

Information day - 12 February 2026

Technical Assistance for Disaster
Risk Management (Track 1) &
Technical Assistance Financing
Facility for Disaster Prevention and
Preparedness (TAFF)

Union **Civil Protection** Knowledge Network

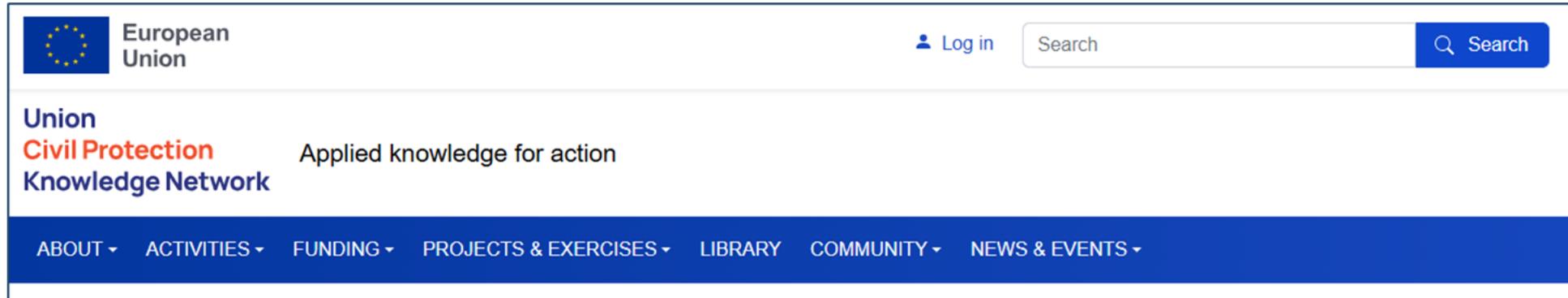
Agenda

- Welcome
- **Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management - Track 1 grants**
 - Overview
 - Overview of the call for proposals: call document and recommendations for a good proposal
 - Application process: online platform & application form
 - Questions & answers
- **Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)**
 - Introduction
 - Overview of the 2026 TAFF call for Expression of Interest, including process and form
 - Questions & answers
- **Concluding remarks**



Welcome

UCPM Capacity Building Opportunities



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the website. On the left is the European Union logo and the text "European Union". To the right are "Log in" and "Search" buttons. Below this is a banner with "Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network" and the tagline "Applied knowledge for action". A dark blue navigation bar at the bottom contains menu items: ABOUT, ACTIVITIES, FUNDING, PROJECTS & EXERCISES, LIBRARY, COMMUNITY, and NEWS & EVENTS.



Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

The Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1) call for proposals is a financial instrument that supports national disaster risk management authorities in their efforts to prevent and prepare for disasters. The next call for proposals is expected to be published in the first semester of 2026.

[UCPM-2026-TRACK1 Call](#)



Knowledge for Action in Prevention & Preparedness (KAPP)

The KAPP calls are a financial instrument that supports multi-country partnership projects strengthening cooperation on disaster prevention and preparedness and full-scale field exercises.

[UCPM-2026-KAPP Call](#)

Technical Assistance Financing Facility (TAFF)

The Technical Assistance Financing Facility for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness (TAFF) has been set up to enable national civil protection and disaster risk management authorities to access technical assistance and global knowledge on prevention and preparedness to support country and EU efforts on disaster risk management (DRM).

[2026 Call for expression of interest](#)

UCPM Peer Review Programme

The EU Peer Review programme promotes an integrated approach to disaster risk management and supports a wider policy dialogue across Europe and beyond, improving policy coherence and facilitating the exchange of good practices on civil protection and disaster risk management.

[UCPM Peer Review Programme](#)



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Track 1 Grants – General Objectives

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

- Enhance institutional, technical and financial capacity of civil protection and other disaster risk management authorities
- Foster a culture of prevention and preparedness by implementing a “whole-of-society” and a “whole-of-government” approach.
- 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 and resilience
- Green civil protection and disaster risk management activities.

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
- **EU co-financing:** 95% of the total project, with a maximum grant amount of EUR 750.000
- **Beneficiaries:** National authorities from MS/PS states and Kosovo*

2026 edition:

- Open for submission!
- **Application period: 20 January - 21 April 2026**
- Budget: EUR 6 million
- More information available on:
 - [Funding & Tenders Portal](#)
 - [UCPKN](#)

UCPM grants for Disaster Resilience

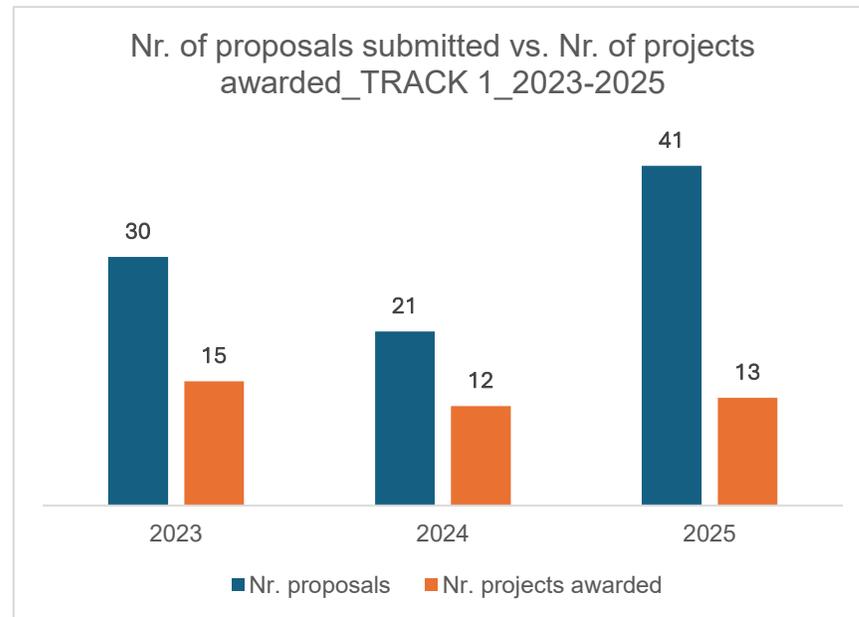
Track 1 - Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management

2025 edition results:

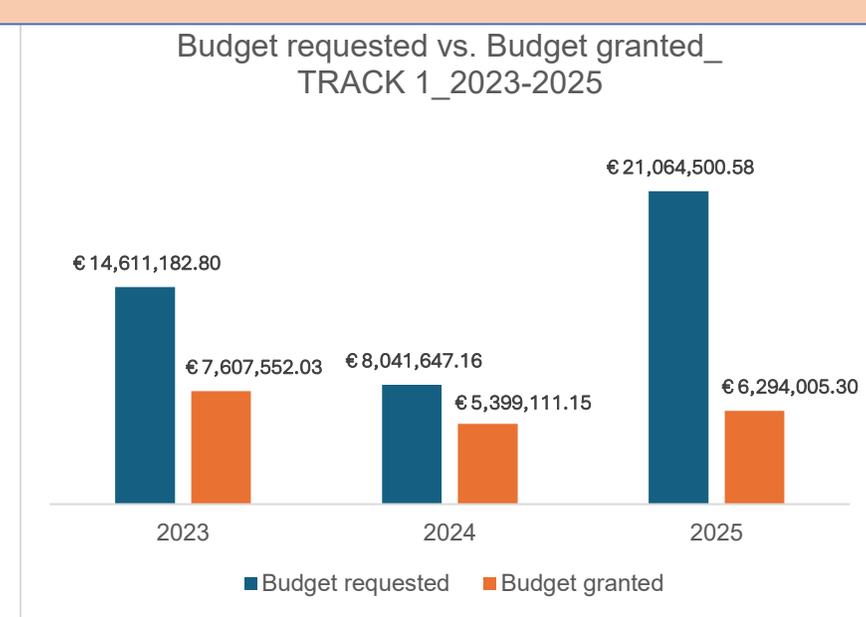
- 41 proposals received
- 13 projects awarded for EUR 6.3 million

Important:

- Please prioritise your needs and submit only one – maximum two applications per country!
- National civil protection authorities play a key role in keeping a reasonable number of proposal per country – as they issue the letters of support

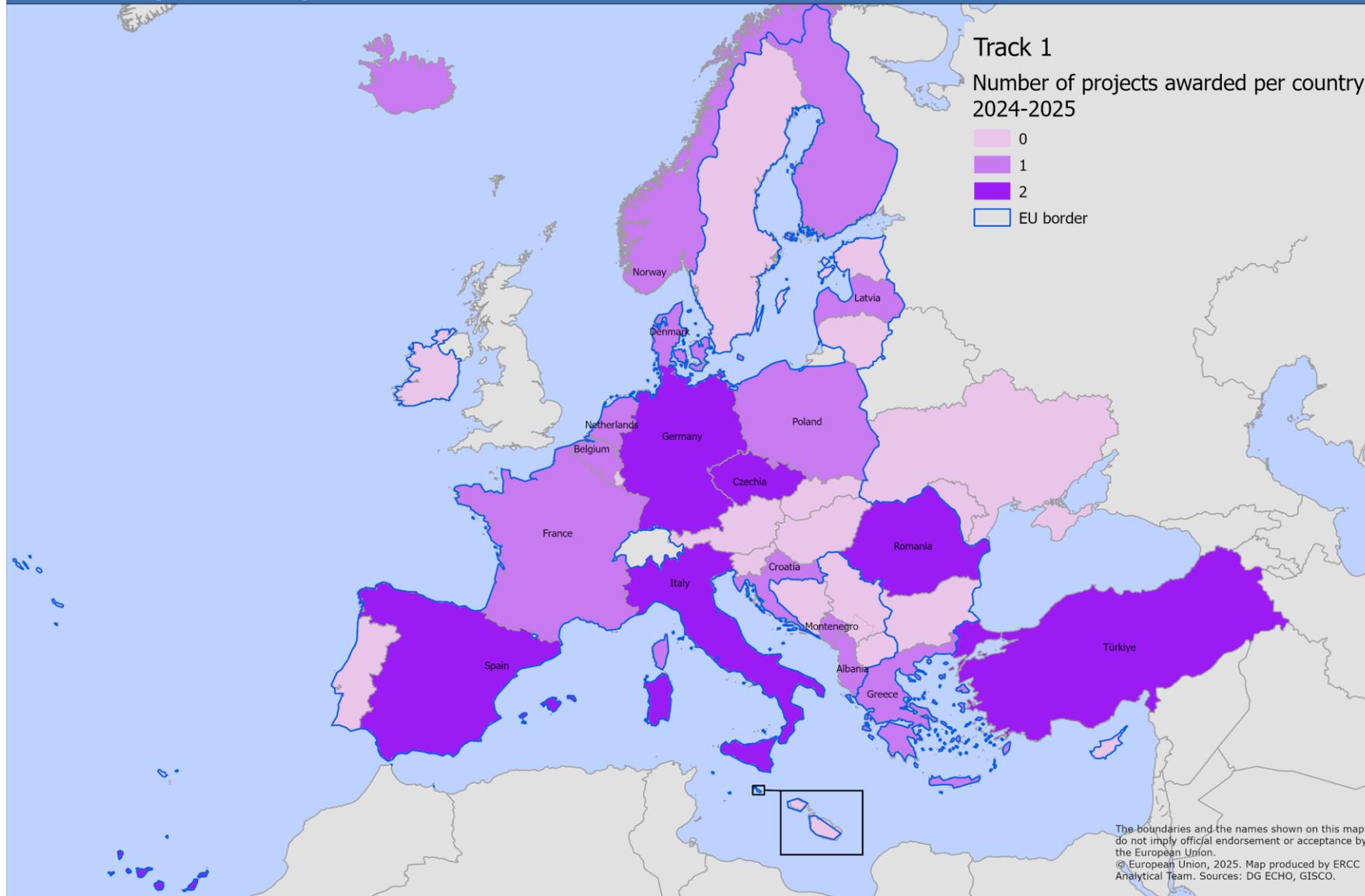


Graph 1



Graph 2

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1) projects awarded per country in 2024 and 2025



UCPM grants for Disaster Resilience

Track 1 - Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management – awarded projects in 2025

Romania - EICAD

Enhancing Institutional Capacity to Address disaster-related Displacement
Anticipate; Prepare

Türkiye – CAMPER SAFE

Disaster Risk Management Initiative for Campsite Safety
Anticipate; Prepare; Alert

Finland – SIREN

Strengthening Public Warning and Civilian Protection
Anticipate; Prepare; Alert; Secure

Belgium - HESTIA

Host Nation Support Emergency Strengthening via Training and Instructions for Assistance
Secure

Netherlands - RECOVERY-GUIDE-NL

Towards a national guideline on recovery, a whole of society approach to strengthen resilience in The Netherlands
Secure

Czechia - FIRESKILL

Modern Wildfire Training System for Czech Firefighters
Prepare; Alert

Türkiye – AKRA-MERANDA

Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant, Ports and SEVESO Facilities-Oriented Disaster Risk Management in Mersin
Anticipate; Prepare; Alert; Secure

Germany - HNS BridGER

Bridging Legal Frameworks and Practical Readiness in Host Nation Support
Secure

Italy - CORE

COntinuity for REsilience. A Structured, Multisectoral Approach Tailored to Civil Protection Systems
Secure

Albania – LOCAL-DRM 2

Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capability at Local Level 2
Anticipate; Prepare; Secure

Norway – DRFC

Development of Fire and Rescue Capabilities and cooperation
Anticipate; Alert; Secure

Italy - BRIDGE-IT

Building Resilience to Increase Disaster Management Governance and Emergency preparedness
Anticipate; Prepare; Alert; Secure

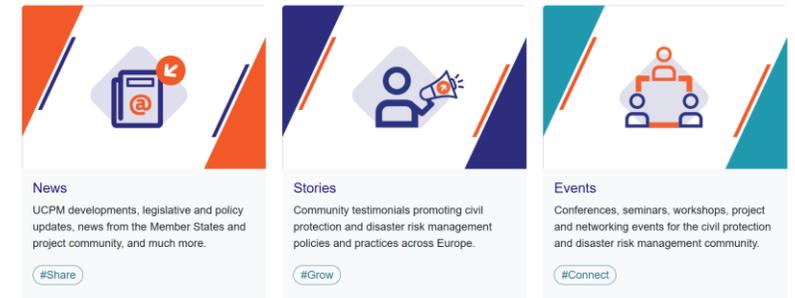
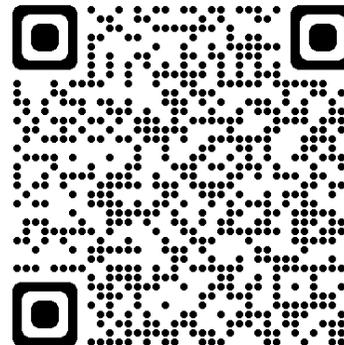
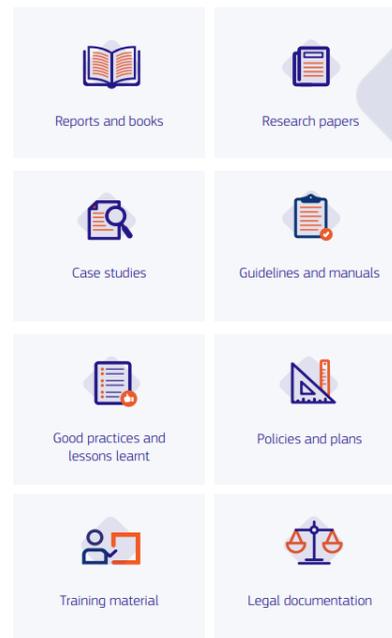
Iceland - OHNSIC

Operationalizing Host Nation Support for Iceland after the finalization of the by-laws and the handbook
Anticipate; Prepare; Secure

Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network

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

- Updates from the network
- Role of projects
- Knowledge Network Platform
 - Project pages
 - Discussion Groups
 - Knowledge Library



Groups



Disaster Risk Management and Preparedness Funding Community



European Risk Communication community



Alumni of Evidence for Policy in DRM Summer School 2025



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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A compilation of [successful projects](#), have a look for inspiration!



[Projects pages on the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network website](#)

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Overview of the 2026 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)

Who can participate in the action?

Single beneficiary:

- National civil protection or a national disaster risk and crisis management authority

Multiple beneficiaries (consortia):

- Led by a national civil protection or a national disaster risk and crisis management authority
- The rest of the partners (beneficiaries and/or affiliated entities) must be legal entities established in the same country as the lead partner

- If the main applicant is **not the national civil protection authority**, include **legal references to its disaster risk and crisis management competences**.
- **Letter of Support** to be submitted by applicants for the cases in which the **national civil protection authority is not part of the proposal**

Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1)

Who can participate in the action?

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 EU funding, so they have to bear their own costs.
- **International organisations are only eligible as associated partners**

Natural persons, EU bodies: not eligible

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

- Multi-risk or risk-specific disaster risk management plan and/or strategy
- 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
- National multi-hazard disaster loss databases and/or tools
- Green transition plans
- Strengthen national approaches to apply a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to disaster risk and crisis management
- Implementation of the Union disaster resilience goals and Preparedness Union Strategy.

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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 to national/EU funding
- National/sub-national investment plan(s) for implementing preparedness, prevention and/or recovery measures
- Guidelines on “preparedness by design” applied to key economic sectors or critical infrastructure

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Priority 3. Investments to improve crisis management capabilities

Type of projects

- Crisis management capacities (e.g. to ensure scenario-building, foresight and horizon-scanning for detecting, identifying and assessing potential future crisis situations)
- Plans, procedures and arrangements to ensure effective cross-sectoral and cross-border crisis preparedness and responses, as well as to improve operational situational awareness and information sharing
- Further implementation of the European Electronic Communications Code (e.g. mobile-based public warning and 112) and multi-channel public warning arrangements.

Technical Support at EU/UCPM level

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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
- Avoid repeating the same information in different chapters of the application
- 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 details without being too technical.

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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.

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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

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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
- Mandatory Work Packages:
 - WP1 - Project management
 - WP2 - Dissemination and visibility
 - Additional work packages according to activities and expected results
- 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

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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 of the project and its results



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Financial & Legal issues

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Grants are direct financial contributions from the European Union budget awarded by way of a donation to beneficiaries.

Grants for actions finance actions intended to help to achieve an objective that forms part of a Union policy.

The results of the action remain the property of the beneficiaries.

What is in the grant agreement?

Rights and obligations of the beneficiaries

Provisions on:

- Subject of the agreement
- Coordinator/Beneficiaries (if consortium, coordinator + beneficiaries), Affiliated entities, Associated partners, Subcontractors
- Duration of the Action
- Maximum grant amount, funding rate, eligibility of costs, technical and financial reporting



What is in the grant agreement?

Rights and obligations of the beneficiaries

Provisions on:

- Communication and visibility
- Amendment, suspension and termination of the grant agreement
- Audits by the Commission or OLAF, record keeping
- Recoveries, data protection, Intellectual Property Rights
- Applicable law and settlement of disputes



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What is in the grant agreement?

Financial Aspects

- Grants may NOT produce a profit
- Please be aware that the final grant amount may be reduced in case of non-compliance with the Grant Agreement (e.g. improper implementation, breach of obligations, etc.)
- Guidance published on the [Funding & Tenders portal](#)
[Guidance & Manuals](#)
- Please have a close look at the [Annotated Grant Agreement](#) (AGA)



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What is in the grant agreement?

Reporting and payment

- Only 1 pre-financing payment of 70% of the maximum grant amount
- Final payment with a final periodic report
- Pay attention to the **Certificates on the financial statements (CFS)**:
 - Only if requested EU contribution to costs \geq EUR 325 000 per beneficiary
 - To be provided by a qualified approved external auditor which is independent and complies with Directive 2006/43/EC36 (or for public bodies: by a competent independent public officer)
 - For participants with a positive pillar assessment, the CFS may be provided by their regular internal or external auditors (Art. 10.3 [Model Grant Agreement](#))
 - Cost for the auditor carrying out this CFS may be included as eligible cost.

Example - Financial report of 400 000 EUR:

2 beneficiaries
[each EUR 200 000]

no need for CFS

Beneficiary 1 = EUR 350 000
Beneficiary 2 = EUR 50 000

Only beneficiary 1 needs to provide a CFS



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Eligible costs - Types

- **Unit costs** – average personnel costs, SME owner/natural person, travel, accommodation and subsistence costs (Annex 2a)
- **Flat-rate** – Indirect costs – 7% of the eligible direct costs
- The rest of the costs (personnel costs different than the average personnel cost, subcontracting, equipment, and other good, works and services) will be declared as **actual cost**

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Eligible/ineligible costs - 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 is possible

Ineligible costs

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

Application process

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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

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Application process

1. User account and registration

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



[Participant register | EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

2. Submit proposal

- 3-part submission (A, B, Annexes)
- Page limits – 50 pages
- Submission before deadline
- Confirmation email
- [Online manual](#)



[EU Funding & Tenders Portal | EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

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 EU Login 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.

The proposal must keep to the **page limits** (*see section 5*); excess pages will be disregarded.

Documents must be uploaded to the **right category** in the Submission System, otherwise the proposal may be considered incomplete and thus inadmissible.

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Application process: admissibility requirements

- Apply via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System no later than:
21 April 2026 at 17:00 CET
- Drafted in one of the EU official languages (applicants are however encouraged to submit their applications in English)
- Complete, readable, accessible and printable proposals
- Proposals should not exceed EUR 750 000 – EU Contribution



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

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Application process: admissibility requirements

Mandatory annexes:

- ✓ Detailed budget table
- ✓ Letter of support [cases in which the national civil protection authority is not part of the proposal]
- ✓ Key performance indicators (KPIs)



Recurrent admissibility/eligibility problems:

- missing mandatory annexes
- lead applicant not being a national authority
- unclarity on the national level responsibility of the applicants



Introduction to the Funding & Tenders portal

Funding & Tenders Portal

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Where do I start to prepare a proposal?

The screenshot shows the EU Funding & Tenders Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo and the text 'EU Funding & Tenders Portal'. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Funding > Calls for proposals'. The main heading is 'Calls for proposals'. A paragraph explains that calls for proposals are funding opportunities issued by the European Union institutions, agencies and bodies. A link for 'More details' is provided. On the left side, there is a 'Filters' section with a 'Quick search' box containing 'UCPM-2026-TRACK1'. Below the search box are several filter buttons: 'Programming period', 'Union Civil Protection Mecha...', 'Call', 'Submission status', and 'All filters'. The main content area is titled 'GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR YOU' and contains a question: 'Do you want to receive personalised recommendations? Log in to your F&T profile to activate them, or register an account'. Below this, it says '1 item(s) found'. A filter for 'Programme' is set to 'Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)'. The search results list one item: 'Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1) UCPM-2026-TRACK1 | Calls for proposals'. The item details include 'Opening date: 20 January 2026 | Deadline date: 21 April 2026 | Single-stage' and 'Programme: Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) | Type of action: UCPM Project Grants'. A green button labeled 'Open For Submission' is visible next to the item title. At the bottom of the page, there is a pagination control showing 'Items per page: 50' and 'Showing 1-1 of 1'.

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Support & Helpdesk

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