



Agenda of the workshop “Boosting disaster risk management financing”

12-13 November 2024

Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette - Room 2.A, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels

Day 1
12 November 2024

Session 1: Good practices in disaster risk management financing – experience from UCPM-supported initiatives.

13.00-13.30	Arrival, registration of participants and welcome coffee
13.30-13.40	Welcome and opening remarks <i>Erwan Marteil, Head of Unit B3, DG ECHO</i>
13.40-14.30	UCPM capacity building tools for preparing and implementing investments – an overview 1. UCPM grants for Disaster Resilience: Track 1 - Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management & KAPP - Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness <i>Cristina Brăilescu & Juan Francisco Galvan Montero, DG ECHO B3</i> 2. Technical Assistance Financing Facility - TAFF <i>Zuzana Stanton-Geddes, the World Bank</i> Q&A
14.30-15.30	Building a strategic approach to disaster risk management investments - experience from selected Track 1 projects 1. Developing a pipeline of projects in disaster risk management – experience from Latvia – <i>Ineta Narodovska, State Fire and Rescue Service of Latvia</i> 2. Building local capacity for disaster risk management investments – the Albanian initiative ‘Local-DRM’ – <i>Adisa Bala, National Civil Protection Agency, Albania</i> 3. Unlocking EU funding opportunities for civil protection – the PLUTUS project led by Belgium - <i>Félicie De Brouwer & Helena Maldonado, Directorate General for Civil Protection, Belgium</i> 4. “No-regrets” investments in building wildfire resilience – the example of the B-FIREPREP project led by Portugal - <i>André</i>

	<p><i>Fernandes, National Authority for Emergency and Civil Protection, Portugal</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break
16.00-17.00	<p>Enhancing cross-border risk management: lessons from KAPP projects on risk assessment and awareness raising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-border multi-risk assessment – towards a shared methodology. The case of BORIS 2 project (IT, SI, ME, AT, TR) – <i>Maria Polese, University of Naples Federico II</i> Assessing vulnerabilities in a cross-border and multi-risk context – insights from the VERA project (ES, PT, FR) – <i>Jaime Ribalaygua Batalla, Meteogrid</i> Raising risk awareness on wildfires in the wildland-urban interface. Lessons and recommendations from the FIREPRIME project (ES, AT, SE) – <i>Elsa Pastor, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya</i> A regional approach to risk communication in Western Balkans: the ROSES project (EL, ME, BA, CY, AL, MK) – <i>Ioannis Bakouros, University of Western Macedonia</i> <p>Q&A</p>
17:00-17:30	<p>Leveraging the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network for sharing of experience and good practices</p> <p><i>Stacey Vickers, DG ECHO B3</i></p>
17.30-17.40	<p>Wrap-up: key take-away points</p> <p><i>Gaetano Vivo, Deputy Head of Unit B3, DG ECHO</i></p>
18.00-19.00	Networking Reception – Aloft Hotel

Day 2
13 November 2024

Session 2: UCPM Calls for Proposals 2025 – What’s ahead for Track 1, KAPP, TAFF and the Regional civil protection programme in the Eastern Partnership countries (PPRD East 4)?

09.00-09.15	Arrival, registration of participants and welcome coffee
09:15-10:15	<p>Outlook for the 2025 calls for proposals and feedback from participants:</p> <p><i>Cristina Brăilescu & Juan Francisco Galvan Montero, DG ECHO B3 and Paule Gailiunaite, DG ECHO C1</i></p>
10:15-10:30	Health Break

Session 3: Mobilising investments in disaster risk management: identifying needs, bottlenecks and priorities for action.

10.30-10:45	<p><i>Setting the scene: Mobilising investments in disaster risk management: the risk and policy landscape</i></p> <p><i>Presentation by Hanna Jahns, Director for Strategy and Policy, DG ECHO</i></p>
10:45-11:45	<p><i>Panel discussion: Mobilising EU investments in disaster risk management – lessons learnt and good practices from various EU support instruments</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Hanna Jahns, Director for Strategy and Policy, DG ECHO</i></p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Marta Balossino, Deputy Head of Unit B1, SG-RECOVER</i> - <i>Michael Pielke, Head of Unit B1, DG AGRI</i> - <i>Kaspar Richter, Head of Unit B3, DG REFORM</i> - <i>Myriam Boveda, DG REGIO</i> <p><i>Questions for discussion (NB. Each panellist will be asked to address some, but not all, of the four questions listed below):</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the key ingredients for successful investments in disaster risk management? 2. What bottlenecks do you see in practice to spending funds allocated for disaster risk management in the previous and current financing periods? What solutions would you recommend to relevant authorities for overcoming them?

	<p>3. When should civil protection authorities engage with relevant funding authorities on the post-2027 funding and technical assistance priorities? What elements should be considered when preparing for the next financial perspective?</p> <p>4. Linking reforms and investments for effective disaster risk management: what are the examples and lessons learnt so far?</p> <p><i>Introduction to the parallel group discussions</i></p> <p><i>Laura Indriliunaite, DG ECHO B2</i></p>
11:45-12:15	Coffee Break and division into smaller groups
12:15-12:50	<p><i>Parallel group discussions: Strengthening national investments in disaster risk management</i></p> <p><i>Participants split into groups to discuss the following issues:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building capacity for preparing and implementing investments within civil protection agencies – from training staff to strategic planning, resource allocation, and partnership development. 2. Assessing investment and reform needs in a strategic, long-term, risk-informed, and citizen-oriented manner – mission (im)possible? 3. Developing a pipeline of investment projects in close cooperation with funding authorities and donors. 4. Building capacity at cross-sectoral and sub-national levels for effective disaster risk management investments. 5. Performance-oriented disaster risk management – how to design investments that include clear performance indicators, to unlock financial support tied to measurable targets and milestones?
12.50-13.15	<p>Wrap-up:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants from the EU Member States and UCPM Participating States will present key takeaway points to the Commission panellists and representatives 2. Closing remarks
13.15-14.30	Light lunch