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Technical Assistance Financing Facility
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Overview and Outlook



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What does TAFF offer to UCPM members and Participating States?

TAFF is a mechanism for eligible countries **to access technical assistance & knowledge** to support country efforts on **disaster risk management**

TAFF is an option for countries that seek:

- **A turn-key technical assistance solution** avoiding procurement processes for hiring firms, experts, etc.
- Assistance provided by **World Bank international and local technical experts**
- **Innovative & good practice** approaches linked to global knowledge
- **Complementary** to other grants opportunities



TAFF Objectives

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

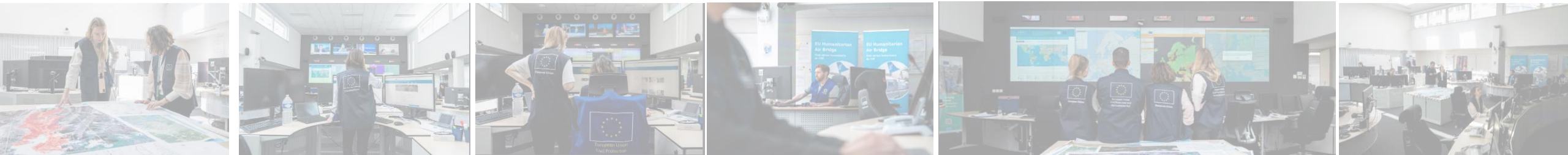
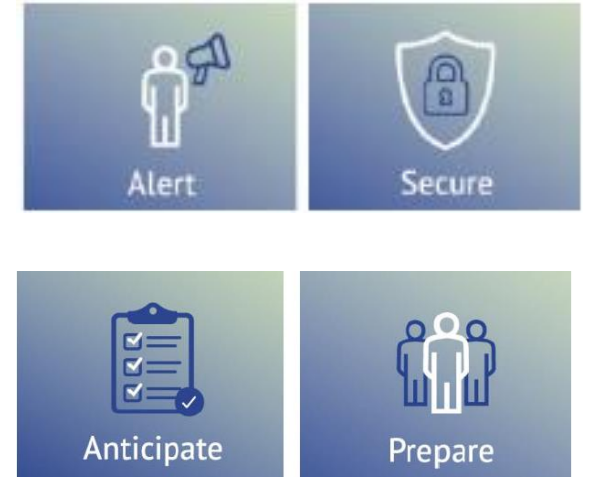


Technical assistance activities contribute to the following objectives:

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



How does TAFF work in practice?

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

TAFF is a non-financial support mechanism. Grants are not provided directly to shortlisted beneficiaries, with the aim to reduce the burden on beneficiaries!

TAFF provides tailor-made advice and technical assistance through experts selected by the World Bank/GFDRR

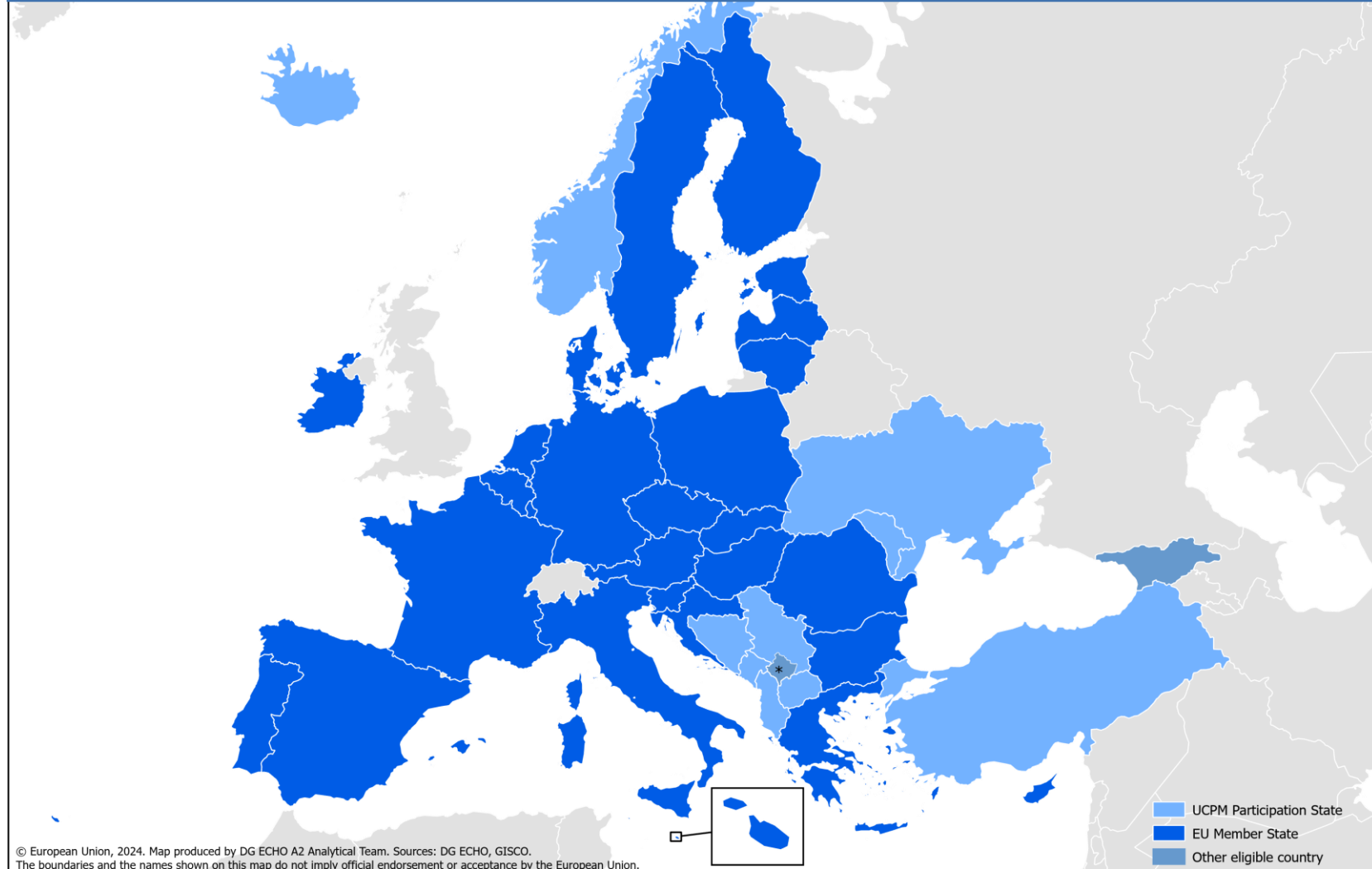
World Bank/GFDRR have designated staff at central (coordination) and country (implementation) levels



Who is eligible for TAFF?

- **Legal entities** (public bodies)
- **National level civil protection authority** or a **national authority with disaster risk management (DRM) responsibilities** of eligible countries **with confirmed support of the national CP agency**

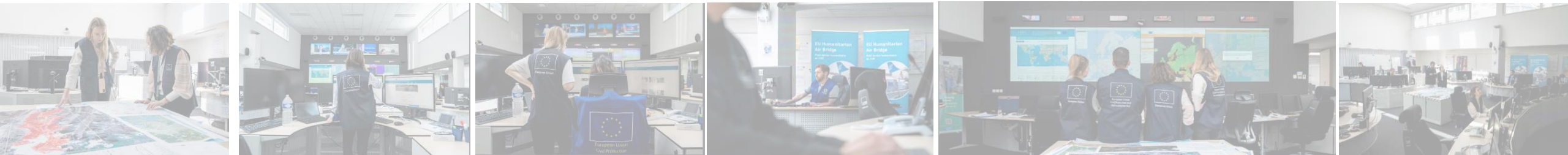
Countries eligible for support under the UCPM Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management Grants and under the Technical Assistance Financing Facility



Country-specific assistance through WB expertise

Technical assistance provided by the World Bank/GFDRR experts to beneficiary countries related to four EU DRGs

- **Size:** €250,000– €750,000 (average from 2024 call – €500,000)
- **Timelines:** 12-24 months (max. 30 months)
- **Expertise:** Country/activity specific teams led by WB/GFDRR staff and experts (international/local)
- **Expression of Interest: Consultation with World Bank Team to discuss and support preparation is highly recommended**
- **Details of technical assistance:** After shortlisting, activities, expected outputs, etc. are defined in the proposals developed by World Bank/GFDRR, on the basis of the shortlisted EOIs



UCPM Knowledge creation and transfer

In addition to country-specific interventions, TAFF can support UCPM-wide knowledge products (regional-wide activities)

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
- **In line with broader Knowledge Network efforts & activities**



Who are TAFF experts?

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



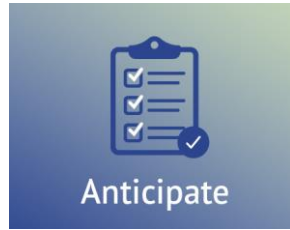
= regional team of international and local (operational) staff

- **Over 50 technical experts** managing a **DRM/CCA portfolio** of lending and policy **projects**, technical assistance, **etc.**
- Coordinate with WB sectoral experts as Water, Urban Development, Environment, Transport, Health, Education, etc.

= a global partnership on DRM managed by the World Bank

- **Over 40 technical experts** with global DRM expertise (i.e., on nature-based solutions, building codes, etc.) with an extensive network of experts

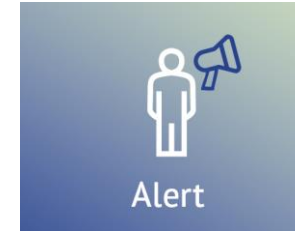
Example eligible activities supported via TAFF



- **Risk analytics** for DRM planning
- Recommendations for **prioritization frameworks** (i.e., portfolio assessment; CBA)
- **National** DRM/DRR, prevention or preparedness **strategies/plans**
- **Resilient infrastructure** (building regulations, nature-based solutions, climate-proofing, etc.)



- **Risk awareness** activities
- **Communication strategies/actions plans** 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 of **EWS and national hydromet**
- System review of **climate services provided** vis-à-vis user needs, coordination, etc.
- Review of **hydrometeorological investments**
- Technical reviews focusing on **enhancing human and technical aspects of public warning**



- **Preparedness and response analytics** (i.e., Ready2Respond)
- **Recovery technical reviews & recommendations** (i.e., post-disaster financing, damage & loss systems or methodologies, inclusive & gender responsive recovery, recovery frameworks, etc.)
- **Trainings**, e.g., inclusive first responders

Country-specific in-kind technical assistance

TAFF is a non-financial support tool. 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



Results of the 2024 Call

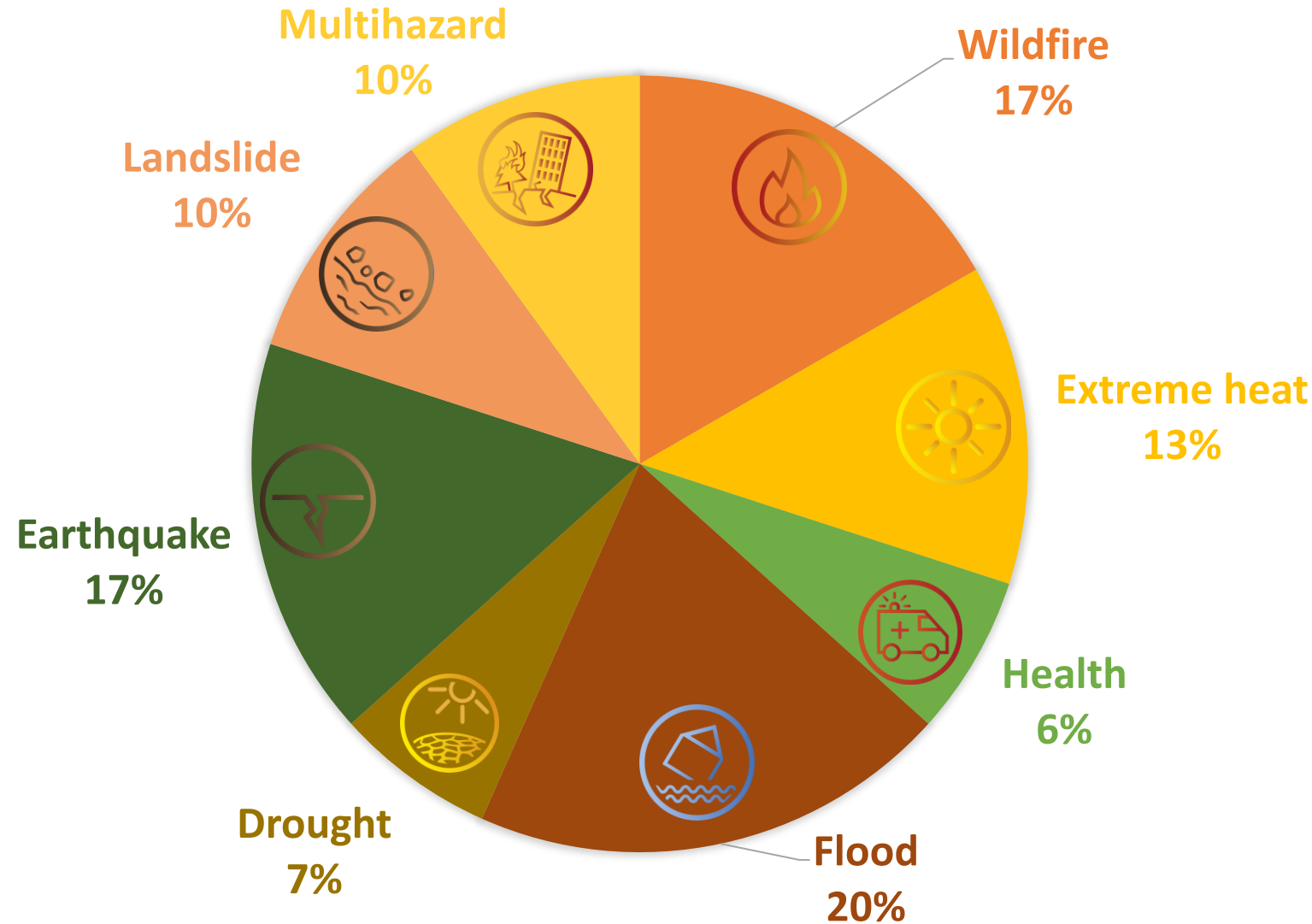
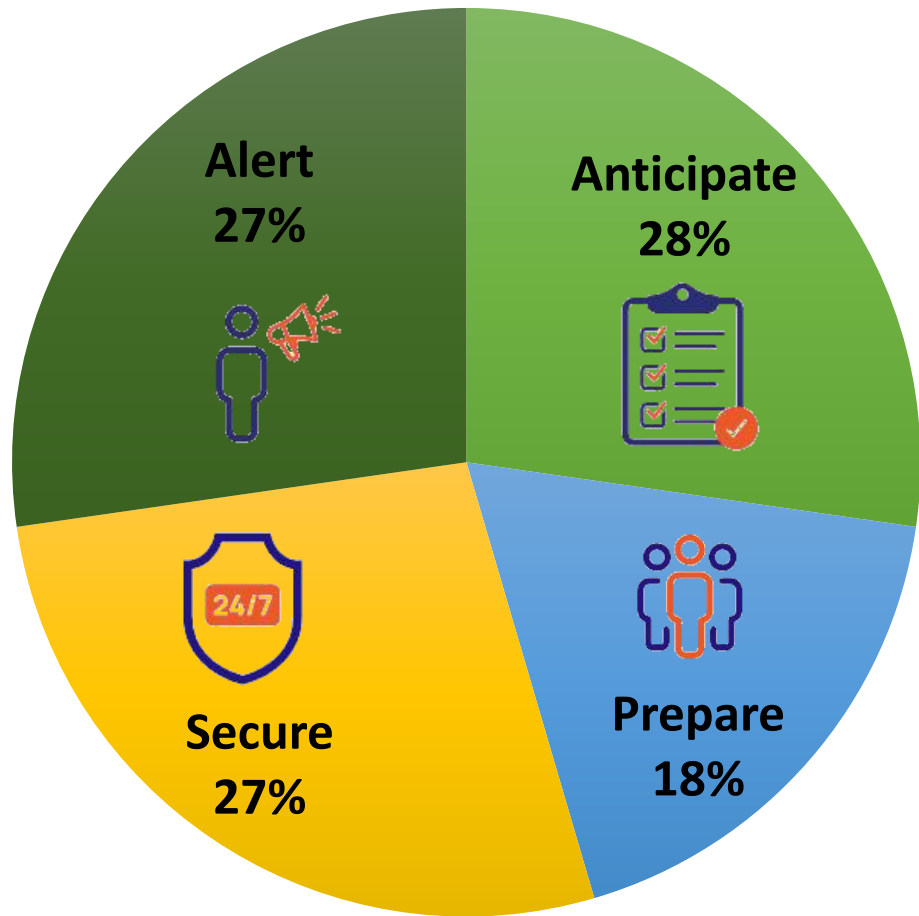
25 Expressions of Interest received. 8-country specific activities supported via TAFF. 1 regional activity

For more
information
on TAFF 2024



Albania	<u>Strengthening Albania's Fire Risk Management and Search and Rescue Capacity</u>
Germany	<u>Return of Investments in Disaster Resilience Measures: Identifying measures & generating evidence to inform decision-making in Germany</u>
Iceland	<u>Towards an Integrated Wildfire Risk Management in Iceland</u>
Kosovo	<u>Improving Disaster Risk Understanding, Impact-Based Forecasting, and Early Warning in Kosovo</u>
Moldova	<u>Strengthening Moldova's Preparedness to Natural Hazards, Climate-related Shocks, and Health Emergencies</u>
North Macedonia	<u>Resilience Investments, Governance and Recovery for Disaster Risk Reduction in North Macedonia</u>
Romania	<u>Romanian Assistance for Post-Disaster Improvement and Development (RAPID)</u>
Türkiye	<u>Türkiye – Enhancement of the Flood Early Warning System in Samsun and Communication Strategy</u>
Regional	<u>Enhancing Policy and Investments for EU Disaster and Climate Resilience</u>

Snapshot of 2024 TAFF projects



Outlook for 2025 Call & Next Steps

KEY DATES

- **End of January 2025:** Launch of the 2025 Call for Expression of Interest (Eoi)
- **Mid-March 2025:** Deadline for Submission of Eoi in consultation with WB teams
- **Early May 2025:** Shortlist of approved projects
- **May- June 2025:** WB develops full proposal / scope of activities in consultation with counterparts
- **July onwards 2025:** Start of project activities

KEY CHANGES VISAVIS 2024 CALL

- **EOI template** remains the same with small changes envisioned to **clarify eligible entities** as well as **implementation arrangements**
- **EOI submission:** **strongly recommended** to consult with World Bank team to ensure eligibility

Next Steps – Options for you to get engaged!

If you are interested to receive technical assistance via TAFF

- Please get in touch with World Bank team (see focal points below)
- Be mindful of the deadline for the Call of Expressions of Interest
- Be mindful of the eligibility, types of activities that can be supported, and implementation arrangements

If you are interested in learning more

- Please get in touch with World Bank team (see focal points below)
- Visit website (GFDRR TAFF or UCPM Knowledge Network) and/or **read the Project Fiches**
- Talk to your peers / countries receiving TAFF from the 2024 Call

If you would like to share feedback with us

- Please get in touch with World Bank team (see focal points below)

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