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Technical Assistance Financing Facility
for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness

Summary For Beneficiary Countries



UCPM Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF) for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness

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What will TAFF offer?



TAFF is a mechanism for eligible countries **to access technical assistance and knowledge on prevention and preparedness** to support country- efforts on DRM

TAFF is an option that can be of interest for countries that seek:

- to avoid procurement processes hiring firms, experts, etc. and prefer a ***turn-key technical assistance solution***
- assistance implemented by ***international and local DRM technical experts***
- ***innovative & good practice*** approaches linked to global knowledge

How will it work in practice?

TAFF's budget for 2024 = €4 million in line with the approved Union Civil Protection Mechanism budget

TAFF is a partnership between the European Commission (DG ECHO) and the World Bank/Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR, housed within the World Bank)

TAFF activities implemented by the World Bank's Regional Europe and Central Asia (ECA) disaster risk management (DRM) team and GFDRR's global experts in coordination with DG ECHO & the beneficiary countries

World Bank/GFDRR: staff at central (coordination) and country (implementation) levels



Objectives of TAFF

The TAFF overall objective is to strengthen the knowledge and capacities of countries under the UCPM for disaster prevention and preparedness

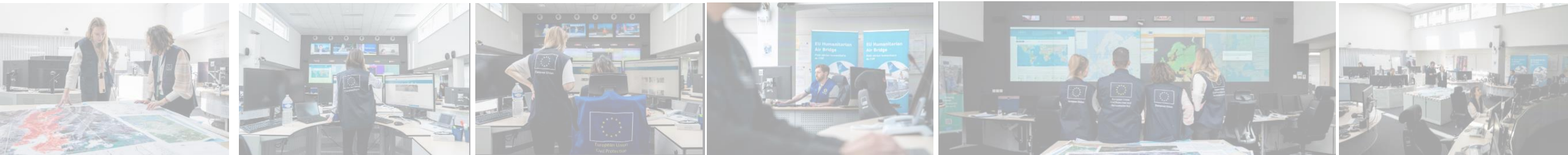
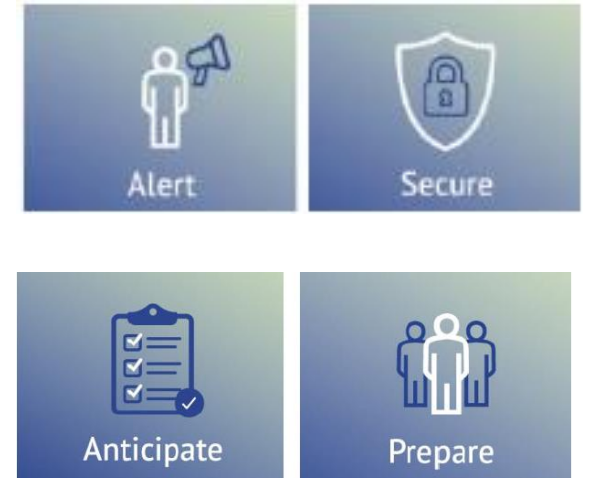


Activities will contribute to the following objectives:

To **strengthen** the capacity of civil protection and other relevant competent authorities in scaling up disaster and climate resilience in line with the Union Disaster Resilience Goals and the European Green Deal, as well as the countries' national priorities

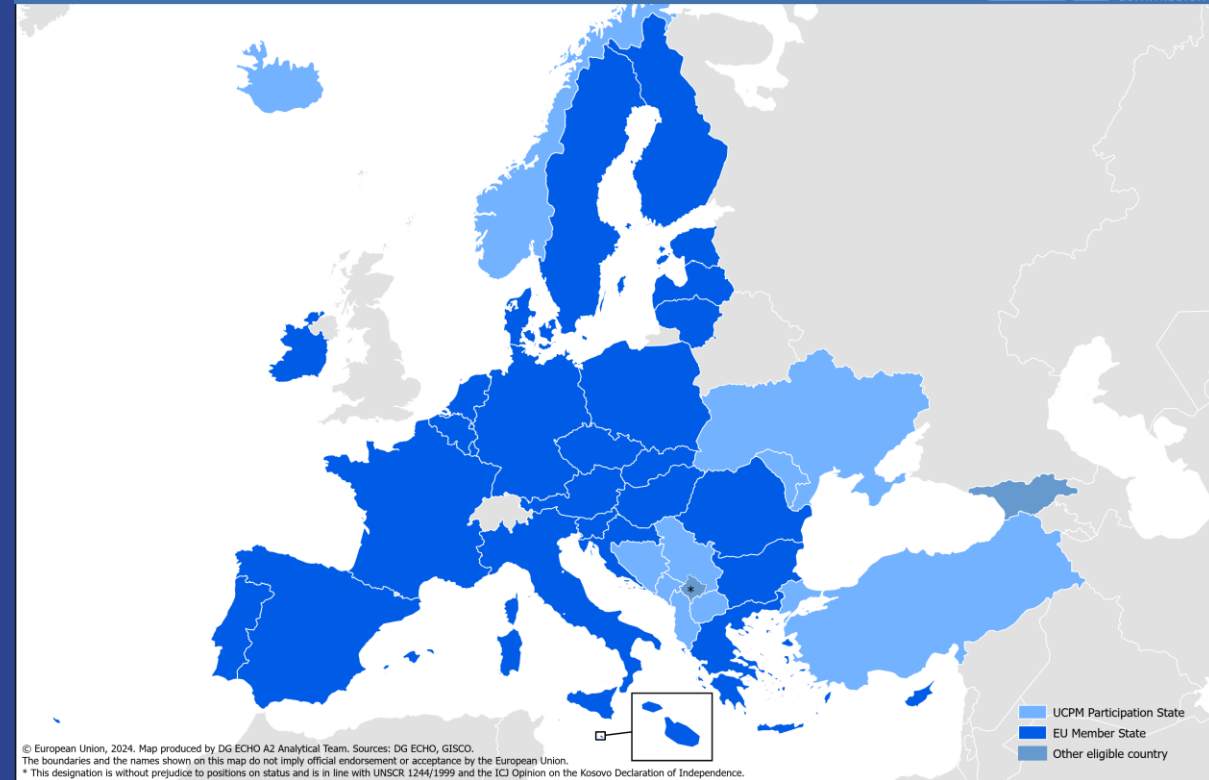
To **support** investments in disaster prevention and preparedness through the development of a project pipeline and enhanced administrative capacity

To **improve** the knowledge base on disaster risk management, and facilitate the sharing of knowledge, good practices and information



Who is eligible?

- Legal entities (public bodies)
- National level civil protection authority or a national authority with disaster risk management (DRM) responsibilities of eligible countries.



Eligible countries, i.e.:

EU Member States (MS): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

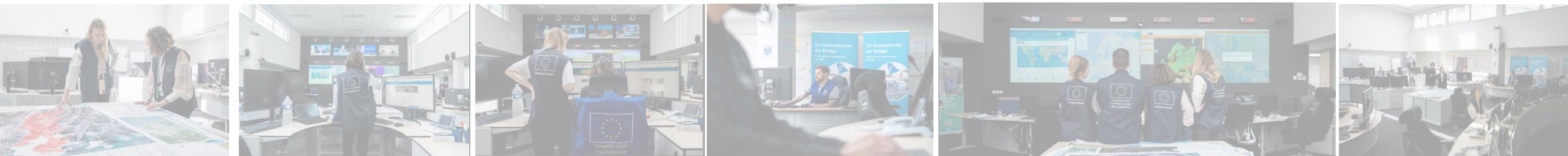
UCPM Participating Countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine.

Other countries: Georgia and Kosovo* in view of their ongoing efforts to join the UCPM.

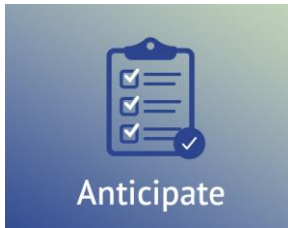
Country-specific technical assistance

Technical assistance provided by the World Bank/GFDRR directly to beneficiary countries related to four key areas: (1) improving anticipation and DRM planning, (2) increasing risk awareness & preparedness of the population, (3) enhancing early warning & hydro-meteorological systems, and (4) strengthening national civil protection systems

- **Eligibility: Single-country activities** but may include multiple stakeholders
- **Size:** between €250,000– €750,000
- **Timelines:** with implementation timeline between 12-24 months (potential extension to max. 30 months total)
- **World Bank/GFDRR:** Country/activity specific teams led by WB and GFDRR staff, mobilize international & local expertise, within the World Bank and GFDRR, or external
- **Details of technical assistance** – activities, outputs, etc. to be defined in the proposals developed by the World Bank ECA DRM Regional Team, in coordination with GFDRR global experts, on the basis of Expressions of Interest submitted and in consultation with the eligible entity



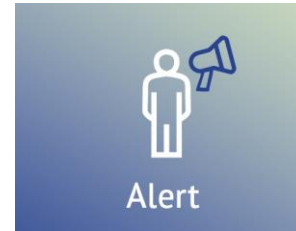
Indicative list of eligible activities



- Risk analytics for DRM planning
- Portfolio-wide vulnerability assessment; Network assessments/ criticality & vulnerability assessments; Exposure mapping
- Pre-feasibility level economic assessments (i.e., CBA)
- Recommendations for prioritization frameworks
- National DRM/DRR, prevention or preparedness strategies/plans
- Seismic resilience & EE, nature-based solutions & green infrastructure; diagnostic building regulations



- Support piloting of risk awareness activities (Analytics and related communication outputs, as well as support in dissemination)
- Communication strategies/actions plans, tools to disseminate risk information to support inclusive DRM
- Capacity-building related to improved risk awareness
- Promote open access to, and utilization of, risk information data, tools, and analytics



- Technical reviews/technical assessments (diagnostics, proposed roadmaps, and advisory input to action plans) of EWS and national hydromet
- System review of climate services provided vis-à-vis user needs, coordination, etc.
- Review of hydrometeorological investments, sharing of good practice and examples
- Technical reviews focusing on enhancing human and technical aspects of public warning, sharing of good practice and examples



- Preparedness and response analytics (i.e., Ready2Respond)
- Recovery technical reviews & recommendations (i.e., post-disaster financing/financing for recovery, damage & loss systems or methodologies, inclusive & gender responsive post disaster assessments, recovery planning frameworks, etc.
- Trainings, e.g., first responders how to interact with people with disabilities
- On demand - GRADE assessment (2-3 weeks delivery)



Who implements activities?

World Bank-executed activities = Activities are implemented by the World Bank ECA DRM team and GFDRR global experts, in coordination with beneficiary, additional global/local expertise



= **regional team of international and local (operational) staff**

- Staff managing a **portfolio** of lending and policy **projects**, technical assistance, and reimbursable advisory services (RAS), knowledge products
- **Approx. 50 staff** in Washington DC, **Brussels, Paris, Vienna, Bucharest, Sofia, Slovakia, Ankara, Tbilisi, Belgrade, plus extensive network of experts**
- Coordinate with other operational teams working on sectors such as Water, Urban Development, Environment, Transport, Health, Education, etc.



= **a global partnership on DRM managed by the World Bank**

- **technical experts** with global expertise on various DRM topics and dedicated staff supporting the **management and operations** of the facility
- **40 staff** in Washington DC, **Brussels, Paris and Tokyo plus an extensive network of experts**
- **Portfolio of grants/trust funds**



Country-specific technical assistance

Per World Bank policies for **Bank-executed activities, non-eligible activities include:**

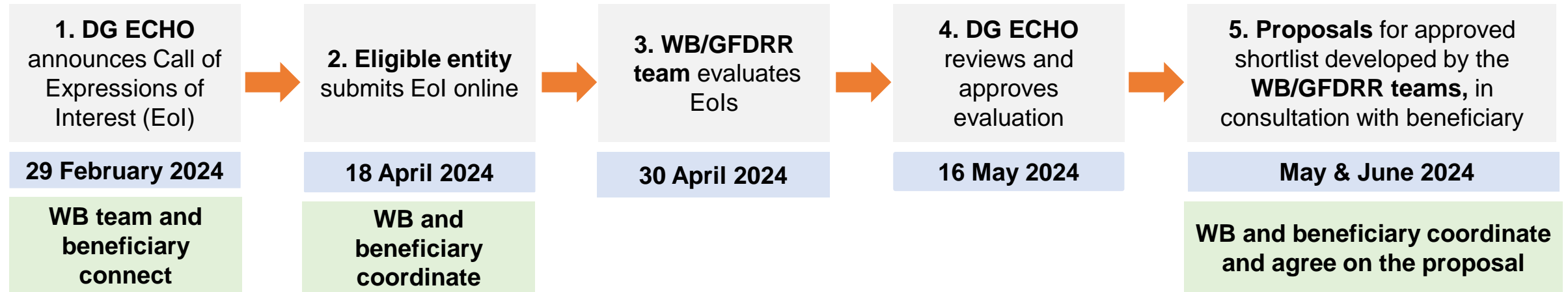
- drafting of legislation
- risk assessments for specific assets
- feasibility-level studies such as engineering assessments at asset level,
- developing technical specifications ready for procurement
- prioritization of specific investments (asset level),
- purchase of goods/equipment, software etc.,
- development of online applications, websites, or software.
- civil work
- do not engage in providing support on nuclear energy/management of nuclear hazards

World Bank/GFDRR – added value/specific strengths: World Bank/GFDRR has strong expertise on specific areas within DRM and sectors that mainstream DRM. We have expertise in **policy, operations** (investment planning and financing), as well as **knowledge** related to different phases of DRM with specific focus on prevention, preparedness, readiness to respond, and resilient recovery. We work closely with Government entities and other stakeholders. We have ongoing country DRM programs across Europe & global programs on specific topics.



Country activities: Application and Implementation process

Application/preparation process – overall approximately 4 months to June 2024



Implementation process – overall approximately 18-24 months

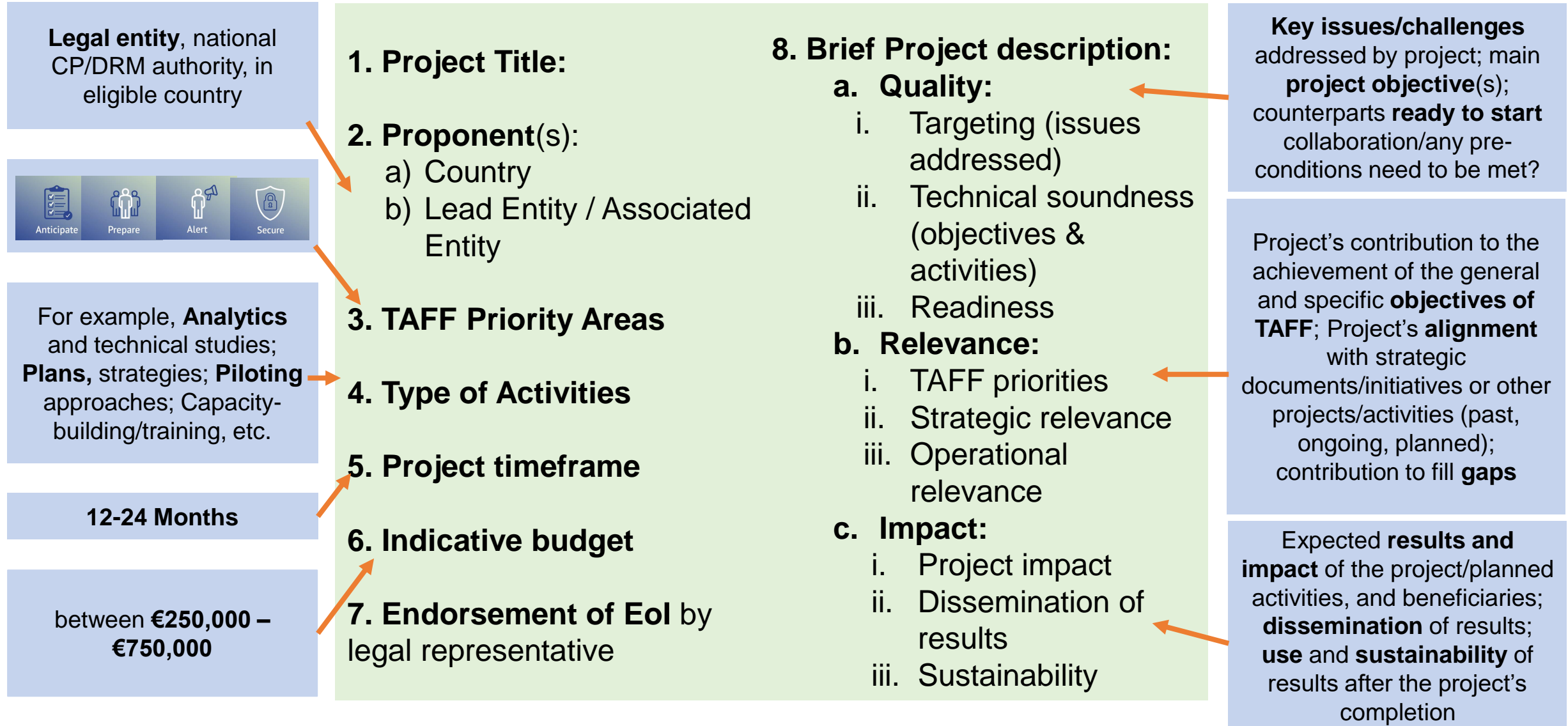


Country-activities: How will TAFF work in practice

<p>March – April 18, 2024</p>	<p>World Bank DRM Team and Beneficiary entities connect and discuss priorities/needs, gaps, and opportunities, to ensure strategic value, complementarity, to discuss areas/activities that could be included, Internally WB DRM team coordinates with GFDRR global experts</p>
<p>18 April 2024</p>	<p>Entity submits Expression of Interest (Eoi) – in coordination with WB DRM team</p>
<p>19 April – 16 May 2024</p>	<p>Shortlisting and approval process</p>
<p>17 May – June 30, 2024</p>	<p>WB DRM Team develops more detailed proposed on the basis of Eoi, in coordination with beneficiary. Internally, WB DRM team coordinates with GFDRR experts, etc.</p>
<p>July 1, 2024 onwards</p>	<p>WB DRM and GFDRR Teams implements in coordination with beneficiary, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of activities by the WB DRM team/GFDRR experts – relying on core in house expertise and regional/country knowledge, in coordination with other teams within WB if needed (e.g., transport sector, health, etc.). • Mobilization of international/local experts (WB often works with local universities for data collection; specific external expertise, i.e., modelling, may be mobilized for high technical activities) • Modes of coordination agreed between WB and beneficiary – meetings, consultations, etc. • Quality review processes of the World Bank. • Dissemination & link to global knowledge



Country-activities - Expression of Interest Template



UCPM Knowledge creation and transfer

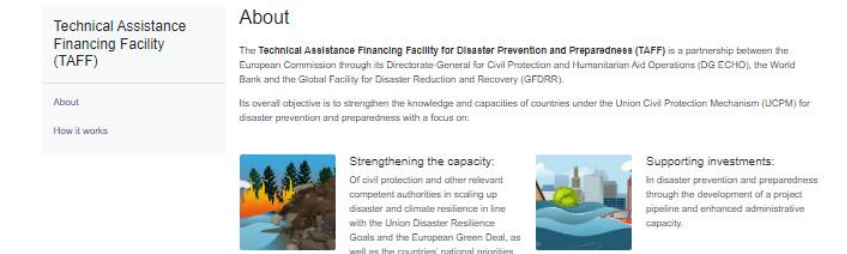
In addition to the country specific support TAFF will support UCPM-wide knowledge products. These may include, for example:

- studies
- collection of good practices/lessons learned, guidance/ knowledge notes, etc.,
- workshops and technical deep dives/clinics,
- training: in-person sessions or online learning related to interest indicated through country-specific activities and/or more broadly.

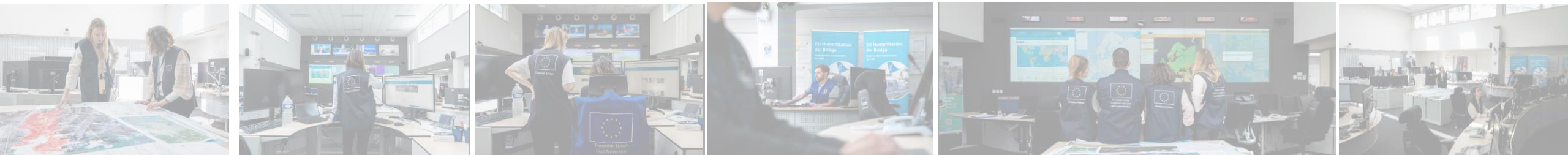
- Member States and UCPM Participating States will be informed on these activities when they will kick-in.
- These activities will be supported by the Knowledge Network.



The screenshot shows the website for the Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF). At the top, there is the European Union logo and navigation links for 'Log in' and 'Search'. Below that, the 'Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network' logo is displayed, along with the tagline 'UCP Knowledge Network: Applied knowledge for action'. A blue navigation bar contains links for 'ABOUT', 'ACTIVITIES', 'FUNDING', 'PROJECTS & EXERCISES', 'COMMUNITY', 'NEWS & EVENTS', and 'CP FORUM 2024'. The main content area features the title 'Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)' and a brief description: 'The Technical Assistance Financing Facility for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness (TAFF) has been set up to enable national civil protection and disaster risk management authorities to access technical assistance and global knowledge on prevention and preparedness to support country and EU efforts on disaster risk management (DRM)'. Below this, there is a paragraph about the facility's purpose and a date: 'The European Commission launches this new financial support instrument on 29 February 2024.' A larger paragraph discusses the increasing vulnerability of Europe to hazards like earthquakes, floods, landslides, wildfires, heatwaves, and other extreme weather events, noting that between 1980 and 2020, natural disasters affected nearly 50 million people in the EU, with an economic loss of €12 billion per year. It states that exacerbated by climate change, these events are increasing in number and becoming more intense and frequent, causing significant impacts on the economy and infrastructure. A final paragraph explains that strengthening financial resilience, making smart investments for disaster and climate resilience, and enhancing institutional capacity and preparedness makes economic sense. To be better prepared for disasters, there is a need to scale up investments to bolster disaster prevention and preparedness across the EU and through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. To the right of the text is a photograph of several people in a control room, looking at large digital screens displaying maps and data. A caption below the photo reads: 'EU Emergency Response Coordination Centre, © European Union, 2022 (photographer: Pierre-Yves Jortay)'.



The screenshot shows the 'About' section of the TAFF website. It features a title 'Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)' and a sub-section 'About' with the text: 'The Technical Assistance Financing Facility for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness (TAFF) is a partnership between the European Commission through its Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), the World Bank and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GDFRR)'. Below this, it states: 'Its overall objective is to strengthen the knowledge and capacities of countries under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) for disaster prevention and preparedness with a focus on:'. There are two columns of text with corresponding images. The first column is titled 'Strengthening the capacity:' and describes how civil protection and other relevant competent authorities are scaling up disaster and climate resilience in line with the Union Disaster Resilience Goals and the European Green Deal, as well as the countries' national priorities. The second column is titled 'Supporting investments:' and describes how disaster prevention and preparedness are supported through the development of a project pipeline and enhanced administrative capacity. Each column has a small image: a landscape with trees and a sunset for the first, and a city skyline with a globe for the second.



Expected timelines

Date/Milestone	Key Activity
29 February 2024	Launch of the Call for Expression of Interest (Eol)
18 April 2024	Deadline for the submission of Eols by countries
30 April 2024	WB/GFDRR review Eols and prepare shortlist of Eols
16 May 2024	(First) Annual Review and Planning meeting and approval of shortlisted activities
16 May – 30 June 2024	Official notification of shortlisting and preparation of proposals for shortlisted proposals/countries by the World Bank ECA DRM team and global GFDRR experts
1 July 2024 onwards	Launch of projects/activities
Dec 2026/June 2027	All activities under Call 2024 complete, dissemination
Coming up	
Feb 2025	(Second) Launch for Call for Expression of Interest (pending timing/budget)
Feb 2026	(Third) Launch for Call for Expression of Interest (pending timing/budget)



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