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# Overview of the UCPM capacity building tools and outcomes of the workshop of November 2024 on

## "EU funding for disaster risk management"

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## Capacity Development

Activities that aim **at increasing the collective capacity of the UCPM** to prevent, prepare for and respond effectively to emergencies



## Science

Activities that aim to **apply scientific knowledge to disaster risk management** more efficiently



**Horizontal activities**





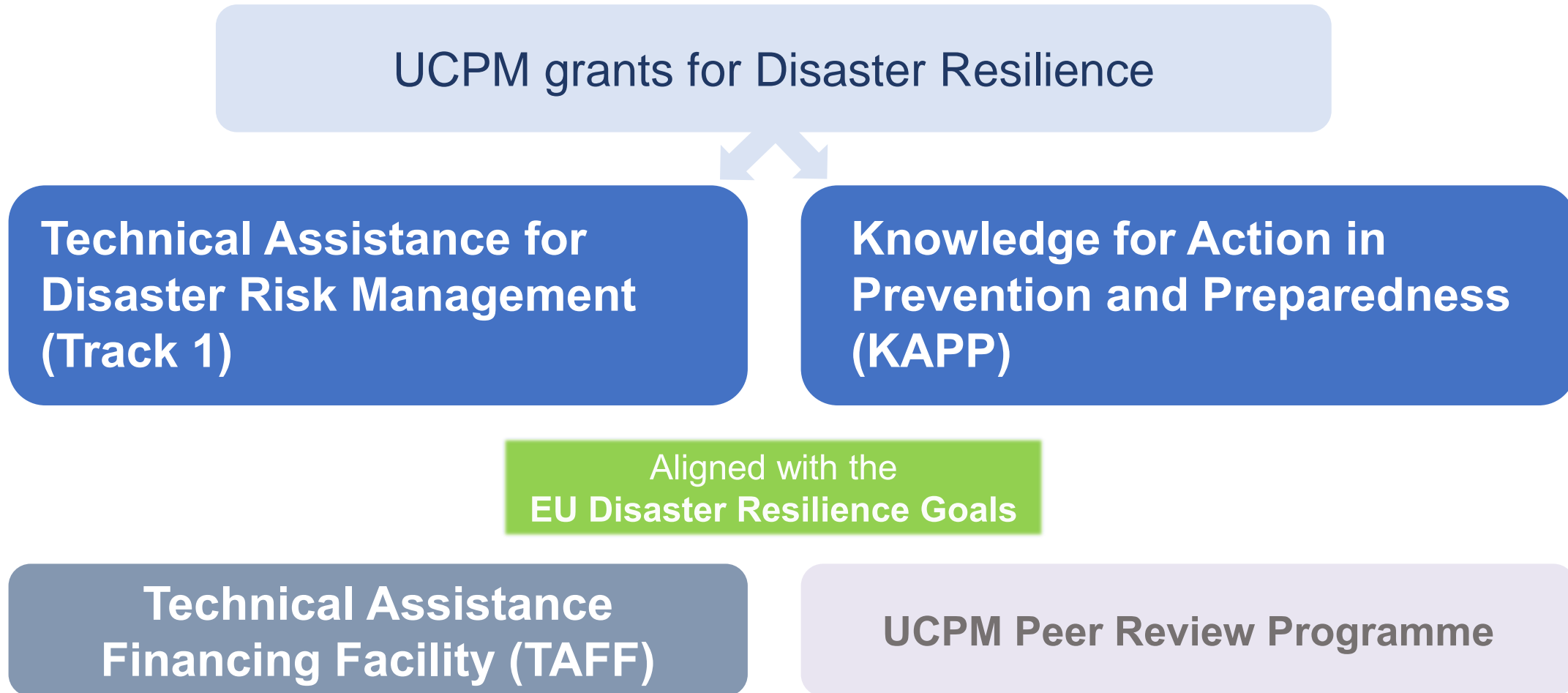
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# UCPM Capacity building tools

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# UCPM capacity building tools for preparing and implementing DRM investments – an overview



# UCPM grants for Disaster Resilience

## Track 1 - Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management



### Single-country grants for strategic disaster risk management actions:

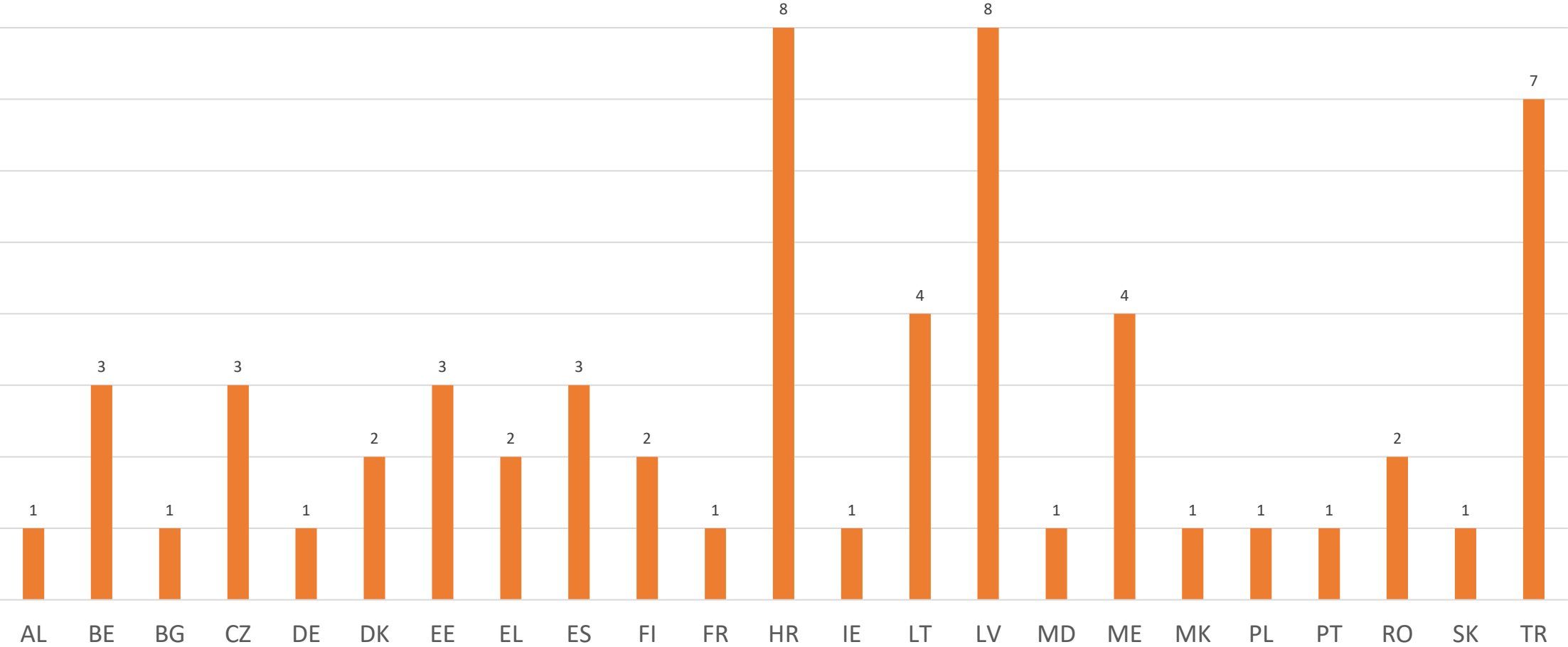
- Strategic framework for disaster risk management
- Investments for disaster risk management
- Investments to improve crisis preparedness capabilities

- **Beneficiaries:** National authorities
- **Max grant amount:** EUR 750.000 (EU co-financing: 95%)
- Annual call – 2024 edition (12 projects awarded for EUR 5.3 million)
- **New call opened on 14 January 2025 (EUR 6 million) until 23 April 2025**
- **Info Day on 4 February**

### *Examples:*

- **Belgium:** PARAGON national crisis platform.
- **Spain:** disaster loss and damage database; volcanic eruption preparedness; marine pollution.
- **Croatia:** public warning and crisis communication; project pipeline preparation.
- **Latvia:** feasibility studies on new early warning system, disaster damage and loss database.
- **Lithuania:** disability inclusion.

Technical Assistance for Disaster risk Management 2019-2024, number of projects per country



# Technical Assistance Financing Facility

**Scope:** strengthen capacities, support investments, improve knowledge base

- Priorities aligned with the **Disaster Resilience Goals**
- Implemented by the **World Bank & GFDRR**
- Pilot for 3 years (2024-2026), with projects ending in 2028 max – EUR 12 million



## *Examples:*

- **Moldova** - Strengthening Moldova's Disaster Risk Management and Resilience
- **Romania** – Romanian Assistance for Post Disaster Improvement and Development (RAPID)
- **Iceland** – integrated wildfire risk management
- **Germany** - Strengthened economic case for P&P investments
- Info on the [8](#) projects selected in 2024

## **2025 selection process:**

- 13 Expression of interest received.
- Mid-April: results will be communicated

# UCPM grants for Disaster Resilience

## KAPP - Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness



- **Multi-country grants** aimed to foster collaboration between countries
- KAPP projects are expected to be replicable across the UCPM
- **Topics:**
  - Prevention and Preparedness (risk assessment, risk awareness, early warning, institutional and individual preparedness)
  - Full-scale exercises

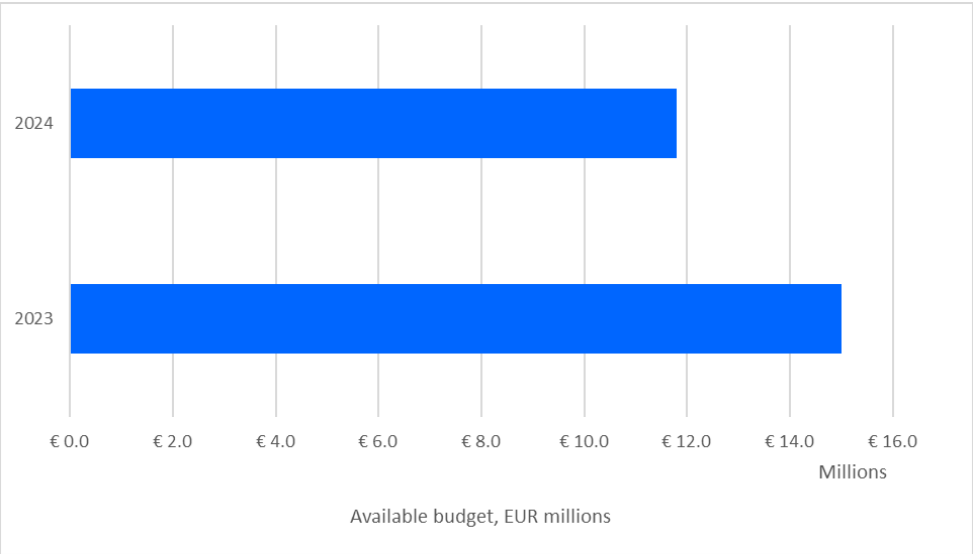
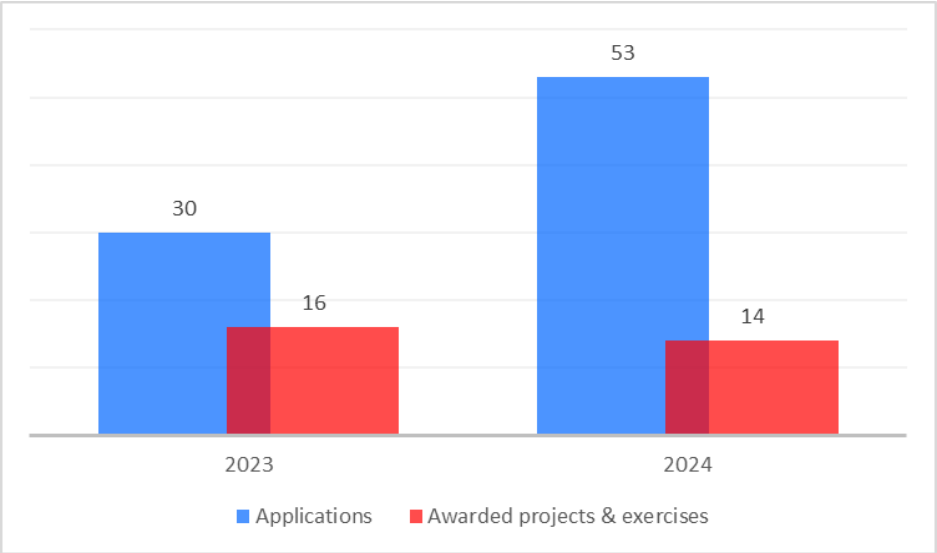
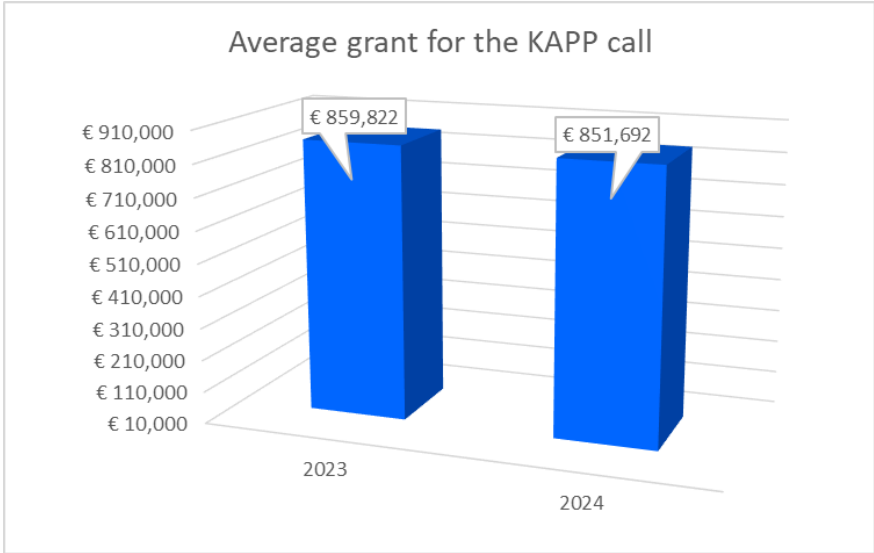
- **Beneficiaries:** Public and private entities (minimum of 3 entities from 3 different countries)
- **Max grant amount:** EUR 1.000.000 (EU co-financing: 90%)
- Annual call – 2024 edition (14 projects awarded for almost EUR 12 million)
- **New call – EUR 14 million; open for application from 4 February to 29 April 2025 (Prevention and Preparedness) and 15 May (full-scale exercises)**
- **Info Day - 28 January 2025**

### *Good examples:*

- **COLLARIS** - use of drones in CP
- **EUMA** - EU Network for Master's Programs in DRM
- **EDERA** - early warning
- **SEE ME** - vulnerable groups



# Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness (KAPP) 2024 results Comparison 2023 - 2024



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## 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

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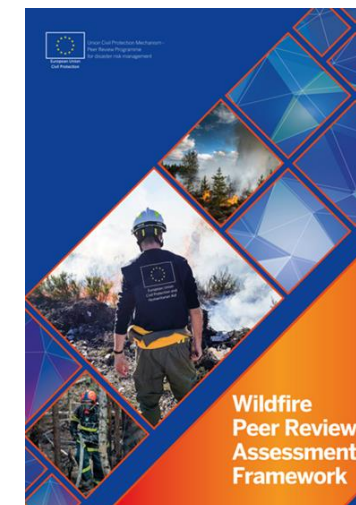
# UCPM Peer Reviews

- Opportunity for countries/ regions to reflect on their state of preparedness to cope with risks; to identify ways to strengthen its system; and to facilitate the exchange of good practice.
- A partnership between the Commission, the team of peers and the relevant authorities of the country/region (supported by CMCC)
- Recent reviews: Romania; Moldova; Greece (wildfire); Italy (wildfire); Region of Brandenburg (DE) wildfire – ongoing, **handover July 2025**

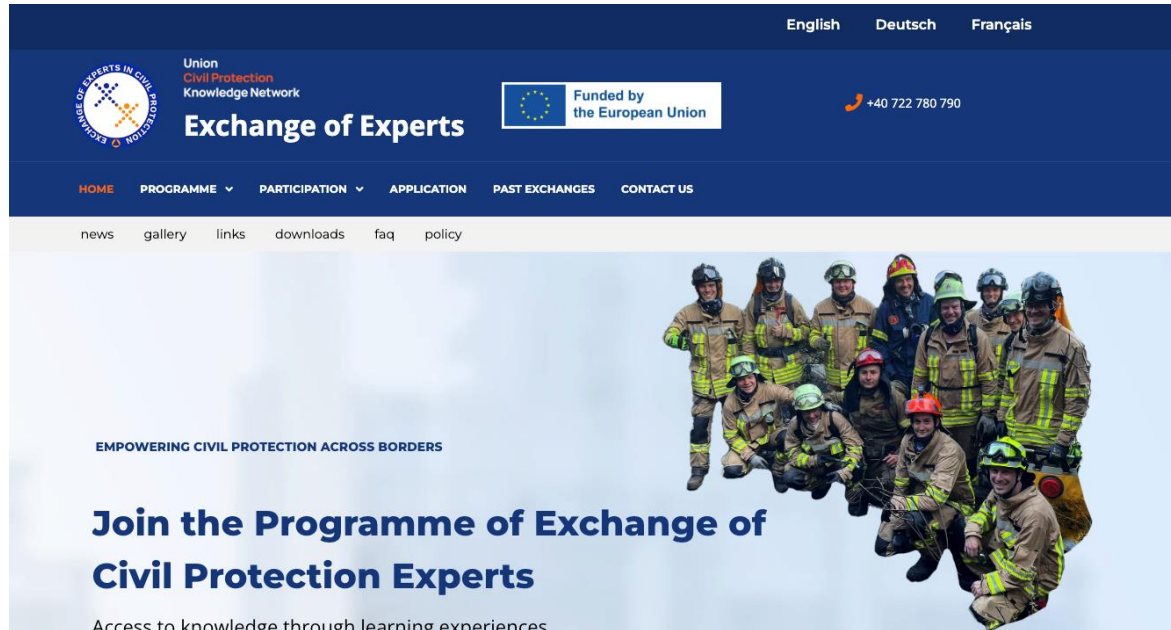


## New cycle 2025-2027 – 6 peer reviews

- Two first reviews selected after call for EoI: **Kosovo** followed by **Czechia**
- Interested countries in peer review starting in 2026 may contact DG ECHO bilaterally
- The Peer Review Assessment Framework (PRAF) and the Wildfire PRAF will undergo a significant revision, and will be aligned with the future Preparedness Union Strategy



# UCPM Exchange of Civil Protection Experts



## Website and registration platform

<https://www.exchangeofexperts.eu/>

Application **guidelines** available on the website

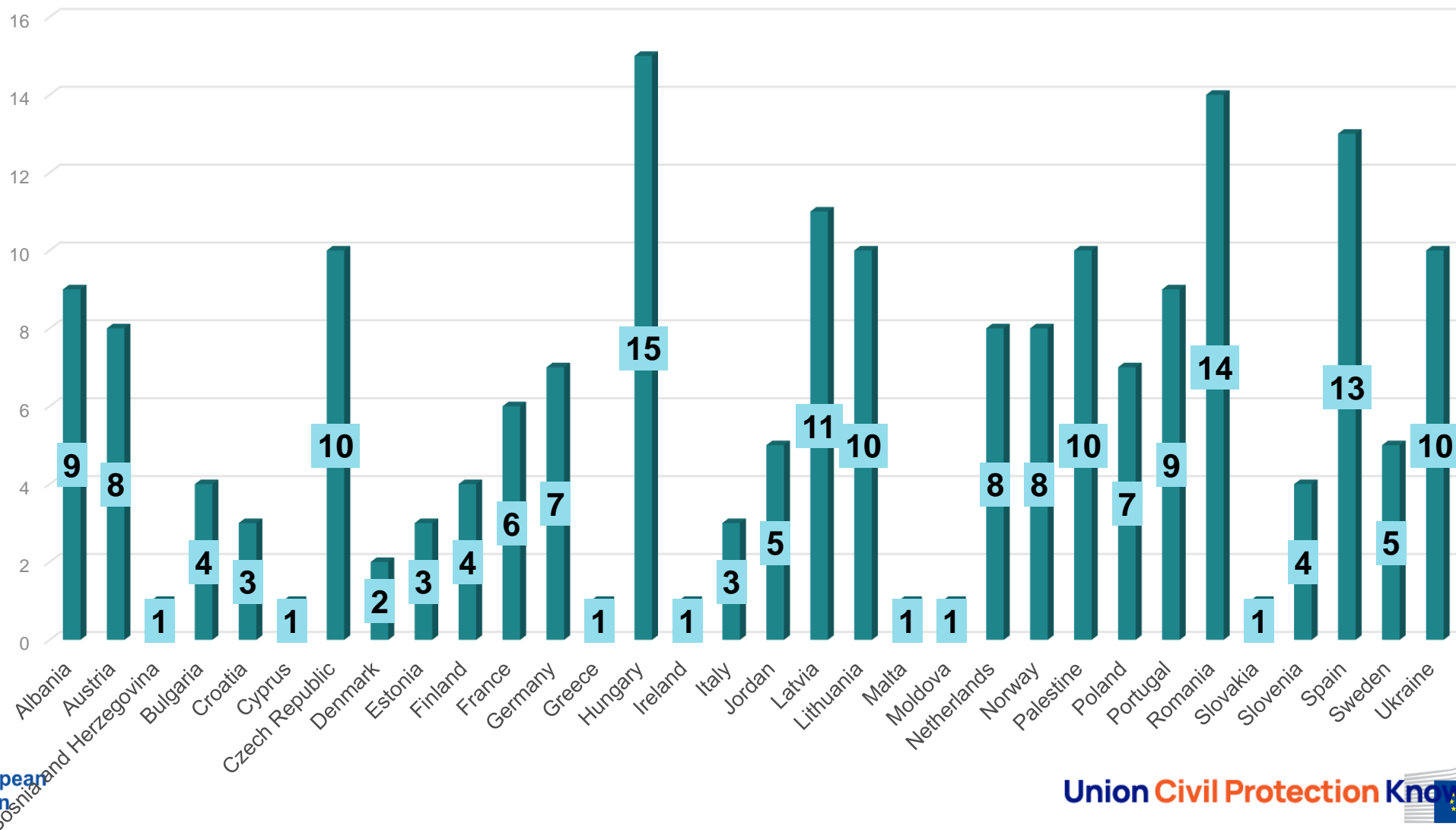
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# 2024 Exchanges



195 experts | 32 countries | 29 exchanges



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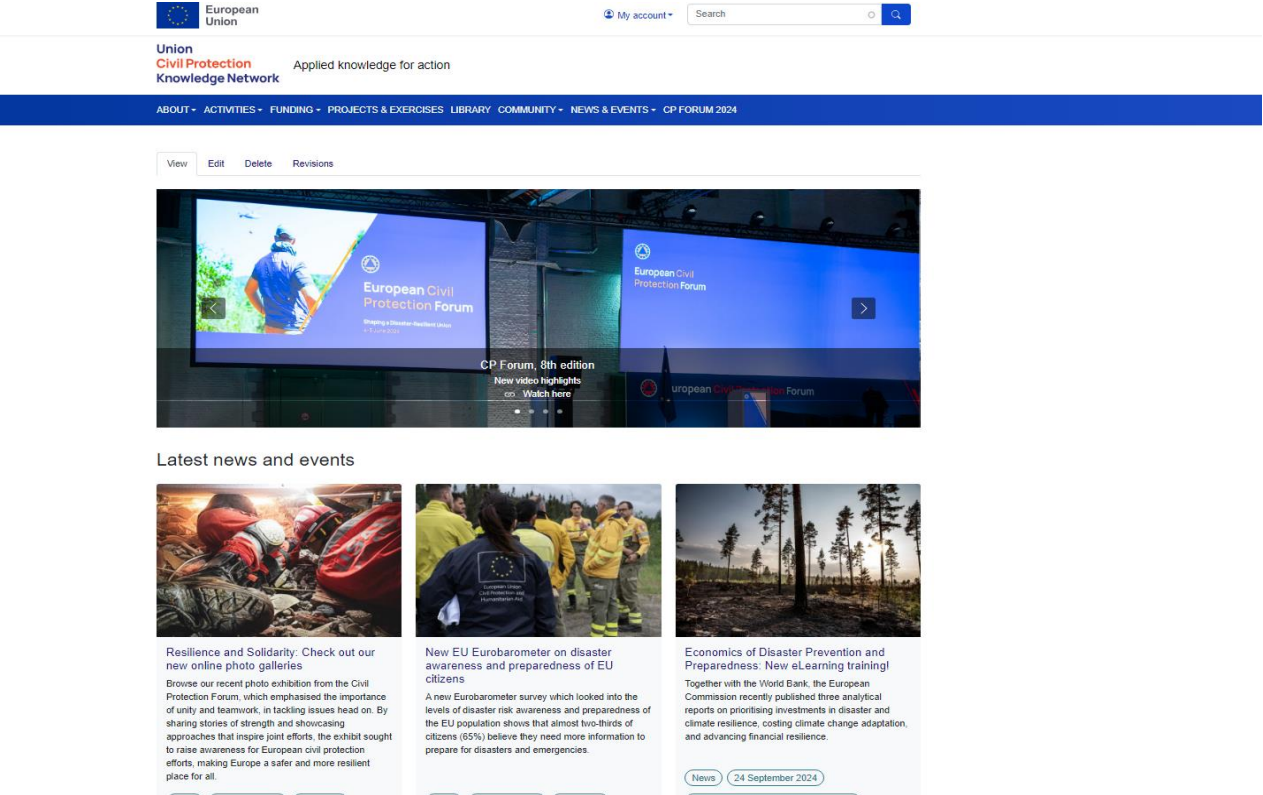
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## Knowledge Network

### Facilitating partnership & communication



# Collaboration: UCP Knowledge Network platform



- Approx 30,000 page views per month, +88% since 2022
- 40% of the 2024 content contributed by community
- 1500 community members
- Knowledge Series: 500+ participants in 4 events, thematic pages

# UCPM Capacity Development Tools

Technical & Financial Assistance	Peer to Peer Advice / expertise	Learning	Exercises	Knowledge Sharing	Guidance	Science & Evidence	Regional Programmes
Technical Assistance for DRM (formerly Track 1)	Peer Reviews	UCPM Training programme (incl. e-learning) <sup>1</sup>	UCPM Full-Scale Exercises	Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness (KAPP) grants	Union Disaster Resilience Goals	Research programme/ Science WG	PPRD EAST (Eastern Partnership countries)
Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)	Prevention and preparedness missions (Advisory missions)	Deployable Training pathway	Module Exercises (EU MODEX)	KN Library	Reporting Guidelines on Disaster Risk Management	Studies <sup>2</sup>	PPRD MED (Southern Partnership countries)
On Site Technical Assistance (OSA) <sup>0</sup>	Exchange of Experts	EC-UN Joint Courses	Host Nation Support	KN Communities of practice (under development)	Risk Assessment and Mapping Guidelines	Multi-country Mapping Study <sup>3</sup>	IPA CARE (IPA countries)
		Summer Schools (e.g., Evidence for Policy in DRM)	Stress Test Exercise	Knowledge sharing events (e.g. Civil Protection Forum)	Peer Review Assessment Framework (PRAF) & Wildfire PRAF	Risk assessment and risk capability management reports (Art. 6)	
		UCPM Lessons Learnt Programme			Article 10 Scenario-building	Capacities & Resilience Progress Report <sup>4</sup>	
		Copernicus Emergency Management Service (CEMS)					

<sup>0</sup> For IPA III beneficiaries, Southern and Eastern Neighbourhoods countries

<sup>1</sup> Including: Training for civil protection and disaster management stakeholders; Online Modules, Ad-hoc Training Courses, Training of Trainers, Thematic Seminars & Workshops; Disaster risk prevention & management.

<sup>2</sup> E.g. Economics for Disaster Prev & Prep (w. WB), Wildfire Risk Awareness and Communication.

<sup>3</sup> Targeting Western Balkans and Türkiye, Eastern and Southern neighborhood.

<sup>4</sup> Art. 34.2 capacity gaps report





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## Outcomes of the workshop organised in November 2024

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# Key challenges identified and some solutions

Challenges	Options for solutions
Improving the sustainability of project impact and dissemination of their results	Knowledge Network platform; final conferences; storage of reports on the Library
Reaching out to sub-national levels	Ad-hoc newsletter; knowledge series
Patchy overview of EU funding opportunities	Work in progress (Knowledge Network)
Fragmented overview of UCPM capacity building tools	Interactive brochure – June 2025 (tbc)
Lack of enough staff in CP organisations	? – Track 1 grant for specific project tasks
Skills gaps – in project management & DRM/Crisis management	E-learning, other – to be discussed in a world café session
Guidelines on specific elements (i.e. build-back-better principle)	TAFF component 2 & other?





# Thank you