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## Workshop on Civil Protection capacity building tools and EU funding opportunities

Warsaw – 24-26 March 2025

Fire University Słowackiego Street 52/54

### AGENDA

Day 1 – 24 March	
19:00 – 20:30	<b>Dinner at Novotel Warsaw Centrum Hotel</b> Address: Marszalkowska Street 94/98; 00-510 WARSAW
Day 2 – 25 March	
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Welcome coffee</b>
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Opening remarks and welcome</b>  <b>Gaetano VIVO</b> , Deputy Head of Unit, Prevention and Preparedness Capacity Building Unit, Directorate General for European Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), European Commission  <b>Col. Grzegorz SZYSZKO</b> , Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the State Fire Service (Poland)  <b>Col. Tomasz ZWĘGLIŃSKI</b> , Vice-Rector for Education and Students of the Fire University (Poland)
09:45 – 10:00	<b>Overview of the UCPM capacity building tools and summary of the outcomes of the workshop organised in November 2024 on “EU Funding for disaster risk management”</b> DG ECHO, European Commission
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Icebreaker</b>
<b>CLUSTER 1: FROM KNOWLEDGE TO INVESTMENTS: SCALING UP PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS</b>  <b>Moderator: Gaetano VIVO</b> , DG ECHO, European Commission	
10:10 – 10:25	<b>What does evidence tell us? No-regrets investments in prevention and preparedness</b>  <b>Zuzana STANTON-GEDDES</b> , Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, The World Bank



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10:25 – 10:40	<b>Cohesion Policy – opportunities and examples of successful projects</b> <b>Myriam BOVEDA</b> , Team Leader for Sustainable Growth, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), European Commission <b>online</b>
10:40 – 10:55	<b>Cohesion Policy – examples of successful projects in Poland</b> <b>Jaroslav ORLIŃSKI</b> , Director of Department of Infrastructure Programs, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy (Poland)
10:55 – 11:10	<b>Financial and technical assistance for post-disaster reconstruction</b> <b>Marco CECCHETTO</b> , Senior Engineer – Regional Development, Projects Directorate, European Investment Bank
11:10 – 11:25	<b>Questions and Answers section</b>
<b>CLUSTER 2: PROJECTS TO PROMOTE GOVERNANCE AND REFORMS FOR IMPROVED DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?</b> <b>Moderator: Cristina BRAILESCU</b> , DG ECHO, European Commission	
11:25 – 11:40	<b>Examples of Technical Support Instrument (TSI) funded projects in disaster risk management and 2025 opportunities</b> <b>Ana MEDEIROS FARIA</b> , Policy Assistant, Sustainable Competitiveness, Netherlands Unit, Reform and Investment Task Force, European Commission
11:40 – 11:55	<b>How does the Fire and Rescue Service of the Czech Republic use various tools for reforms?</b> <b>Roman FRANCL</b> , Coordinator of International Assistance, Ministry of Interior – Directorate General of the Fire and Rescue Service of the Czech Republic
11:55 – 13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00 – 13:15	<b>Regional initiatives for working together on common disaster risk management challenges &amp; tips for multi-country consortia coordination</b> <b>Vineta POLATSIDE</b> , Senior Adviser for Safe & Secure Region, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat
13:15 – 13:30	<b>ROADMAP Project: a multi-country project on good practices identification and sharing</b> <b>Daniela DI BUCCI</b> , Coordinator of ROADMAP2 project, Civil Protection Department (Italy)
13:30 – 13:45	<b>Questions and Answers section</b>



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13:45 – 14:45	<p><b>World Café sessions – 30 min for each group session. Each participant will be asked to choose only two sessions.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• (room #125) How do we increase investments for DRM? Access to funding opportunities, practical tips, <i>Do's and Dont's</i>, institutional competencies <b>Gaetano VIVO</b>, DG ECHO, European Commission <b>Zuzana STANTON-GEDDES</b>, The World Bank</li><li>• (room #B1) How do we ensure good articulation between national, regional and local level on DRM investment? Good practices and lessons learned <b>Cristina BRAILESCU</b>, DG ECHO, European Commission <b>Juan Francisco GALVAN MONTERO</b>, DG ECHO, European Commission</li><li>• (room #B2) Horizon funding options and solutions for civil protection <b>Piotr ŚWIERCZYŃSKI</b>, Head of the Industrial Competitiveness Section, National Centre for Research and Development <b>Renata RYCERZ</b>, Operational Expert, National Centre for Research and Development</li></ul>
14:45 – 15:00	<p><b>(Aula #A2) World Café sessions – Conclusion reporting to the Plenary</b></p>
15:00 – 15:15	<p><b>Break</b></p>
15:15 – 18:30	<p><b>Visit of the Firefighting Museum</b></p>
18:30 – 19:00	<p><b>Transport back to the Fire University</b></p>
19:00 – 20:30	<p><b>Dinner at the Fire University</b></p>



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**Day 3 – 26 March**

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**Welcome coffee**

**CLUSTER 3: PROMOTING INNOVATION IN DISASTER PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS AND STRENGTHENING THE LINKS WITH CLIMATE ADAPTATION**

**Moderator: Col. Tomasz ZWĘGLIŃSKI**, Vice-rector of the Fire University of Poland

**Opportunities from the Horizon Europe programme - cluster 3 “civil security for society” (types of projects funded, outcomes, involvement of end-users, tips for good applications – relevant for civil protection authorities)**

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**Giannis SKIADAREISIS**, Area Coordinator for Disaster Resilient Society, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), European Commission  
**online**

**Antonio FERNANDEZ-RANADA SHAW**, Project Officer, The European Research Executive Agency (REA), European Commission  
**online**

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**Opportunities from the EU Mission on Climate change adaptation - examples of funded projects, tips for applicants**

**Prisca HAEMERS**, Policy Officer, Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD), European Commission

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**Zooming in on projects selected, upcoming calls, implementation arrangement (the CLIMAAX project)**

**Frederiek SPERNA WEILAND**, Senior Advisor in climate change assessments, Deltares

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**Showcasing Best Practices: Lessons from Poland and other Successful Initiatives (Driver+ project)**

**Col. Wiktor GAWROŃSKI**, Dean of Faculty of Safety Engineering and Civil Protection at the Fire University (Poland)  
**Marcin SMOLARKIEWICZ**, Associate Professor, Institute of Internal Safety at the Fire University (Poland)

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**Questions and Answers section**



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10:45 – 11:45	<p><b>World Café sessions</b> – 30 min for each group session. Each participant will be asked to choose <b>only two sessions</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(room #125) How can the UCPM capacity building tools address project management challenges of civil protection authorities (i.e., eLearning, training, etc.)? <b>Cristina BRAILESCU</b>, DG ECHO, European Commission <b>Gaetano VIVO</b>, DG ECHO, European Commission</li><li>(room #B1) How could the Knowledge Network support with partnerships creation and dissemination of funding opportunities? <b>Juan Francisco GALVAN MONTERO</b>, DG ECHO, European Commission</li><li>(room #B2) How can Civil Protection authorities benefit of the SILVANUS platform for wildfire risk management? <b>Major Paweł GROMEK</b>, Associate Professor, Fire University of Poland <b>Radosław FELLNER</b>, Assistant Professor, Fire University of Poland</li></ul>
11:45 – 12:15	<p><b>(Aula #A2) World Café sessions – Conclusion reporting to the Plenary</b></p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p><b>Wrap-up and conclusion of the workshop</b> DG ECHO &amp; Polish Presidency</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>