



UCPM Peer review programme 2020-2024 *Lessons Learnt*

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Peer Review Programme

- Since 2013, 19 peer reviews
- Following two pilots (UK, FI), three programme cycles:
 - 2015-2017 (TR, GE, BG, PL, MT, EE)
 - 2017-2019 (TN, MK, CY, DZ, RS, PT)
 - 2020-2024 (RO, MD, EL, IT, Land Brandenburg (DE))
- 2025-2027 new cycle kicks off in January 2025



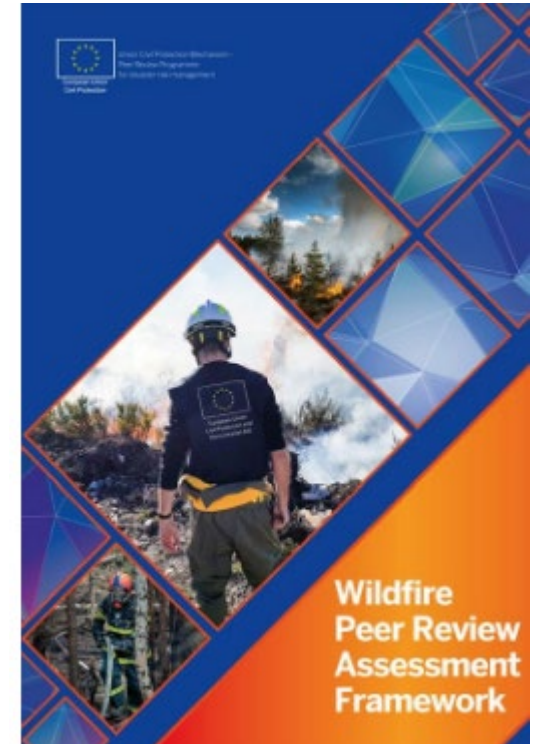
Achievements during 2020-2024

- **Cycle kicked off just before the covid-19 pandemic with travel restrictions and general lockdown. Impossible to carry out any peer reviews for nearly two years**
- **In the covid-19 pause, assisted by an expert working group, a new analytical framework took shape - with 'hexagons' and 'wedges' on review topics and subtopics to guide both the reviewed country and the peers**
- **The PRAF (peer review assessment framework) was born**
- **The PRAF was ready in time for the first review after covid-19, Romania in 2022. The review of Moldova followed in 2023**



Achievements during 2020-2024

- In May 2023, a wildfire version of the PRAF was launched
- The Wildfire PRAF is widely recognised as a useful tool also outside the peer review programme
- In June 2023, following a call for Expression of Interest for the remaining three slots: eight countries and one region expressed such an interest
- Three requests were accepted, all wildfire specific
- First peer review of a regional system (Region of Brandenburg, Germany)



Peer Reviews 2022-2024



Romania

Mission October 2022

Thematic peer review on disaster risk management governance and prevention

Peers from ES, FR, PT, HR

Report published February 2023



Republic of Moldova

Mission April 2023

Comprehensive peer review on all thematic areas of disaster risk management

Peers from FR, PL, LV, RO, SE, DE

Report published October 2023



Greece

Mission January 2024

Thematic review on wildfire risk management (governance, prevention, preparedness, and response)

Peers from ES, FR, PT, NO and OECD

Report published June 2024

Peer Reviews 2022-2024



Italy (ongoing)

Mission May 2024

Thematic review on wildfire risk management (governance, preparedness, response)

Peer team from FR, PT (x2), ES, CZ

Report expected December 2024



Land Brandenburg, DE (ongoing)

Mission November 2024

Thematic review on wildfire risk management (governance, prevention, preparedness, recovery, lessons learnt)

Peers from IT, PT, ES (x2)

Report expected May 2025

2025-2027 Peer Reviews

- Fourth cycle 2025-2027 about to start (new contract with CMCC)
- Capacity of **six peer reviews** over 36 months
- Call for expression of interest for the **first three peer review slots** will be distributed **in the next 2 months**
- Other tasks:
 - Revision of general PRAF to follow a 'check list' methodology
 - Update the Wildfire PRAF
 - Review the guidelines document that describes the practical steps of a peer review

Potential challenges

- Based on the volunteering principle, receiving a good number of requests from countries/regions
- Receiving more requests than can be accommodated in terms of the maximum slots available and the time needed to carry out a quality review
- Establishing/following a set of selection criteria
- Ensuring sufficient numbers of qualified peers volunteering



Thank you!



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