been fully allocated.

Evaluation process: what makes a successful application?

Relevance criteria:

- Needs assessment is key! Make your case clear on why the project is needed. Use evaluations, peer reviews, independent reports, lessons identified ...
- Connection to the needs and objectives described in the call and reference to the strategic framework (e.g., national or subnational strategies)
- Clear outcomes, outputs and indicators
- Clear description of how project outcomes would support broader policy initiatives (at national or EU level)
- Potential investment leverage

Evaluation process: what makes a successful application?

Quality criteria:

- A solid methodology to carry out the work
- Logical structure and flow in the project. Work Packages must be coherent for the achievement of outputs. A possible minimal structure could include:
 - WP1 Project management,
 - WP2 Work on the actual objective of the project, and
 - WP3 Communication activities)
- Well-structured budget, connected to the tasks. Activities proposed must directly contribute to deliverables and objectives
- Importance of the project team (relevant expertise of its members, reasonable allocation of time among the team, etc.)
- A thorough risk management strategy

Evaluation process: what makes a successful application?

Impact criteria:

- The expected impact is properly thought
- Sustainability of the action is well reflected
- Solid dissemination and communication strategy

Upcoming events:

8th European Civil Protection Forum

“Shaping a disaster-resilient Union”
Civil Protection Village – exhibition

4 and 5 June 2024

SAVE THE DATE!





Introduction to the Funding & tender opportunities portal

Funding & Tenders Participant Portal

Where do I start to prepare a proposal?

The screenshot shows the European Commission's Funding & tender opportunities Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA) website. The header includes the European Commission logo and the text "Funding & tender opportunities Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)". There are buttons for "Register" and "Login" with an "EN" language indicator. A navigation bar contains links for "HOME", "SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS", "HOW TO PARTICIPATE", "PROJECTS & RESULTS", "WORK AS AN EXPERT", and "SUPPORT". A notification icon with a red "1" is visible in the top right.

The main content area is titled "Search funding & tenders" and includes a search bar with the text "Search by keyword...". Below the search bar are filters for "Match whole words only" and "Type" (Grants, Tenders). The "Submission status" filter is set to "Forthcoming". The search results show 4 items found, filtered by "Programme: Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)". Two items are listed:

- Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management**
UCPM-2024-TRACK1 Call for proposal
Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)
Status: Open for submission, Grant
- Preparedness Projects**
UCPM-2024-KAPP-PP Call for proposal
Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)
Status: Open for submission, Grant

Funding & Tenders Participant Portal

Where do I start to prepare a proposal?

11. How to submit an application

All proposals must be submitted directly online via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System. Paper applications are NOT accepted.

Submission is a **2-step process**:

a) Create a user account and register your organisation

To use the Submission System (the only way to apply), all participants need to [create an EULogin user account](#).

Once you have an EULogin account, you can register your organisation in the [Participant Register](#). When your registration is finalised, you will receive a 9-digit participant identification code (PIC).

b) Submit the proposal

Access the Electronic Submission System through the following hyperlink:

TOPIC UCPM-2024-Track 1:

[Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)





Submit your proposal in 3 parts, as follows:

- Part A includes administrative information about the applicant organisations (future coordinator, beneficiaries, affiliated entities and associated partners) and the summarised budget for the proposal. Fill it in directly online.
- Part B (description of the action) covers the technical content of the proposal. Download the mandatory word template from the Submission System, fill it in and upload it as a PDF file.
- Annexes (see section 5). Upload them as PDF file (single or multiple depending on the slots). Excel upload is sometimes possible, depending on the file type.



Helpdesk & Support Services

Technical support:

Support & Helpdesk

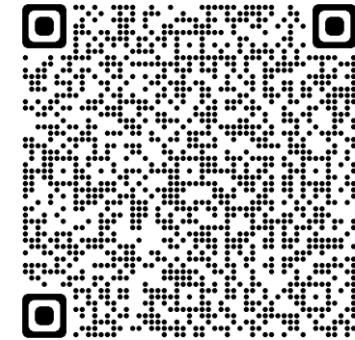
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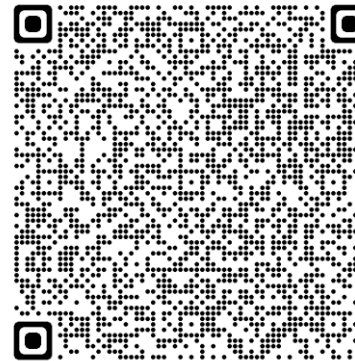
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**Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network website
(overview of past projects from 2020 onwards):**



DG ECHO website (overview of past projects prior to 2021):



Thank you

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web page with presentations &
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