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# **CivPro-LiNC**

## **Civil Protection - Liaison Network Concept**

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# Consortium

## Beneficiaries:

- Leadpartner: Bezirksregierung Köln (BRK) - *District Government of Cologne, Germany*
- Institut der Feuerwehr (IdF) NRW - *Institute of the Fire Service North Rhine-Westphalia*
- Nederlands Instituut Publieke Veiligheid (NIPV) - *Netherlands Institute for Public Safety*
- ICI (International CBRNE Institute) Belgium

## Associated partners:

- NCCN (National Crisis Center) Belgium
- The District Governments of Düsseldorf and Münster, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany (through the so-called N4-Network)
- The Dutch safety regions (through NIPV)



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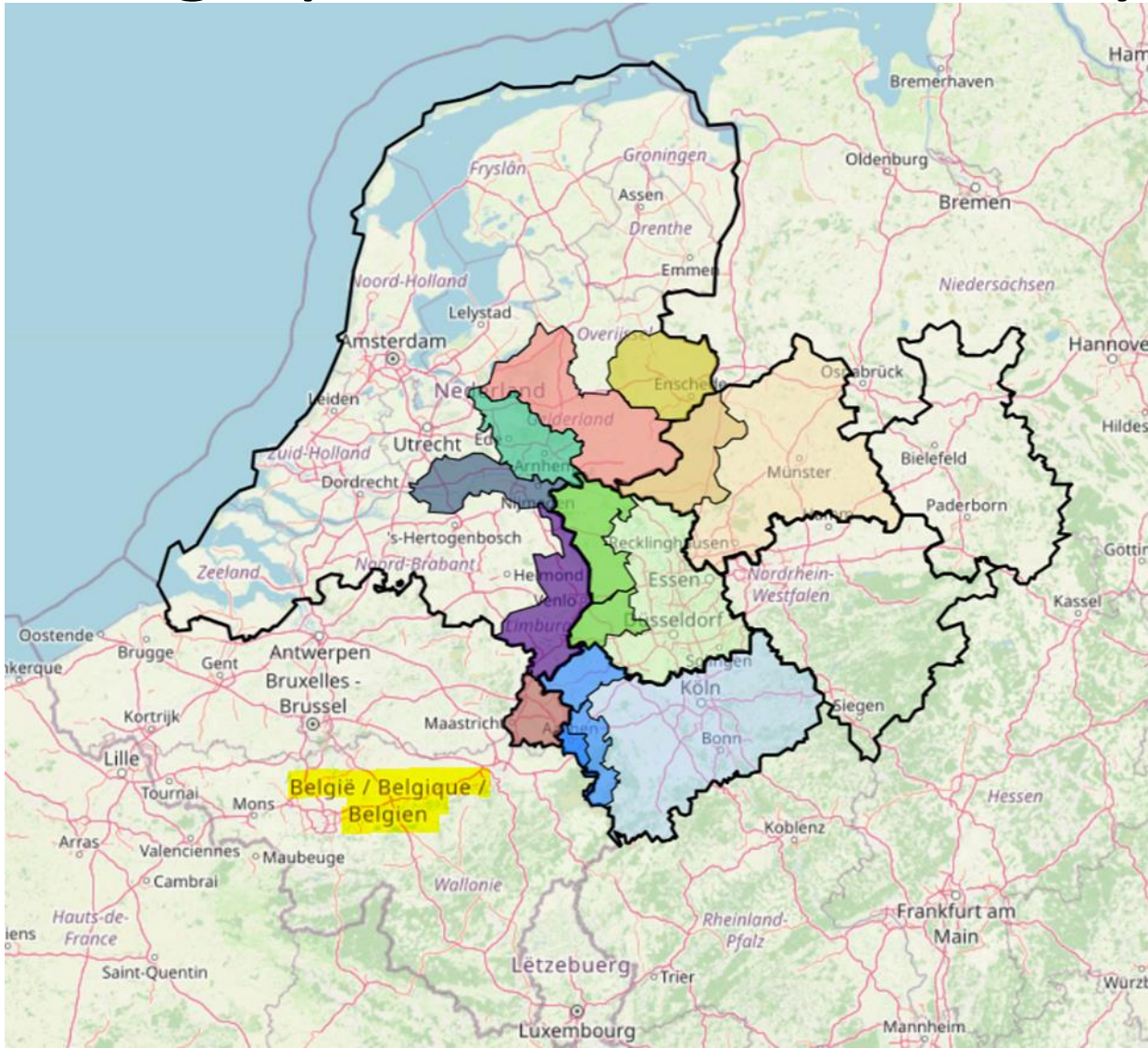


# Basic project data

- Total eligible costs: approx. 780.000 €
- EU co-financing: approx. 630.000 €
- Duration: 18 months
- Project start date: march 2025



# Geographical area of activity





# Description of the action

- Develop a Liaison Training Course, a Liaison Network and a Cross-Border Cooperation Manual available for disaster management agencies in all UCPM border regions
- Strengthen the cooperation and coordination among UCPM Member States under the threshold of UCPM activation
- Complement and support the Host Nation Support System (HNS)

Reasons why the project is necessary:

While the UCPM is a well-established and trained system with experts, regional and small-scale incidents and minor disasters with cross-border impact are not covered by the system. Lack of knowledge of the regional and national conditions, structure and procedures of the other country's emergency response and its capabilities can lead to slower and less powerful responses. Our project will enhance the complementarity and interoperability of different civil protection systems and allow a better integration of incoming assistance.



# Expected outputs

- Inventory and state analysis of liaison structures for crisis management in selected European countries
- Design and ongoing implementation of a structured training course for liaison personnel, transferable to other border areas of the UCPM member states (blueprint), including a pilot course and a final table top-exercise within the project phase
- A border liaison personnel pool and network in the Netherlands and Germany
- A manual for cross-border cooperation through liaisons, made available to all civil protection organisations and other stakeholders along the border (print and online)



# Tentative dates & places for major events

- 3 Steering meetings & stakeholder workshops:  
in 2025: at IdF NRW Münster & at BezReg Cologne  
in 2026: at NIPV, Arnhem
- In 2025: interviews planned in Czech Republic, Poland and France for state analysis
- Participation at the Union Civil Protection Forum Brussels 2026, lectures at the N4 annual network meeting NL 2026 & ISCRAM 2026 in the Netherlands
- Feb-April 2026: complete run of a pilot course at IdF NRW Münster
- May 2026: final exercise at IdF NRW Münster
- Final conference



# Engagement with end-users

- Implementation of an interdisciplinary stakeholder group
- Representatives of end-user institutions from the border regions as part of the stakeholder-group are engaged in the curriculum development
- Developing and following an end-user and stakeholder engagement plan (including strategy for end-user engagement during and after the project, a dissemination and exploitation plan for end-users, assessment of end-user's capacity to incorporate project results)
- The centralized educational system gives also small communities the chance to gain knowledge and participate in cross-border activities without getting overwhelmed. It is independent from individual local efforts by giving an overarching structure.





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# Questions?

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