

<p>“Prevention, Preparedness and Response to natural and man-made disasters in the EU Southern Neighbourhood countries – PPRD Mediterranean”</p> <p>EU civil protection support for prevention, preparedness and response to natural disasters in Southern Neighbourhood</p>	
Contracting authority	European Union, European Commission, Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), Disaster Preparedness and Prevention, Civil Protection Horizontal Issues <i>Ref: Ares(2022)8983350</i>
Budget	3 000 000 EUR
Duration	11 January 2023 – 10 January 2026 (36 months)
Implementing Partner	International Science and Technology Centre (ISTC)- https://www.istc.int/ It is a pillar assessed International Organization (Non for profit), established in 1992. Based in Astana, Kazakhstan with coverage in 100 Countries and extending reach worldwide.
Partner Countries	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine* and Tunisia. <i>* This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.</i>
Target groups	National civil protection authorities are indicative key stakeholders (to be developed during Inception Phase)
Overall objective	The general objective of PPRD Mediterranean is to increase the resilience to natural and man-made disasters in the Southern Neighbourhood countries and the Mediterranean region by reinforcing the cooperation and partnership between the EU and Mediterranean countries under the umbrella of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).
Specific objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build sustainable capacities of Partner Countries' respective civil protection institutions for disaster risk prevention, preparedness and response to natural and man-made disasters at sub-regional and regional level, not excluding at national level on a case by case basis. 2. Strengthen interlinkages between all relevant governmental actors and civil society stakeholders as well as the scientific community, promoting a national inclusive approach to prevention, preparedness and response to natural and man-made disasters 3. Enhance regional and sub-regional coordination, institutional and operational cooperation between the Southern neighbourhood countries and with the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM).
Cross-cutting issues (CCI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender and Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) - Environment and Climate Change (EU Green Deal, Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, Sendai Framework etc.)
Monitoring & Evaluation	M&E is an integrated part of the Programme management and implementation, essential for continuous learning, adaptability, steering and risk management. It is also used to promote results, accountability and support communication.

Strategic Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 9-month Inception Period: Analysis of existing situation and work plan for the project in close cooperation with Partner Countries and Stakeholders in the region. ➤ Phased flexible approach ➤ Active partnership and ownership ➤ Continuity – building on existing structures and capabilities ➤ Mutual exchange and learning ➤ Regional participation ➤ Comprehensive approach to capacity development
Indicative activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) on the working groups and high-level meetings on civil protection and disaster risk management. - Support the on-site technical assistance in the region provided by the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM). - Implement an Exchange Programme and Study Visits: The Programme will give civil protection experts the opportunity to share experiences, gain valuable knowledge and strengthen operational skills by a system of exchange. Experts can either apply to go on an exchange mission, or civil protection organisations can invite expert(s). - Provide Training courses: The programme will offer a selected range of priority courses from basic training to high-level courses for future mission leaders, such as coaching on establishing national response teams, support the development of guidelines on receiving international teams (HNS) or sending national teams abroad. Training on gender mainstreaming and gender analysis in disaster risk management will be provided. Emphasis will be given on strengthening the capacities of Participating Countries to deliver the training themselves (ToT approach) and integrate the training into the national system. - Organise Joint Simulation Exercises (full scale or table-top): Simulation exercises are fundamental to prepare civil protection teams to react fast when disasters occur. Exercises at European and Neighbourhood level, involving several countries at a time, contribute to enhancing collaboration in disaster preparedness across borders. This should be based on lessons learned of UCPM activations in the region. - Provide access to an online knowledge base and e-learning and organise workshops and conferences. - Develop a framework for holistic integrated management of marine pollution incidents that enable a coordinated preparedness and response operation at sea and onshore, incorporating the response to oil-affected wildlife, at a national level and in the region-wide cooperation. Support the response to threats and emergencies with respect to maritime safety, natural events, risk assessment, prevention and preparedness, maritime security and surveillance. - Strengthen synergies between relevant networks including: International Maritime Organization (IMO), European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/MAP), Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM), The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), European Space Agency (ESA). - Other priority actions discussed and approved by partner countries.
Programme implementation and management structure	<p><u>Steering Committee</u> The Steering Committee (SC) has an overall role to support and supervise implementation of the Programme. It is the decision-making body of the Programme. It will have a broad representation.</p> <p><u>Programme Management Team</u> The Programme management team plays an active and supportive role in implementation. It is composed of a Programme Director, Project Managers, Administrative officer, Financial officer, HR officer etc.</p> <p><u>Implementing Partner</u></p>

	<p>The implementation will be led by a Team Leader and two Component Leaders (Technical experts with coordination responsibilities), to ensure coherence and strategic orientation within each component.</p> <p>They will work together with the Partner countries' National Programme Coordinators and working groups which will participate in Programme planning, implementation and follow-up.</p> <p><u>Experts on cross-cutting issues</u> All of the abovementioned experts are supported by dedicated experts on cross-cutting issues.</p>
Project management and backstopping	International Science and Technology Centre (ISTC)- has the overall project management, backstopping, financial and communication responsibilities, ensuring that contractual commitments are met.
Communication	Strategic communication is used for ownership, sustainability and visibility of the Programme, and for communicating the change vision.
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