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European Civil Protection Forum

Preparing today, ready for tomorrow



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Introduction

Welcome to the 9th European Civil Protection Forum!

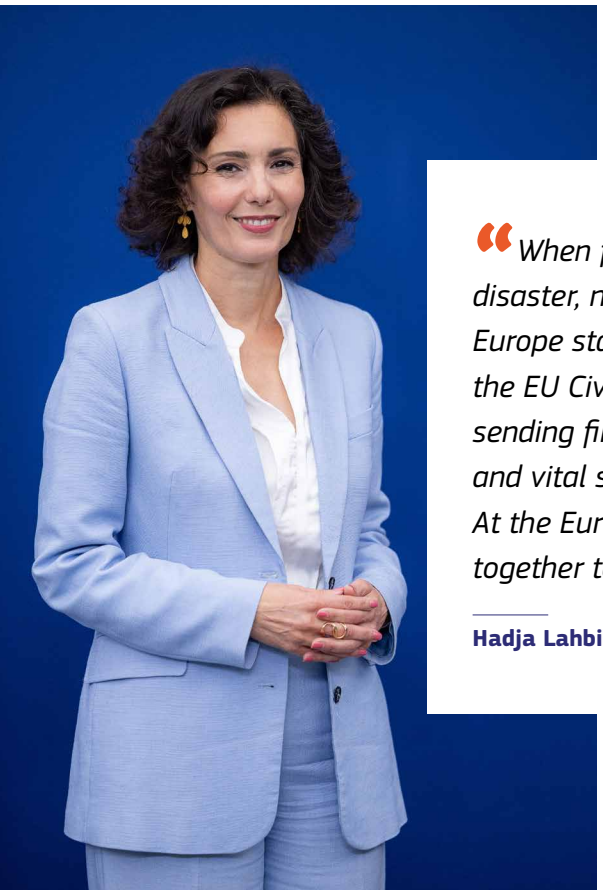
The Forum is the flagship event of the European civil protection community. Held every two years, it brings together policymakers, civil protection authorities, first responders, practitioners, researchers and other key stakeholders from across Europe and beyond.

The event comes at a milestone moment for European civil protection, as the **EU Civil Protection Mechanism marks its 25th anniversary**. Bringing together all 27 EU Member States and 10 additional Participating States, the Mechanism has been activated more than 880 times since 2001, providing assistance to countries affected by disasters upon request.

European Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness, and Crisis Management, **Hadja Lahbib**, will open and close the Forum. Discussions will explore how Europe can prepare for increasingly complex emergencies, focusing on:

- population preparedness, crisis communication and public trust
- lessons for stronger European crisis coordination, local civil protection and social partners
- wildfire prevention, early-warning systems and innovative technologies
- civil-military and public-private cooperation.

Scan the **QR code** for more information. Further details can be found on the following pages. The next pages include useful details about the event, including **maps** and the **event programme**.



"When floods rise, wildfires rage, the ground shakes or in any other disaster, no country should face these alone. In our darkest moments, Europe stands together. For 25 years, and more than 880 times, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism has turned solidarity into action, sending firefighters toward the flames, rescue teams into the rubble, and vital support to communities in Europe and around the world. At the European Civil Protection Forum, we will build on that solidarity together to strengthen our resilience and anticipate future crises."

Hadja Lahbib, European Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management

Tuesday, 3 November 2026

	PANEL SESSIONS			WORKSHOPS		ACTIVITIES
Time	**Plenary Room**	**Studio 1**	**Studio 2**	**Studio 3**	**Studio 4**	**CP Village**
08:00 - 09:30	**REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**					
09:30 - 09:45	**OPENING REMARKS**					
09:45 - 10:45	**HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY SESSION** A stronger Union through population preparedness					
10:45 - 11:15	**COFFEE BREAK**					
11:15 - 12:45	**Session 1** Strengthening risk communication: addressing disinformation and building public trust	**Session 2** The role of social partners in strengthening preparedness for workers and employers	**Session 3** Advancing integrated wildfire risk management: governance and innovations	**Workshop 1** Strengthening civil-military cooperation: from national examples to EU support	**Workshop 2** Bridging the AI gap: From innovation to operational use in civil protection	**CP Village activities**
12:45 - 14:30	**UCPM Foosball Championship**		**NETWORKING LUNCH**			**Speakers' Corner – 4 CP Talks**
14:30 – 16:00	**Session 4** Operationalising preparedness and resilience: insights from Ukraine	**Session 5** Scaling local civil protection through city networks and EU partnerships	**Session 6** Bridging Governance for Resilient Futures: Advancing an Integrated All-Hazards Approach Across CCA and DRR Frameworks	**Workshop 3** Science in action: UCPM scientific partnerships for preparedness and response	**Workshop 4** Volunteers on the ground: effective and safe volunteering in civil protection	**CP Village activities**
16:00 - 16:30	**COFFEE BREAK**					
16:30 – 18:00	**Session 7** Unlocking the private sector's role in European preparedness	**Session 8** Turning Medevac operations in Europe into resilient capacity	**Session 9** Preparedness education in schools	**Workshop 5** From risk assessment to preparedness: connecting perspectives	**Workshop 6** Preparedness starts with people: embedding mental health & psychosocial support	**Speakers' Corner – 4 CP Talks**
18:00 - 18:15	**BREAK**					
18:15 – 19:15	**CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EU CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM AND THE UCPM MEDAL CEREMONY**					
19:15 - 22:00	**NETWORKING DINNER AND CONCERT**					

Wednesday, 4 November 2026

	PANEL SESSIONS			WORKSHOPS		ACTIVITIES
Time	**Plenary Room**	**Studio 1**	**Studio 2**	**Studio 3**	**Studio 4**	**CP Village**
08:00 - 09:00	**REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**					
09:00 – 09:45	**STORIES FROM 25 YEARS OF THE EU CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM**					
09:45 - 10:45	**HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY SESSION** From sectoral response to integrated crisis management: the role of civil protection					
10:45 -11:15	**COFFEE BREAK**					
11:15 - 12:45	**Session 10** From forecast to action: innovative early warning systems for civil protection	**Session 11** Extreme heat preparedness: from seasonal response to systemic resilience	**Session 12** Innovations for crisis management: bringing drones and ground robots into action	**Workshop 7** Institutionalising youth engagement in disaster preparedness and response	**Workshop 8** Strengthening host nation support across Europe: from guidelines to action	**CP Village activities**
12:45 - 14:30	**UCPM Foosball Championship**		**NETWORKING LUNCH**			**Speakers' Corner – 4 CP Talks**
14:30 - 16:00	**Session 13** Safety skills belong to everybody: inclusive civil protection is the future	**Session 14** Medical countermeasures: from preparedness to response	**Session 15** Key aspects of civil protection plans and local activation for new flood scenarios	**Workshop 9** Establishing capability targets for disaster resilience over the next decade	**Workshop 10** Citizens and civil society in war time	**CP Village activities**
16:00 – 16:15	**UCPM FOOSBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD CEREMONY**					
16:15 - 16:30	**CLOSING REMARKS**					

Civil Protection Village map



INFO DESK

CLOAKROOM

ACCESSIBLE WC

TOWARDS WC

COFFEE STATION

CATERING AREA

Exhibitor list

A Civil Protection Village

0\ Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)
1\ Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK)/ Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW)
2\ Swedish Civil Defence and Resilience Agency (MCF)/ Karolinska Institutet (KI)/ Department for Emergency Situations of Romania (DSU)/ Croatia's Civil Protection Directorate (CPD)/ Italian Civil Protection Department (DPC)/ Eucentre
3\ Confederation of Finnish Industries
4\ DIREKTION – Disaster Resilience Knowledge Network
5\ Italian Civil Protection Department/ Multi-country project consortium
6\ NORSAR
7\ Department for Emergency Situations of Romania (DSU)
8\ Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V/ Competence Center EU Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (EUCC)
9\ Disaster Competence Network Austria
10\ CITADEL Consortium of European industry
11\ Temet Group
12\ Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI)/ Joint Research Centre (JRC)/ UNICRI / NCCN (Belgian National Crisis Center)
13\ BRISK II
14\ CEDRE
15\ ICEYE
16\ National Observatory of Athens / UNESCO-IOC / IHCantabria
17\ Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
18\ APOPO
19\ Kepplair Evolution
20\ Eurac Research terraXcube
21\ Civil Protection Center of the University of Firenze
22\ Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC)
23\ TDS Group
24\ Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA)
25\ CRIMEDIM (Center for Research and Training in Disaster Medicine, Humanitarian Aid and Global Health) - Università del Piemonte Orientale, Italy
26\ University of Vienna
27\ Save the Children Italy
28\ Intersec/ TDS-Group
29\ Ministry of the Interior, Finland
30\ Deep Blue
31\ Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)
32\ European Investment Bank Institute/ Ministry of Education of Luxembourg
33\ NCTV (National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism, Netherlands)
34\ State Fire and Rescue Service of Latvia/ University of Latvia
35\ CS GROUP
36\ GECOsistema
37\ KIOS Research and Innovation Center of Excellence
38\ Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)
39\ Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS)/ The State Emergency Service of Ukraine
40\ The Lisbon Council
41\ United Nations
42\ Joint Research Centre (JRC)/ Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS)
43\ Telesto Technologies Pliroforikis Kai Epikoinonion Epe/ The Lisbon Council
44\ Eucentre Foundation
45\ Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)
46\ EuroGeoSurveys / Geological Service for Europe project
47\ Leonardo
48\ Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT)/ DestinationEarth
49\ LEAD-PRO (NUUK Technologies and ISACA Europe)
50\ Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Crisis Management, France

B SERIOUS GAMES

51\ Italian Civil Protection Department - Fai la tua scelta
52\ PPRD East 4 Project
53\ SparkleFire Project
54\ RESILIAGE - Horizon Europe Research Project
55\ Joint Research Centre (JRC)

C OUTDOOR EXHIBITORS

56\ Fondazione SAFE
57\ Székely Family and Co. Nonprofit Llc.
58\ German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW)/ German Archaeological Institute (DAI)/ Leibniz Centre for Archaeology (LEIZA)
59\ TPL Systèmes - FENICS Capability
60\ Excelerate Technology – Hybrid Edge
61\ French Red Cross
62\ Hospitainer

Speakers' Corner

Tuesday, 3 November 2026

LUNCH BREAK SESSION 13:00 – 14:20

Juan Caamaño, Pau Costa Foundation; ODET project
Science and operations together: building knowledge and capacity on Extreme Wildfire Events

Marc Berenguer, INLINE project
Integrated pan-European rainfall and floods impact forecasts for cooperation in emergency management - INLINE project results

Azize Minaz, Turkish General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works, DSI
Enhancement of the Flood Early Warning System in Samsun, Türkiye and Communication Strategy

Marie Sattler, Luxembourg Fire & Rescue Corps
Growing Up Ready: Youth Fire Brigades for a Resilient Society

PARALLEL SESSION 16:30 – 17:50

Max Steinhausen, Project Coordinator
DIRECTED Project – Strengthening Europe's Climate Disaster Resilience

Zlatko Micanovic, Montenegrin Operational Communication Centre
TAFF project Montenegro: Enhancing Disaster Resilience and Continuity of IT Infrastructure and Services in the Operational Communication Center 112

Claudia Berchtold, DARE project
Enhancing interoperability and volunteer integration in European response operations through capability descriptions and digital tools

Marion Bazin, SIVAC project
I-SIVAC: Strengthening Victim Support and Information Management Across the Crisis Cycle

Wednesday, 4 November 2026

LUNCH BREAK SESSION 13:00 – 14.30

Krystyna Sikorska, Polish Government Agency for Strategic Reserves
Working together, working successfully: ensuring EU visibility during UCPM operations

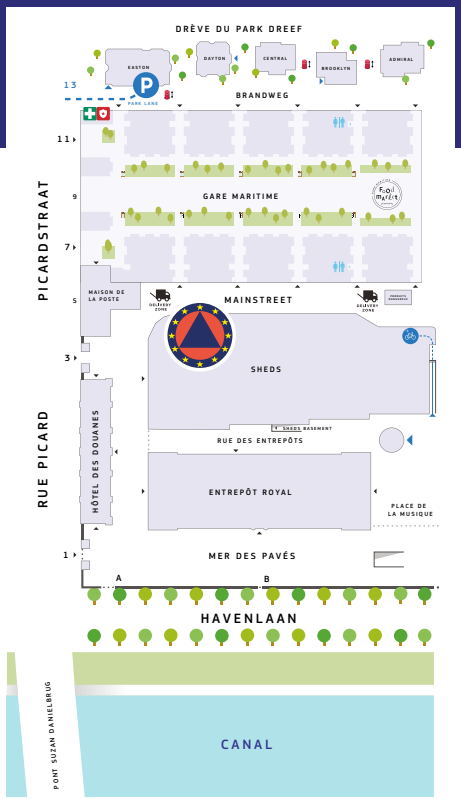
Veronica Casartelli, Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change (CMCC)
Learning from each other, strengthening resilience together: the UCPM Peer review programme

Pekka Tiainen, Finnish Civil Protection
The UCPM Advisory Mission to Greenland: Strengthening Arctic Resilience from the Team Leader's Perspective

Kimy Brehme, Representative of the Citizens Panel
From Citizens to Change: A Young Voice on Preparedness

Video Screening
European Citizens' Panel on Preparedness

Conference Venue and Access



TOUR & TAXIS

86C Avenue du Port
1000 Brussels

Main sessions will take place at "**Sheds 1 and 2**" and the reception will be held at **Gare Maritime**.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Tour & Taxis venue is accessible for **people with reduced mobility**. Assistance and reserved parking spaces are available. For assistance, please email echo@wearemci.com.

TRANSPORTATION

Extensive information is available at: https://tour-taxis.com/your-visit/

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Brussels has an extensive public transport network operated by **STIB-MIVB**, including metro, tram and bus services.

Getting to Tour & Taxis:

- **Metro**: Lines 2, 6 - Stops Yser & Ribaucourt (±10 min walk)
- **Bus**: Lines 14, 15, 57, 88, 89 - Tour & Taxis stop (in front of the site)
- **Tram Services**: Lines 51, 93 - Sainctelette stop (±5 min walk)

STIB-MIVB supports contactless payment, allowing passengers to validate their journey using a bank card, smartphone or smartwatch.

For the latest public transport schedules and possible disruptions, please check the STIB-MIVB journey planner before travelling.

TRAIN - FROM BRUSSELS-NORTH STATION

Brussels-North is the closest major railway station to Tour & Taxis. A free shuttle is available from Brussels North Station, every 15 minutes, on weekdays from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. From the station, you can also walk to the venue, Tour & Taxis is approximately 15 minutes away on foot.

TRAIN - FROM BRUSSELS-CENTRAL OR BRUSSELS-SOUTH (MIDI)

From Brussels-Central or Brussels-South (Midi) by train, you can continue to Brussels-North by local train and then travel onwards to Tour & Taxis by public transport or taxi. Alternatively, you can also take Metro line 2 or 6 to Yser or Ribaucourt and continue on foot or take a taxi.

BY CAR

Parking is available for a fee at the following nearby parkings: P1 - Picard (Rue Picard 13, 1000 Brussels) and P3 - Anna Boch (Drève Anna Boch, 1020 Brussels).

BY BIKE

The cycle path along the canal offers a direct and safe way to reach Tour & Taxis. Bike racks are available at every site entrance. Charging stations for electric bikes are also available at 86C Avenue du Port and 1–11 Rue Picard.

Practical information

Registration & badges

For security reasons, all participants must be registered, go through a security check upon entering the venue, and wear their badge throughout the Forum. **Please be sure to carry a valid photo ID (national ID card, passport) and your QR code as both will be needed for the screening and to pick up your badge upon arrival.**

The security check and badge collection will take place inside Shed 2, at Tour & Taxis:

- Tuesday, 3 November: 08:00–09:30
- Wednesday, 4 November: 08:30–09:30

Language & interpretation

The language of the event is English. Live captioning will be provided for all livestreamed sessions. International sign language interpretation will be provided for the sessions in the Plenary Room.

Livestreaming

The plenaries and the three parallel panel sessions will be livestreamed. A link will be available on the event page (https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/european-civil-protection-forum-2026), and no prior registration is needed to follow these sessions online. The livestreamed sessions will be recorded.

Catering

Complimentary refreshments and lunch will be provided on both days. A cocktail reception will take place on Tuesday, 3 November at 19:15.

Cloakroom

Coat check facilities are available during event hours. Please avoid leaving belongings unattended elsewhere in the venue

Photography & filming

Photos will be taken during the event for communication purposes. In case you do not wish to be photographed or appear on the livestream, please let us know at the registration desk so we can give you a specific lanyard. We also invite you to sit in the back rows which will not be photographed.

Questions? - Contact us at echo@wearemci.com.

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