



## European Civil Protection Forum 2026

### Call for Exhibitors

As part of the 9<sup>th</sup> European Civil Protection Forum, we are pleased to invite exhibitors to participate in an exhibition space, the Civil Protection Village. This year's event will aim to strengthen cross sectoral cooperation, foster preparedness across the whole-of-society and build a truly disaster-resilient Union capable of protecting its citizens in the face of future crises.

For more information on the Forum please refer to the event's [concept note](#).

#### 1. Exhibition objectives

Exhibitors are encouraged to align their proposals with the axes of the Forum: partnership and financing; evolving risks and emerging threats; and research and innovation.

The Village will have the following objectives:

- To reflect on progress made in building a *Preparedness Union* and embedding *preparedness by design* across EU and national legislation, policies, and programmes.
- To provide a space for knowledge exchange and to showcase innovative solutions, projects and activities among UCPM stakeholders around key policy and operational questions to inspire future developments of the UCPM,
- To encourage networking, reciprocal learning and cooperation for a broader disaster risk management community that includes closely linked sectors and goes beyond the traditional European civil protection constituency.

#### 2. Exhibition/demonstration options and amenities provided<sup>1</sup>

The Civil Protection Village will accommodate up to 45 stands comprising of standard size stands (6m<sup>2</sup>) and large stands (12m<sup>2</sup>). Apart from the stands, this year there will be additional space for a limited number of exhibitions in other formats both indoors and outdoors. **The stands will remain the focus of the exhibition.** Before applying for the alternative exhibition formats, we encourage you to reflect whether these formats bring a true added value to your exhibition as opposed to a traditional stand.

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<sup>1</sup> The amenities listed here are based on the previous Forum and for reference only. As such, they may be slightly modified.

**Standard booth:** Ideal for individual organisations or small-scale projects. Suitable for focused displays and presentations. Amenities foreseen:

- One high table and two highchairs.
- Adequate lighting and Wi-Fi connectivity.
- A screen for digital presentations and power outlets (if required)
- A modular wall for displaying information.
- Customisation options for visual identity, including a background photo and the UCPKN wordmark.

**Large booth:** Recommended for exhibitors planning extensive displays, collaborations with multiple organisations, or expecting significant visitor engagement. Amenities foreseen:

- All features of the standard booth, plus an additional counter/table.
- Space for more extensive displays and visitor interaction.

**Alternative format indoor exhibition:** A limited indoor space will be reserved for a compelling visual or engaging/immersive experience that cannot fit the booth format and that brings an added value to the Forum. We encourage creative proposals that create a memorable encounter for visitors.

**Outdoor demonstration:** Limited to a small number of innovative demonstrations that, due to their characteristics, do not fit in the indoor formats. Please bear in mind that the outdoor space available is also limited. If you choose this option, please consider the possibility of adverse weather conditions.

### 3. Selection criteria

- **Interactive and Engaging Features:** Proposals that incorporate significant interactive elements, such as simulations, virtual reality experiences, or hands-on activities, which require more physical space.
- **Potential for High Audience Impact:** Proposals that demonstrate the capacity to draw a high level of visitor interest and engagement.
- **Visual and Thematic Impact:** Proposals that utilise the larger space for impactful visual storytelling or to create immersive experiences related to civil protection themes.
- **Educational and Informational Value:** Preference for proposals that effectively utilise the additional space for educational purposes, such as hosting mini-workshops, presentations, or information sessions within their stand.

Given the limited number of **large booths** and the limited space for **both indoor exhibitions and outdoor demonstrations**, the following selection criteria will be applied for the selection of these formats:

- **Extent of Collaboration:** Preference for proposals that demonstrate a high degree of collaboration between multiple organisations, agencies, or stakeholders. This aligns with the Forum's emphasis on partnership and inter-agency cooperation.
- **Complexity of the Exhibit:** Proposals that clearly outline the need for additional space. Exhibits that are complex in nature, requiring more space for proper

demonstration or display. This includes sophisticated equipment, large-scale models, or extensive graphical presentations.

#### **4. Importance of continuous staff presence at the exhibitions**

The Village is a central component of the 9<sup>th</sup> European Civil Protection Forum, offering a primary platform for engagement and information exchange. To ensure the effectiveness of this integral part of the Forum, it is important that each exhibition is consistently staffed throughout the event duration. Continuous staffing not only enhances the visitor experience but also maximises the impact and effectiveness of your exhibit.

#### **5. Exhibition Details**

- Venue: Tour & Taxis, Brussels.
- Duration: Exhibitors are required to be present from 08:30 on 3 November until 16:30 on 4 November.
- Setup: Stands and exhibitions will be prepared the day before the event, on 2 November. Exhibitors will be expected to prepare their own stands on this day.

#### **6. Submission Process**

Interested parties are requested to submit proposals by filling out this [online form](#), detailing their preferred stand/exhibition format, theme, a brief description and technical requirements, **by 22 May 2026**.

#### **7. Selection and Notification**

Applications will be reviewed based on the following selection criteria:

- Relevance: Alignment with the Forum's main themes and exhibition's objectives.
- Innovation: Preference for proposals showcasing innovative and interactive displays.

A notification will be sent to all applicants with the results of the selection process.

#### **8. Additional Information**

Please note that the exhibition and demonstration space are limited and we may not be able to accept all submissions. Exhibitors will assume responsibility for the material displayed in the event, including for clearing any third-party ownership rights, and for the activities performed in the space provided. Comprehensive guidelines on administrative and technical arrangements will be provided to the selected proposals. Support will be available for the setup and logistics of the stands.

Please note that we will provide the necessary booth space and temporary storage facilities for exhibition materials, with the exact time to be confirmed at a later stage. However, it is important for all exhibitors to be aware that other **costs, such as those associated with travel, accommodation and the shipment of materials to and from the venue are not covered** by the Forum organisers. Each exhibitor is responsible for managing and funding their own travel, accommodation arrangements, and the transportation of their exhibition

materials. We encourage exhibitors to plan these aspects well in advance to ensure a smooth and efficient participation in the Forum.

## **9. Contact**

For more information, please contact [ECHO-EVENTS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ECHO-EVENTS@ec.europa.eu).