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# Enabling new INVESTments for Disaster Risk Management in Croatia - INVEST for DRM



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## BASIC PROJECT DATA

- **Beneficiary: Ministry of The Interior – Civil Protection Directorate**
- **Project number: 101192781**
- **Total eligible costs: 643 634.96 EUR**
- **EU co-financing: 611 453.20 EUR**
- **Funding rate: 95%**
- **Duration: 24 months**
- **Project starting date: 1 January 2025**
- **Project end date: 31 December 2026**



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## BACKGROUND

- Natural disasters like earthquakes, droughts, floods, and extreme weather have become more frequent in recent years, causing significant damage and disruption. Events such as the 2020 earthquakes in Zagreb and Petrinja, as well as extreme weather events in 2023, strained the civil protection system and affected socio-economic development.
- The frequency and intensity of extreme weather events are expected to change significantly due to climate change.
- A major challenge for civil protection is that traditional methods cannot address emerging climate-related disaster risks. New approaches and strengthening of expertise in sustainable new technologies and the green transition are urgently needed.



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## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- The project aims to enhance the effectiveness of the Croatian civil protection system in preventing and preparing for natural and human-induced disasters as well as to ensure that the system becomes more resilient to disasters and crises with an emphasis on promoting green transition and new technologies.
- The project's objective is to increase investments in disaster risk management and climate resilience in civil protection in Croatia as well as to ensure that employees are skilled in using sustainable technologies and applying green principles, enabling them to incorporate this knowledge when preparing EU project proposals.



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## EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- Project proposal documentation for at least two projects addressing DRM and climate resilience, for funding under various Union funds, which will be identified during project implementation
- Project-technical documentation for the construction and equipping of the Civil Protection Regional centre Osijek, needed for the project application process under PCC 2021 – 2027, co-financed by the ERDF. This infrastructure project aims to incorporate climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.
- Guideline on Sustainable New Technologies in Disaster Risk Management for Civil Protection Directorate employees (aimed at implementing the relevant Union disaster resilience goals and providing essential insights for the planning of future projects)
- Educational activities on Sustainable New Technologies in Disaster Risk Management and Green Transition for Civil Protection Directorate employees



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## MAJOR EVENTS

- Kick-off meeting – 03/2025
- Education on Green Transition no1 – 03/2025
- Education on Green Transition no2 – 04/2025
- Study visit no1 – 10/2025
- Study visit no2 – 04/2026
- Education on New Technologies no1 – 07/2026
- Education on New Technologies no2 – 09/2026
- Final project conference – 12/2026



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