

**Information day -
4 February 2025**

Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network

**Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk
Management - Track 1**

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

**Programme in the Eastern Partnership countries
(PPRD East 4)**



Photo source: 'Lithuania grant for DRM' project

Agenda

- Welcoming participants and preliminary remarks
- **Technical Assistance for DRM - Track 1 grants**
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 - Application process: online platform & application form
 - Questions & answers
- **Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)**
 - Overview of the progress during the 2024 TAFF
 - Overview of the 2025 TAFF call for Expression of Interest, including process and form
 - Questions & answers
- **Regional civil protection programme in the Eastern Partnership countries (PPRD East 4)**
 - Overview of the invitation to submit a proposal & Application process
 - Questions & answers



Welcome

UCPM Capacity Building Opportunities

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)



Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness (KAPP)



Aligned with the EU Disaster Resilience Goals

Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)



Track 1 Grants – General Objectives

Support to carry out strategic disaster risk management actions, prepare investments, and improve crisis management & implement the Disaster Resilience Goals

- Enhance institutional, technical and financial capacity of civil protection and other disaster risk management authorities
- Foster a culture of prevention and improving cooperation between various relevant services.
- Prepare and implement prevention and preparedness investments, strategies and reforms
- Improve the knowledge base on disaster risks
- Help civil protection organisations in integrating climate adaptation & "greening" activities.

UCPM grants for Disaster Resilience

Track 1 - Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management



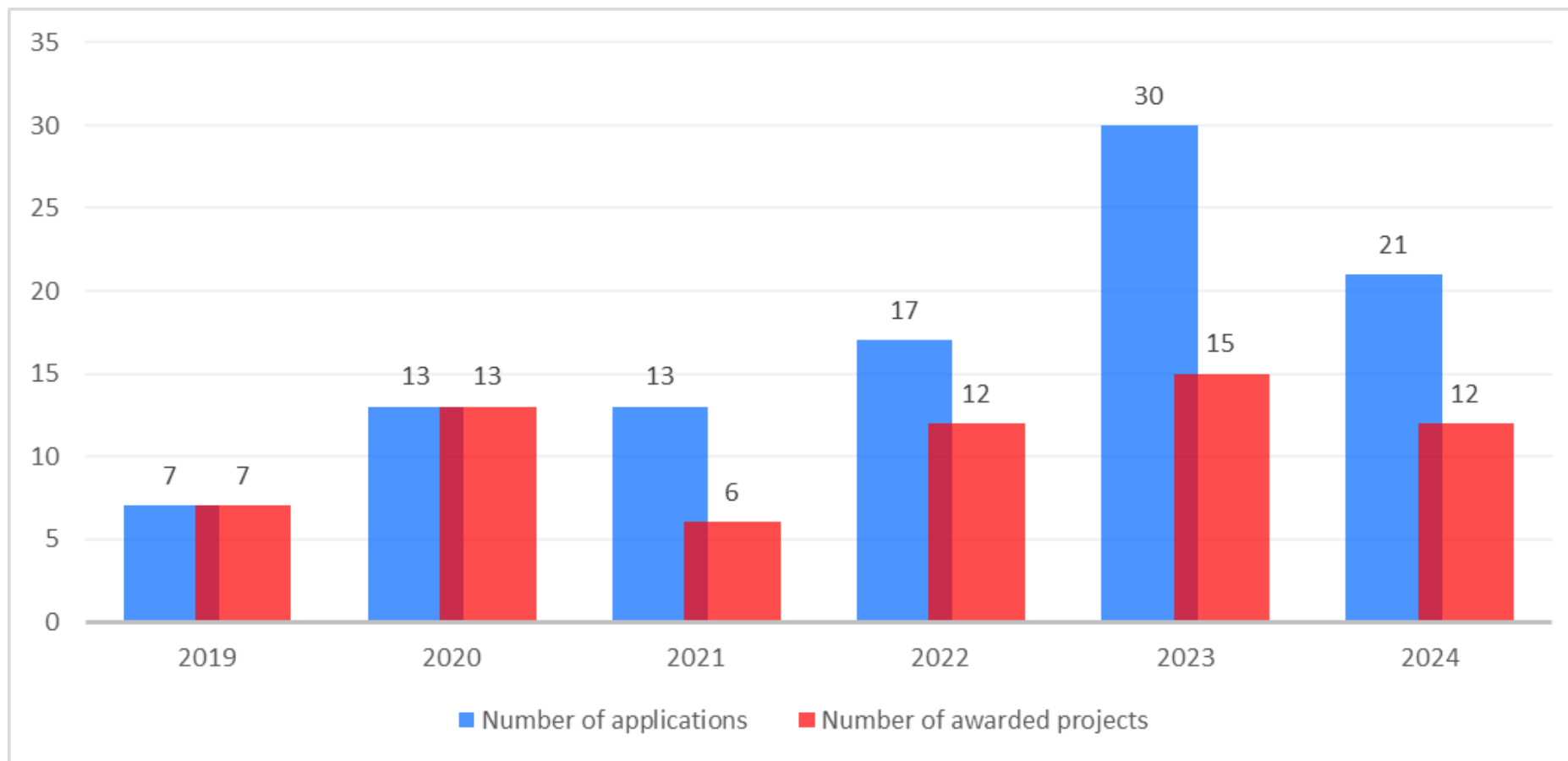
- **Beneficiaries:** National authorities of EU MS and UCPM PS, Georgia and Kosovo*
- **Max grant amount:** EUR 750.000
- Annual call – Call opened January 2025

Single-country grants for strategic disaster risk management actions:

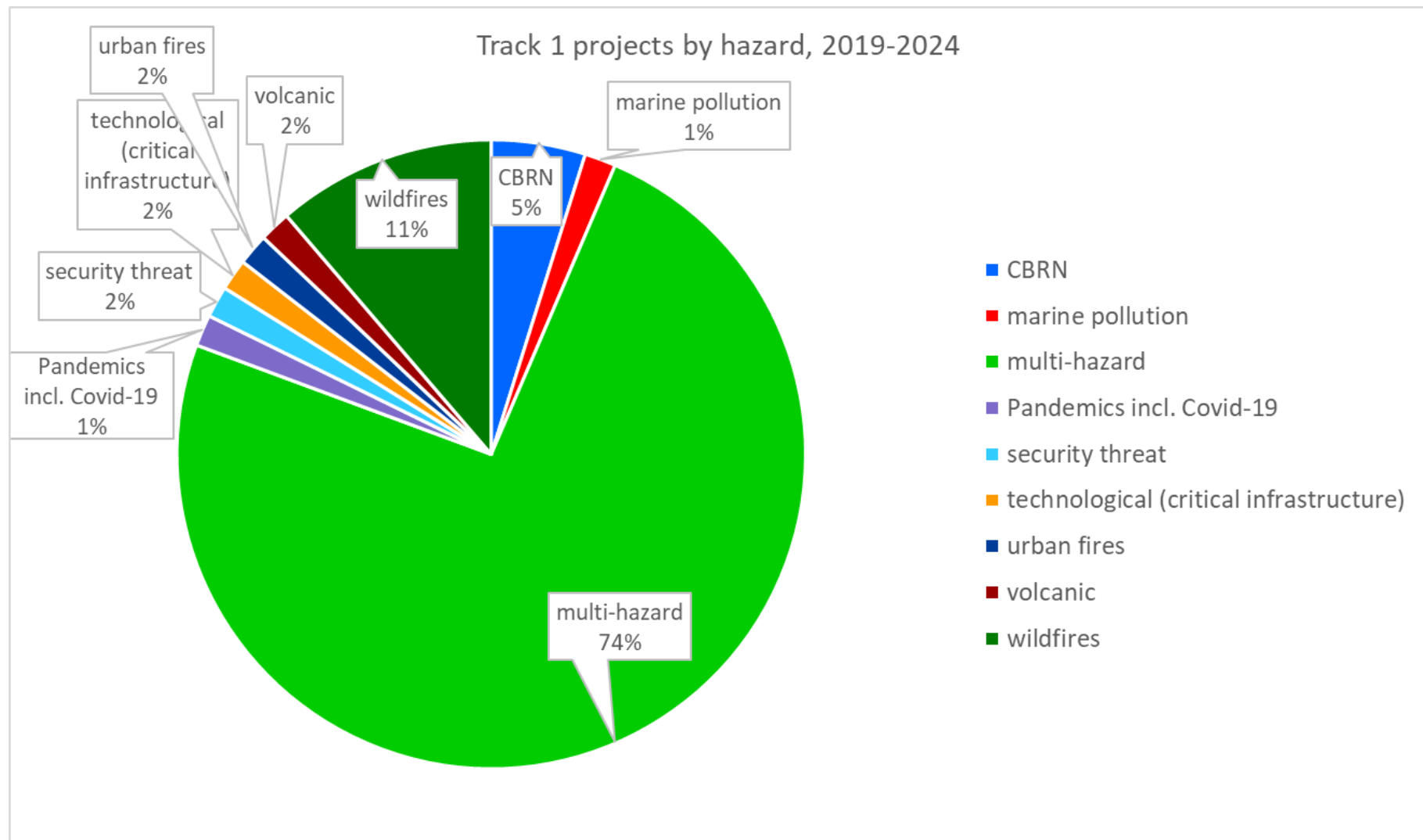
- Strategic framework for disaster risk management
- Investments for disaster risk management
- Investments to improve crisis preparedness capabilities

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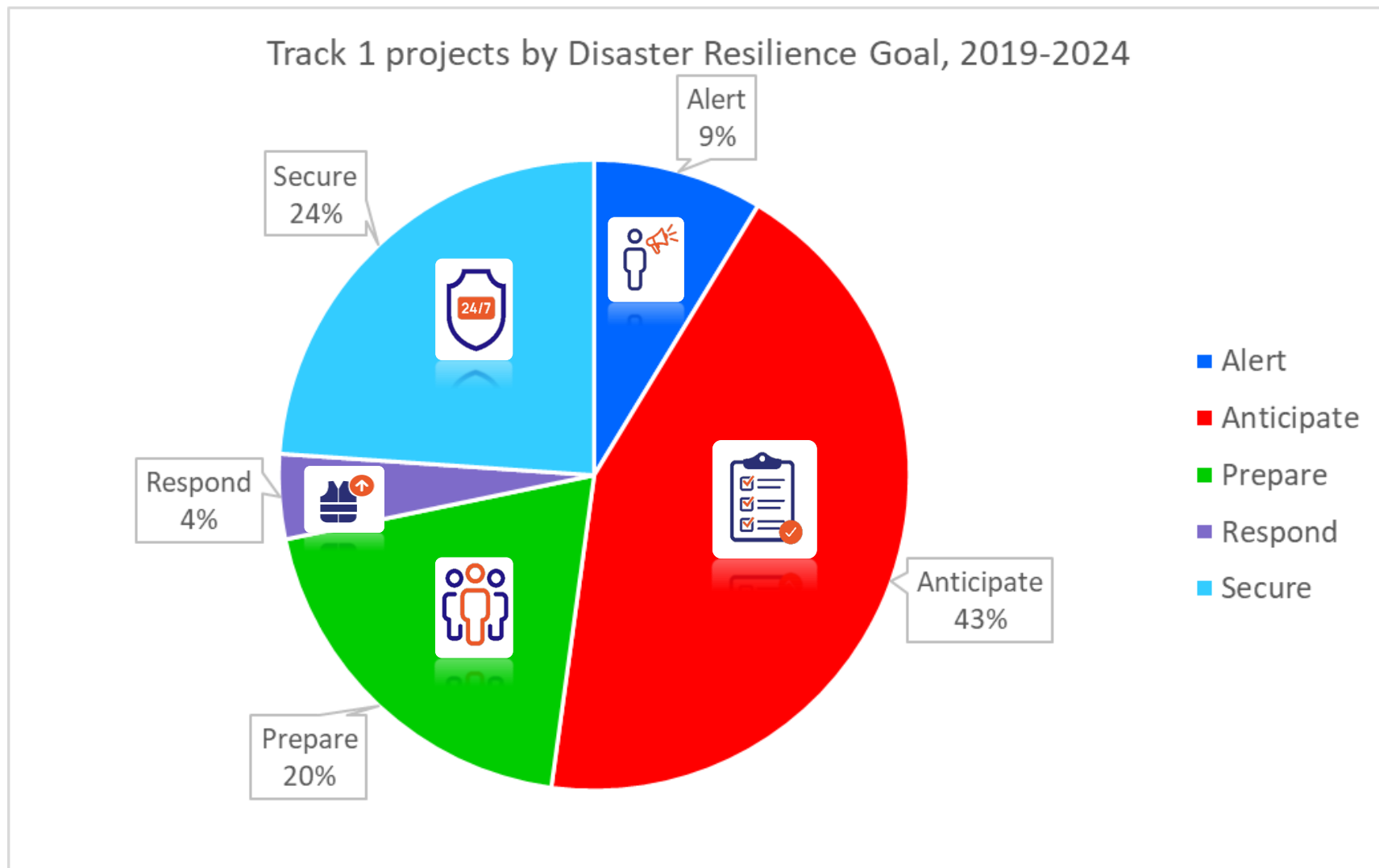
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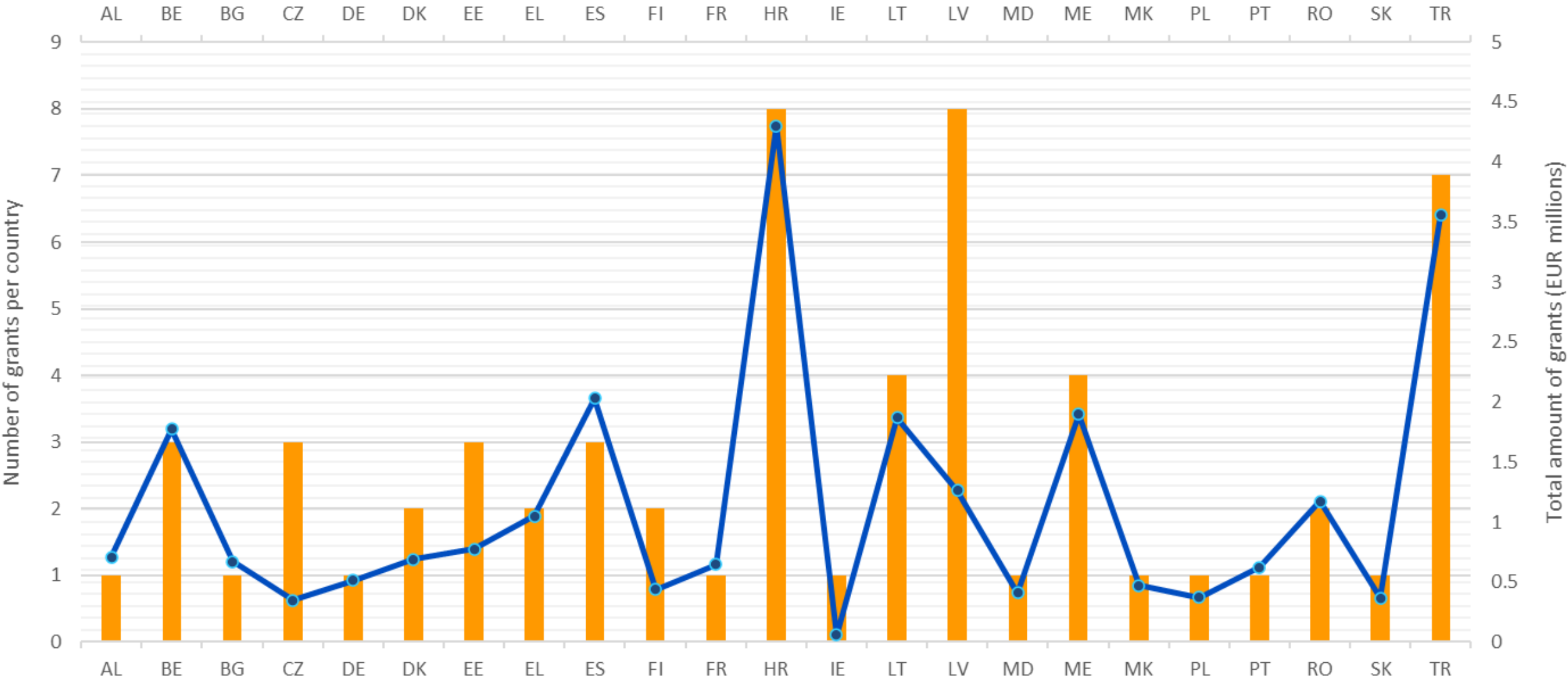
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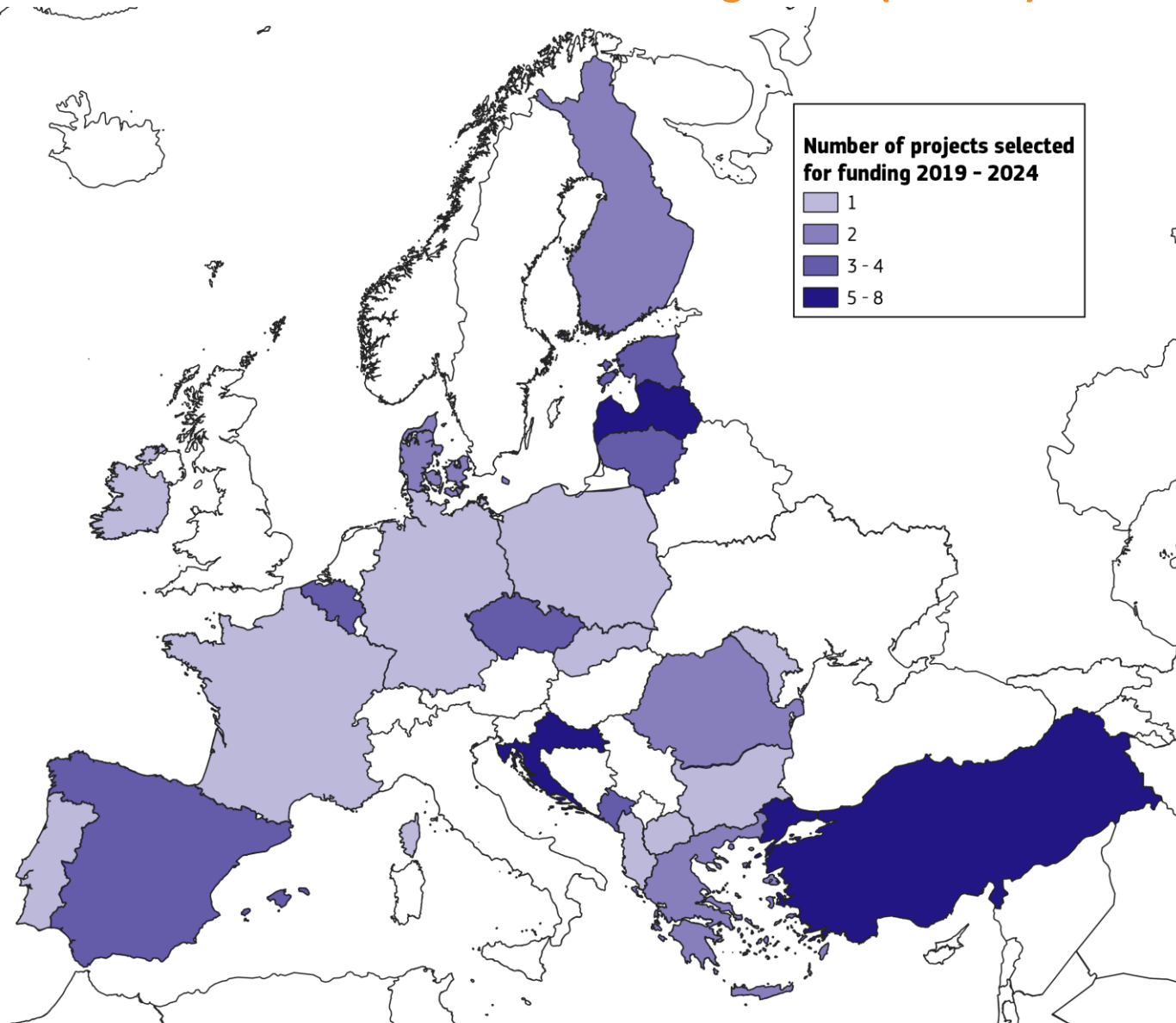
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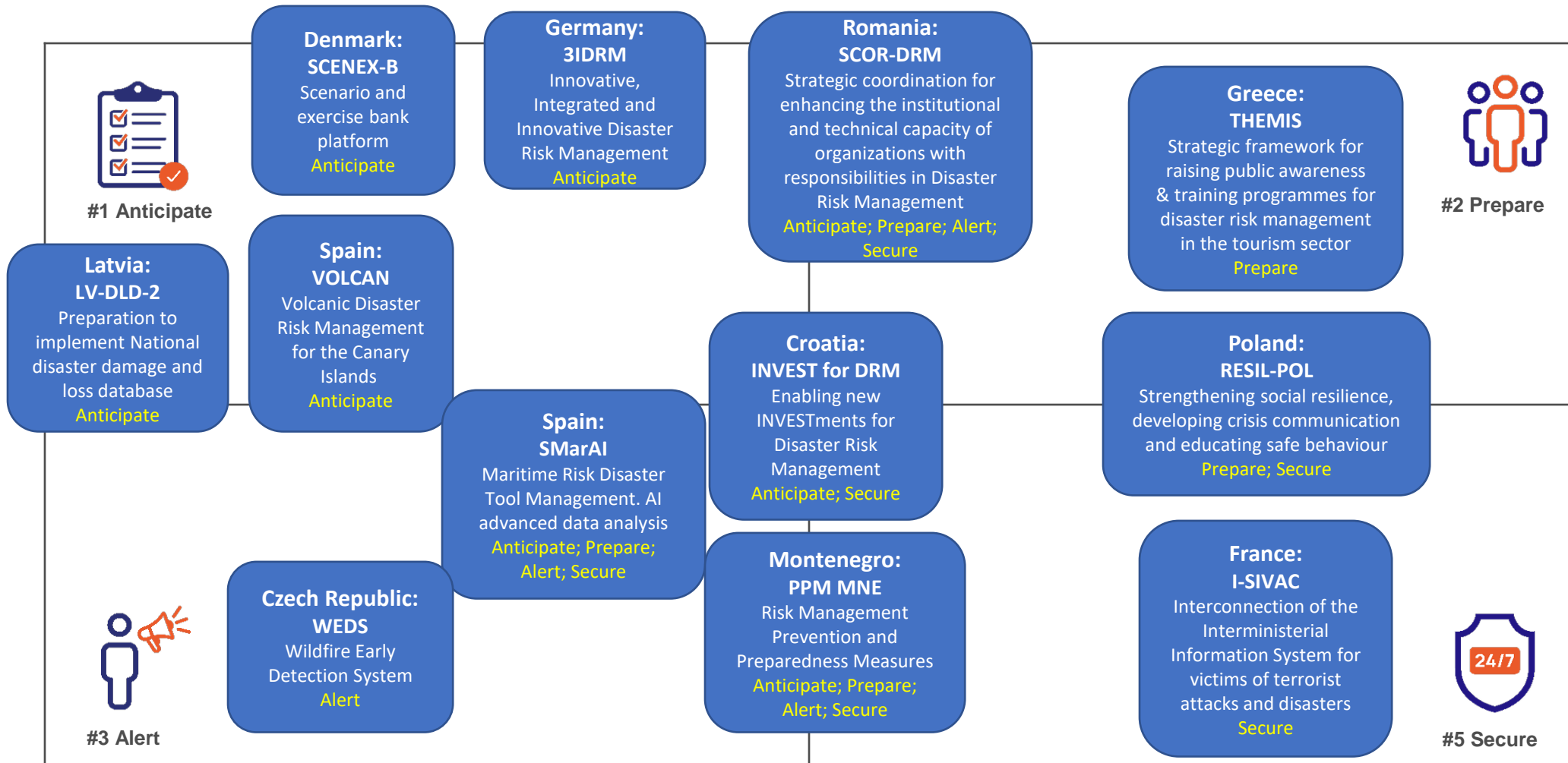
Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management, 2019-2024



Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)



Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1) – awarded projects in 2024





Success stories: Prevention and preparedness projects supported by the Union Civil Protection Mechanism

Find out more about recent projects and how they have benefitted the UCPM, including innovative disaster risk management tools and solutions

UPDATE - October 2024

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An updated compilation of [success story projects](#), have a look for inspiration!

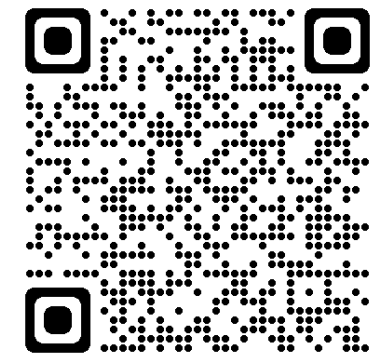
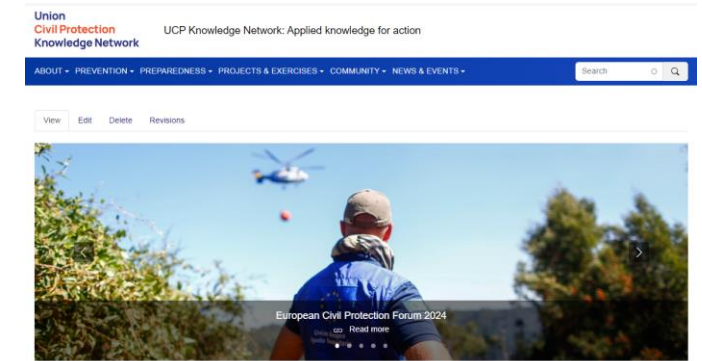
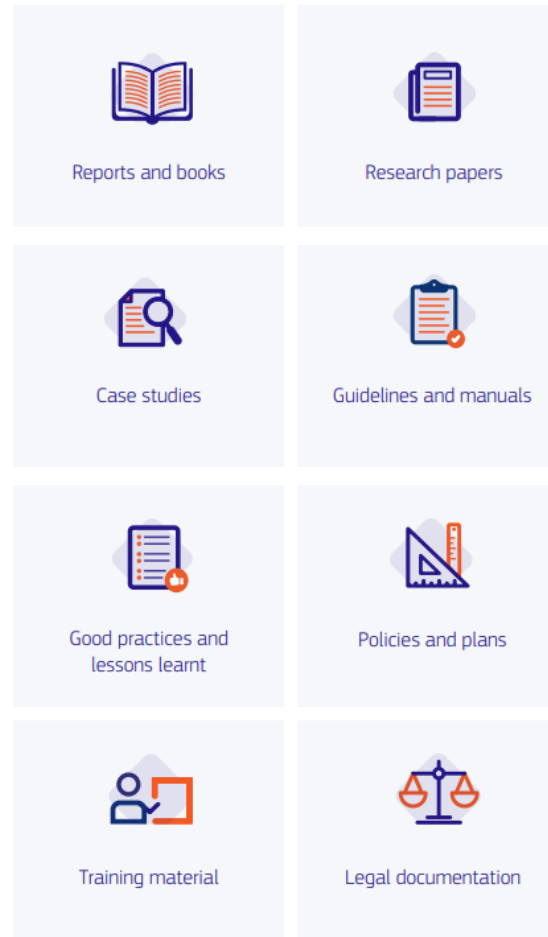


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The UCPKN and its platform as the Prevention and Preparedness hub of the UCPM

- Current state of the network
- Role of projects
- Knowledge Network Platform
 - Project pages
 - User profiles
 - Discussion Groups
 - Knowledge Library



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**Overview of the 2025 Technical Assistance for
Disaster Risk Management call:**

Call document and recommendations for a good
proposal



Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

Supports capacity building activities for **National Civil Protection and DRM authorities** to prepare investments & strengthen the institutional and policy framework.

MAIN CHANGES:

Single beneficiary

- National authority established in an eligible country

Multiple beneficiaries

- Led by a national authority established in an eligible country
- Rest of beneficiaries/affiliated entities must be national authorities
- Focus on DRM capacity building within a single eligible country

- While no strict requirements on the applicants' main areas of competence, they should have competences in the disaster risk and crisis management areas.
- If applicant is not a national CP authority, it is recommended that the application includes references to the relevant legal basis showing its responsibilities in the disaster risk management area.
- Letter of Support to be submitted by beneficiaries that are not themselves the national CP authority

Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

BUDGET:

- **EUR 6 million** in 2025
- Maximum EU contribution per project: **€ 750 000**
- **95%** EU co-financing

TIMELINE:

- Publication of the call: **14 January 2025**
- Opening of the call: **14 January 2025**
- **Deadline to submit proposals: 23 April 2025**
- Evaluation: **April-June 2025**
- Information on evaluation results: **July 2025**
- Grant Agreement signature: **September – October 2025**

Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

PRIORITIES

Priority 1. Strategic frameworks for disaster risk management

Priority 2. Investments for disaster risk management

Priority 3. Investments to improve crisis management capabilities

Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

Priority 1. Strategic frameworks for disaster risk management

Type of projects

- DRM plans and/or strategies;
- Studies and assessments to develop policies, legislation, institutions and/or measures for improved DRM and climate resilience;
- Strategic frameworks and activities for public awareness raising, preparation of the population to deal with disasters and crises, improved trainings;
- Green transition plans; and
- Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to disaster risk and crisis management.

Activities that can be funded (outputs)

- New or improved DRM plans or strategies;
- Improved risk assessment analyses or methodologies;
- Compilation of good practices and knowledge in the field of disaster risk management;
- Development and implementation of strategies and measures aimed at increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population; and
- New or improved guidelines on disaster risk recovery, taking into account “build-back better” principles.

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Priority 2. Investments for disaster risk management

Type of projects

- Feasibility studies/assessments required for the preparation or upgrade of investments for disaster risk and crisis management, and climate resilience;
- Proposals for investment projects addressing disaster and climate resilience to be submitted for national/EU funding;
- National/sub-national investment plan(s) for implementing preparedness, prevention and/or recovery measures;
- ...

Activities that can be funded (outputs)

- Studies for the preparation or upgrade of investments in DRM and climate resilience (e.g. feasibility assessment);
- Proposals for investment projects addressing DRM and climate resilience that would be submitted for funding under the national budget or other funding instruments, including EU (e.g. technical specifications);
- Studies, analyses, guidelines, or procedures aimed at implementing the relevant Union DRGs;
- ...

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Priority 3. Investments to improve crisis management capabilities

Type of projects

- Support crisis management capacities (e.g. to ensure scenario-building, foresight and horizon-scanning for detecting, identifying and assessing potential future crisis situations);
- Develop / improve plans and procedures to ensure effective cross-sectoral and cross-border crisis preparedness & improve operational situational awareness

Activities that can be funded (outputs)

- Plans and standard operating procedures;
- Development of training modules and corresponding training materials to build relevant skills in DRM;
- Guidance material for translating lessons learnt into existing learning initiatives;
- Scenario frameworks, manuals, guidelines and planning tools, action plans, evaluation reports and trainings on their use and adaptation;
- ...

Application process

Application process

- An application process is a communication process
- EU communicates a call for proposals and sets a framework of rules
- The applicants respond to this call by providing details for a project idea

Application process

1. User account and registration

- Personal EU Login
- Participant register for organisation
- 9 digit “PIC” for each organisation



2. Submit proposal

- 3-part submission (A, B, Annexes)
- Page limits
- Submission before deadline
- Confirmation email
- Online manual



Application process: admissibility requirements

- Apply via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System no later than:
23 April 2025 at 17:00 CET
- Drafted in one of the EU official languages (applicants are however encouraged to submit their applications in English).
- Proposals should not exceed EUR 750 000 – EU Contribution



Failure to comply with those requirements will lead to the rejection of the application.



Mandatory Annexes	
Annex	
Detailed budget table	✓
CVs project team	
Activity reports	
List of previous projects	
Letter of support from CPA	✓
Annex of KPIs	✓

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility	
Consortium	Track 1
Eligible Countries	EU MS, UCPM PS, Kosovo Georgia
Applicant(s)	be the national level civil protection authority or a national authority with disaster risk management responsibilities
Composition	No requirements
Natural persons	No
EU bodies	No
International organisations	No

ELIGIBLE COSTS – TYPES

- Actual costs
- Unit costs – travel, accommodation and subsistence costs (Annex 2a)
- Flat-rate – Indirect costs – 7% of the eligible direct costs

A few examples:

Eligible costs

- Conference before the end of the project, but paid after the end date
- Interpretation and translation of documents
- Travel for project meetings
- Visibility
- Costs for reporting at the end of the action
- 100 % sub-contracting possible

Ineligible costs

- VAT
- Purchase of equipment, except depreciation costs
- Currency exchange losses
- Excessive or reckless expenditure
- Project communication website

Application process: who can participate in the action?

- applications by single and multi-beneficiaries are allowed
- **Affiliated Entities and Associated partners are permitted**

Affiliated entities:

- Affiliated entities are entities that can participate in the action with the applicant, with similar rights and obligations as the beneficiaries.
- They will receive part of the grant money, so they may declare eligible costs.
- Affiliated entities must be legal entities with a legal or capital link with the main applicant.

Associated partners:

- Associated partners are entities that can participate in the action with the applicant.
- Associated partners do not receive any grant money, so they have to bear their own costs.
- Associated partners must register in the Participant Register — before submitting the proposal

Application process: recommendations for a good proposal

- Read the questions posed and make sure that you answer to the question concisely.
- After drafting an answer, you should go back to the question.
- Provide information on the policy context. Why you need to execute this project
- Avoid repetitions in your texts
- Ask a peer to read the final draft and listen to the comments
- Get in the shoes of the evaluator. Others do not necessarily have your knowledge on the issue. Provide technical details without being too comprehensive.

Evaluation process: award criteria

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	20	40
Quality	15	30
Impact	15	30
Overall (pass) scores	65	100

- Maximum points: 100 points.
- Where the total requested co-financing of all eligible applications received exceeds the available budget, applications will be ranked and selected for EU funding in descending order until the available budget has been fully allocated.

Evaluation process: what makes a successful application?

Relevance criteria:

- Needs assessment is key! Make your case clear on why the project is needed. Use evaluations, peer reviews, independent reports, lessons identified ...
- Connection to the needs and objectives described in the call and reference to the strategic framework (e.g., national or subnational strategies)
- Clear outcomes, outputs and indicators
- Clear description of how project outcomes would support broader policy initiatives (at national or EU level)
- Potential investment leverage

Evaluation process: what makes a successful application?

Quality criteria:

- A solid methodology to carry out the work
- Logical structure and flow in the project. Work Packages must be coherent for the achievement of outputs. A possible minimal structure could include:
 - WP1 Project management,
 - WP2 Work on the actual objective of the project, and
 - WP3 Communication activities)
- Well-structured budget, connected to the tasks. Activities proposed must directly contribute to deliverables and objectives
- Importance of the project team (relevant expertise of its members, reasonable allocation of time among the team, etc.)
- A thorough risk management strategy

Evaluation process: what makes a successful application?

Impact criteria:

- The expected impact is properly thought
- Sustainability of the action is well reflected
- Solid dissemination and communication strategy




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Programme

Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

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UCPM-2025-TRACK1 | Call for proposal

Opening date: 14 January 2025 | Deadline date: 23 April 2025 | Single-stage

Programme: Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) | Type of action: UCPM Project Grants

Opening date / Publication date

Open For Submission

Funding & Tenders Participant Portal

Where do I start to prepare a proposal?

11. How to submit an application

All proposals must be submitted directly online via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System. Paper applications are NOT accepted.

Submission is a **2-step process**:

a) create a user account and register your organisation

To use the Submission System (the only way to apply), all participants need to [create an EU Login user account](#).

Once you have an EULogin account, you can [register your organisation](#) in the Participant Register. When your registration is finalised, you will receive a 9-digit participant identification code (PIC).

b) submit the proposal

Access the Electronic Submission System via the Topic page in the [Calls for proposals](#) section (or, for calls sent by invitation to submit a proposal, through the link provided in the invitation letter).


Submit your proposal in 3 parts, as follows:


- Part A includes administrative information about the applicant organisations (future coordinator, beneficiaries, affiliated entities and associated partners) and the summarised budget for the proposal. Fill it in directly online
- Part B (description of the action) covers the technical content of the proposal. Download the mandatory word template from the Submission System, fill it in and upload it as a PDF file
- Annexes (*see section 5*). Upload them as PDF file (single or multiple depending on the slots). Excel upload is sometimes possible, depending on the file type.


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Technical support:

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 Online Manual


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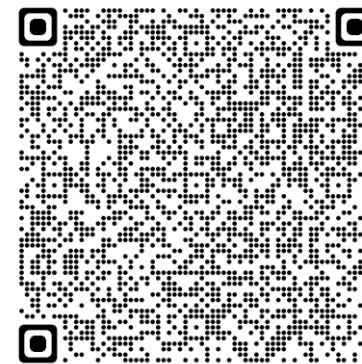
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Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network website
(overview of past projects from 2020 onwards):



European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
website (overview of past projects prior to 2021):



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