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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument¹, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision No 2007/779/EC, Euratom establishing a Community Civil Protection Mechanism (recast)², and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Decision 2007/606/EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC³,

Having regard to Commission Decision 2010/481/EU⁴, Euratom amending Decision 2004/277/EC, Euratom as regards rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2007/779/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Mechanism,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002⁵ on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007⁶ (Financial Regulation),

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁷, as last modified by Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 478/2007 of 23 April 2007 (Implementing Rules)⁸,

Whereas:

¹ OJ L 71, 10.03.2007, p. 9
² OL L314, 1.12.2007, p. 9
³ OJ L 241, 14.09.2007, p. 17
⁴ OJ L 236, 07.09.2010, p.5
⁵ OJ L 248, 16.09.2002, p. 48
⁶ OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p. 9
⁷ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1
⁸ OJ L 111, 28.04.2007, p. 13

- (1) The Civil Protection Financial Instrument established by Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom is intended to support and complement the efforts of the Member States for the protection, primarily of people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, in the event of natural and man-made disasters, acts of terrorism and technological, radiological or environmental accidents and to facilitate reinforced cooperation between the Member States in the field of civil protection.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 6(2) of Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom, financial assistance under that Instrument may take the form of grants or public procurement contracts the subject and conditions of which are to be further specified in annual work programmes, as required by Article 110 of the Financial Regulation and Article 6(3) of Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom.
- (3) The present work programme identifies the actions that should be eligible for financial assistance under the Civil Protection Financial Instrument in the field of response, preparedness and prevention in 2013.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 166 of the Implementing Rules and Article 6(3) of Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom, the present work programme specifies the objectives, the schedule of the call or calls for proposals, the indicative amount involved, the maximum rate of financial intervention and the results expected by the actions and projects benefiting of financial assistance in the form of grants.
- (5) The present work programme also specifies the circumstances where, under Article 168(1) (a), (b), (c), (f) of the Implementing Rules, the Commission may award grants without a call for proposals in case of aid for crisis situations, as defined in Article 168(2) of the Implementing Rules, or in exceptional and duly substantiated emergencies or to bodies with a duly substantiated de facto or de jure monopoly or for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence.
- (6) The present work programme also identifies the actions to be subject to public procurement, as required by Article 6(4) of Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom. Contracts may include framework contracts for the purposes of mobilisation of the necessary means for implementing rapid response actions.
- (7) Under Article 83 of the Financial Regulation, creditors paid late are entitled to receive default interest charged to the line from which the principal was paid. It is therefore necessary to foresee that such default interest falls within the scope of this Decision.
- (8) It is appropriate to define the terms ‘substantial change’ within the meaning of Article 90(4) of the Implementing Rules for the application of this decision.
- (9) This Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) of the Financial Regulation and Article 90 of the Implementing Rules.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 13 (1) of Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom.
- (11) The Annual Work Programme 2013 to implement Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom should therefore be adopted,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme set out in the Annex is hereby adopted as the 2013 Annual Work Programme on the following budget articles and items, for the amounts of appropriations proposed by the Commission in its 2013 Draft Budget:

- Budget item 23 01 04 02 - Civil Protection - Expenditure on administrative management - for an amount of EUR 300 000;
- Budget article 23 03 01 - Civil protection within the Union - for an amount of EUR 18 200 000;
- Budget article 23 03 06 - Civil Protection interventions in third countries - for an amount of EUR 5 000 000.

In addition to EUR 5 000 000 for budget line 23 03 06 and EUR 18 200 000 for budget line 23 03 01, the maximum amounts of authorised appropriations for the financial year with respect to these budget lines shall also include appropriations carried over and new appropriations resulting from reimbursements to be made by the beneficiaries of transport grants pursuant to Article 4(3) (a) of Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom of 5 March 2007 establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument.

Article 2

1. Pursuant to Article 168(1) (a), (b), (c) and (f) of the Implementing Rules, the Commission may award grants without a call for proposals to the competent authorities, designated in compliance with Article 12 of Commission Decision 2007/606/EC, Euratom, to complement the transport provided by Participating States by financing additional transport resources necessary for ensuring a rapid response to major emergencies falling within the scope of the Community Civil Protection Mechanism.

2. Pursuant to Article 168(1) (c) of the Implementing Rules, the Commission may award grants without a call for proposals to the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union to support the exchange of knowledge and experience on specific strategic civil protection issues and to discuss further civil protection actions between Participating States.

3. Pursuant to Article 168(1) (f) of the Implementing Rules, the Commission may award a direct grant without a call for proposals to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) which has a high level of technical expertise in disaster risk management to support activities linked to the EU disaster prevention strategy, such as the development by the OECD High Level Risk Forum of a methodological framework on risk assessment and risk financing, cross country risk analysis and the organisation of country peer reviews.

Article 3

Cumulated changes not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution of the Union are not considered to be substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the work programme. The Authorising Officer by Delegation may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 4

The implementation of this work programme is subject to the adoption of the 2013 Budget and the availability of the corresponding appropriations.

Article 5

The Director-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection is responsible for ensuring the publication and implementation of the annual work programme.

Article 6

The appropriations covered by the work programme may be used to pay default interest in accordance with Article 83 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002.

Done at Brussels, 18.12.2012

*For the Commission
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Member of the Commission*

ANNEX

CIVIL PROTECTION FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT

WORK PROGRAMME 2013

The budget amount indicated is for EU 27 and from 1 July 2013 for EU 28 with Croatia joining the Union as earmarked for the year 2013 and can be supplemented by the contribution from the EEA countries and future acceding, candidate or potential candidate countries which have signed the appropriate agreement with the European Union.

LEGAL BASES

Council Decision No 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument,

Council Decision No 2007/779/EC, Euratom establishing a Community Civil Protection Mechanism (recast),

Commission Decision 2010/481/EU, Euratom amending Decision 2004/277/EC, Euratom as regards rules for the implementation of the Mechanism,

Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom.

BUDGET ARTICLES AND ITEMS

23 03 01 Civil protection within the Union

23 01 04 02 Civil Protection - Expenditure on administrative management

23 03 06 Civil protection interventions in third countries

BUDGET AMOUNTS

On budget article 23 03 01 EUR 18 200 000

On budget item 23 01 04 02 EUR 300 000

On budget article 23 03 06 EUR 5 000 000

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The Civil Protection Financial Instrument established by Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom is intended to support and complement the efforts of the Member States for the protection, primarily of people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, in the event of natural and man-made disasters, acts of terrorism and technological, radiological or environmental accidents, and to facilitate reinforced cooperation between the Member States in the field of civil protection. It builds on three main objectives - Response, Preparedness and Prevention.

The present work programme covers the actions that are eligible for financial assistance under the Civil Protection Financial Instrument in the field of response, preparedness and prevention.

In compliance with Article 8 of the Civil Protection Financial Instrument, in implementing these actions, synergies and complementarity with other instruments of the Union shall be sought.

For emergencies occurring inside the EU, this will include consistency with Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund.

In the case of response to disasters in third countries, the Commission will in particular ensure the complementarity and coherence of the actions included in this work programme and the actions financed under Council Regulation (EC) 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid⁹.

Actions inside the EU – i.e. actions in the field of prevention and preparedness as well as actions related to the civil protection response to major emergencies within Member States – are covered by budget article 23 03 01. Actions related to the response to major emergencies in third countries are covered by budget article 23 03 06.

INTRODUCTION

This work programme contains implementing measures for the year 2013. On the basis of the objectives set out in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument, the budget breakdown and main actions are as follows:

- **Budget Article 23 03 01 - Civil protection within the Union**

Total amount earmarked in 2013: EUR 18 200 000

Grants (implemented under direct centralised management)

| | | |
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| Transport and related logistics | Action 1.2a | EUR 550 000 |
| Civil Protection Mechanism Exercises | Action 2.1.2 | EUR 2 100 000 |
| Preparedness projects | Action 2.3 | EUR 2 100 000 |
| Prevention projects | Action 3.1 | EUR 2 100 000 |
| Workshops with the EU Presidency | Action 4.2 | EUR 150 000 |
| TOTAL | | EUR 7 000 000 |

Procurement (implemented under direct centralised management)

| | | |
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| Transport and related logistics | Action 1.2b | EUR 250 000 |
| Maintenance and further development of the Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC) | Action 1.3 | EUR 1 400 000 |
| Improving planning of EU civil protection operations | Action 1.4 | EUR 150 000 |
| Maintenance and further development of the Common Emergency Communication and | Action 1.5 | EUR 200 000 |

⁹ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p.1.

Information System (CECIS)

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| Early Warning | Action 1.6 | EUR 1 600 000 |
| Training | Action 2.1.1 | EUR 4 000 000 |
| Exercises on civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and European Union civil protection teams | Action 2.1.3 | EUR 2 300 000 |
| Other prevention activities | Action 3.2 | EUR 300 000 |
| Awareness-raising activities and the dissemination of good practices | Action 4.1 | EUR 400 000 |

TOTAL **10 600 000 EUR**

Reimbursement of expenses

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| Dispatching expertise | Action 1.1 | EUR 50 000 |
| Lessons learnt programme, technical meetings, training and exercise observation missions | Action 2.2 | EUR 550 000 |

TOTAL **EUR 600 000**

• **Budget item 23 01 04 02 -Civil Protection - Expenditure on administrative management**

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| Evaluation (Procurement implemented under direct centralised management) | Action 5.1 | EUR 100 000 |
| CECIS hosting, MIC security and resilience (Procurement implemented under direct centralised management) | Action 5.2 | EUR 200 000 |

TOTAL **EUR 300 000**

• **Budget article - 23 03 06 - Civil protection interventions in third countries**

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| Dispatching expertise (Reimbursement of expenses) | Action 1.1 | EUR 500 000 |
| Transport and related logistics (Grants implemented under direct centralised management) | Action 1.2a | EUR 3 600 000 |
| Transport and related logistics (Procurement implemented under direct centralised management) | Action 1.2b | EUR 900 000 |

TOTAL **EUR 5 000 000**

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OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE

A. BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01 – CIVIL PROTECTION WITHIN THE UNION AND BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 06- CIVIL PROTECTION INTERVENTIONS IN THIRD COUNTRIES

1. RESPONSE

1.1 DISPATCHING EXPERTISE

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| Objectives | <p>Dispatch assessment and/or coordination team of experts, including technical assistance and support teams (TAST) if necessary, along with their supporting equipment, facilitate the provision of assistance and cooperation with other actors in the event of major emergencies, or imminent threat thereof, in civil protection assistance interventions in the framework of the Mechanism.</p> <p>Provide appropriate logistical support for the assessment and/or coordination team of experts it deploys, including by means of logistical support provided by DG ECHO Field Offices outside EU.</p> |
| Expected results | <p>The assessment and/or coordination team of experts is deployed quickly and works safely and autonomously in the field in close cooperation with the UN and EU humanitarian aid, whenever they are involved in the emergency, maintaining contact with the competent authorities of the state requesting assistance and other actors concerned by the emergency, in coordination with the MIC.</p> <p>The team of experts is provided with the safety and telecom equipment necessary to fulfil its tasks and may mobilize all technical and logistical equipment necessary to assess the situation, the civil protection needs, and/or facilitate the coordination on site of civil protection assistance channelled through the Mechanism by Participating States.</p> |
| Type of activity | <p>Experts' missions as defined in Article 5.4 of Council Decision 2007/779/EC, Euratom: "establishing the capability to mobilise and dispatch, as quickly as possible, small teams of experts" and on the basis of Article 4.2 a of Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom "dispatching assessment and coordination experts along with their supporting equipment, in particular communication tools, to facilitate the provision of assistance and cooperation with other actors present"</p> |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 50 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01 (for missions inside EU)</p> <p>EUR 500 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 06 (for missions outside EU)</p> |
| Type of procedure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of existing framework contract for travel and accommodation costs; reimbursement of such costs to experts whenever the use of |

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| | <p>the framework contract is not possible;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of framework contract or low value contracts for insurance coverage of experts and MIC Liaison Officers, including risks not covered by the standard Commission contract; • Use of low value contracts for the purchase of safety, telecommunication and technical equipment; • Reimbursement of all operational costs of the experts approved and necessary to execute the mission that were paid in advance by the MIC Liaison Officers (e.g. with official credit cards); • Reimbursement of all other mission related costs to experts on the basis of written agreements; • Use of DG ECHO Field Offices to provide logistical support for the deployment of EU Civil Protection Assessment and Coordination Teams (for missions outside the EU). Maximum indicative amount for this purpose is 250 000 EUR. |
| Indicative schedule | Dispatch of experts on a case by case basis, depending on emergencies and activations of the Mechanism. |

1.2A TRANSPORT AND RELATED LOGISTICS ^{10,11} (GRANTS)

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| Objectives | Complement the transport provided by Participating States by financing additional transport resources necessary for ensuring a rapid response to major emergencies within the scope of the Mechanism. |
| Expected results | Participating States transport the assistance offered through the Mechanism and accepted by a requesting country efficiently and in a timely manner in order to cope with the nature of the emergency scenario. |
| Type of activity | <p>Co-financing of the following transport costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related to the movement of transport resources to the point of dispatch in the territory of the Participating State offering civil protection assistance; • Incurred from the point of dispatch to its final destination; • Necessary for the return journey of the transport assets and any team |

¹⁰ Overall amount earmarked for this action: EUR 4 150 000 on budget lines 23 03 01 and 23 03 06. The distribution of the transport funds between grants and procurement is not binding and will depend on the type of financial supports (grant or transport service) requested by the Participating States to the Commission.

¹¹ In accordance with Commission Decision 2007/606/EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, including Article 9.

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| | <p>and their equipment;</p> <p>Only if all the criteria as defined in Article 4.2 (c) of Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom are met.</p> |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 550 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01</p> <p>EUR 3 600 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 06</p> <p>Eligible costs are established in Article 9 of Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom. Article 4.3a) of the Civil Protection Financial Instrument provides for reimbursement of at least 50% of the Union funds by Member States.</p> |
| Type of procedure | <p>Direct grants awarded without calls for proposals to competent authorities designated in compliance with Article 12 of Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down the rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport (Article 110 of Financial Regulation/Article 168(1) (a), (b), (c) and (f) of Implementing Rules) or Framework Partnership Agreements in compliance with Article 6.3 of the Decision.</p> |
| Indicative schedule | <p>Individual grant agreements with competent Participating State authorities upon occurrence of emergency based on the criteria set out in Article 8 of Commission Decision 2007/606/EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom.</p> |

1.2B TRANSPORT AND RELATED LOGISTICS^{12,13} (PROCUREMENT)

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| Objectives | <p>Support Participating States in obtaining access to transport resources by:</p> <p>Identifying and facilitating their access to transport resources that may be available from other sources, including the commercial market;</p> <p>Complementing the transport provided by Participating States by financing additional transport resources necessary for ensuring a rapid response to major emergencies within the scope of the Mechanism.</p> |
| Expected result | <p>The assistance offered by Participating States through the Mechanism and accepted by a requesting country is transported efficiently and in a timely manner in order to cope with the nature of the emergency scenario, with transport resources available from other sources,</p> |

¹² Overall amount earmarked for this action: EUR 1 150 000 on budget lines 23 03 01 and 23 03 06. The distribution of the transport funds between grants and procurement is not binding and will depend on the type of financial support (grant or transport service) requested by the Participating States to the Commission.

¹³ In accordance with Commission Decision 2007/606/EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, including Article 9.

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| | including the commercial market. |
| Type of activity | <p>Provision of information on available alternative means of transportation. Co-financing of the following transport costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related to the movement of transport resources to the point of dispatch in the territory of the Participating State offering the civil protection assistance; • Incurred from the point of dispatch to its final destination; • Necessary for the return journey of transport assets and any team and their equipment; • Related to the alternative transport resources accepted and hired. <p>Actions shall be eligible for financial assistance only if all the criteria as defined in Article 4.2 (c) of Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom are met.</p> |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 250 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01</p> <p>EUR 900 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 06</p> <p>Eligible costs are established in Article 9 of Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom. Article 4.3a) of the Civil Protection Financial Instrument. Article 7.3 of Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom provides for reimbursement of at least 50% of the Union funds by Member States)</p> |
| Type of procedure | <p>Call for tender/use of existing framework contract</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: 1</p> |
| Indicative schedule | <p>Publication of the tender: May 2013</p> <p>Signature of specific contracts upon occurrence of emergency based on the criteria set out in Article 8 of Commission Decision 2007/606 EC, Euratom of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom.</p> |

1.3 MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MIC

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| Objectives | Further develop and strengthen the MIC |
| Expected results | Further develop the MIC capacity to plan, prepare and respond to emergencies on a 24/7 basis |
| Type of activity | Service contracts to support the purchase and development of |

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| | <p>specialised IT and communication equipment and/or arrangements that would ensure the security, resilience and business continuity of the MIC on a 24/7 basis</p> <p>Service contract for strengthening of 24/7 capacity</p> |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 1 400 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01</p> <p>of which EUR 1 000 000 for the strengthening of 24/7 capacity</p> |
| Type of procedure | <p>Call for tender and/or use of existing framework contract of DG DIGIT</p> |
| Indicative schedule | <p>Publication of the call for equipment: 1st half of 2013</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: 1-2</p> <p>For strengthened capacity:</p> <p>Call for tender: 1st half of 2013</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: 1</p> |

1.4 IMPROVING PLANNING OF EU CIVIL PROTECTION OPERATIONS

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| Objectives | <p>Improve planning of EU civil protection operations</p> |
| Expected results | <p>Improved planning and preparedness for EU civil protection operations, building on risk assessments and scenarios</p> <p>Actions in this field will be carried out in support of the work of the Disaster Response Planning Working Group and in accordance with the priorities established by this group and endorsed by the Committee (e.g. studies to underpin, prepare or develop planning activities for the EU response to major disasters). This may include an overview of contingency planning practices in some of the Member States, third countries and international organisations.</p> |
| Type of activity | <p>Framework or service contracts (including study contracts)</p> |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 150 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01</p> |
| Type of procedure | <p>Call(s) for tender or use of existing framework contract(s)</p> <p>Indicative number of contracts: 1-3</p> |
| Indicative schedule | <p>Publication of the call: 1st half of 2013</p> |

1.5 MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE CECIS

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| Objectives | Managing and further developing the information and communication systems serving the Participating States and the Commission for the purposes of the Mechanism |
| Expected results | <p>The maintenance and further development of a secured communication environment (CECIS) and other dedicated hardware and software or specialised equipment/arrangements which enable effective cooperation and sharing of information between the MIC and the operational contact points of the Member States as well as other participants in the context of the Mechanism at any moment.</p> <p>The continual development of a web-based information tool, based on the current European Disaster Response Information System (EDRIS) for humanitarian aid and the CECIS system for civil protection assistance. This tool will allow real-time communication related to EU (27 Member States and the Commission) and participating states' humanitarian and in-kind assistance.</p> |
| Type of activity | <p>Service contracts, to support the following activities:</p> <p>Further extend and implement the "MIC in a box" concept (secure mobile communication equipment linking headquarters and field experts);</p> <p>CECIS administration and evolving maintenance, refresher training sessions for existing users and training for new users, helpdesk/support service, link between the CECIS- and EDRIS</p> <p>Specialised equipment and other arrangements to develop a fully operational 24/7 centre and to ensure security, resilience and business continuity of the MIC.</p> |
| Indicative amount | EUR 200 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01 |
| Type of Procedure | Use of existing contract/public procurement procedure for one service contract |
| Indicative schedule | Renewal of the contract in December 2013 |

1.6 EARLY WARNING

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| Objectives | <p>The overall objective is to contribute to the development of detection and early warning systems in accordance with Articles 2(7) and 5(3) of Commission Decision 2007/779/EC, Euratom.</p> <p>Work will continue to focus on closing the existing gaps and enhancing existing systems. In 2013, the main focus will be to continue supporting</p> |
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| | <p>the European Flood Alert System (EFAS), and the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS).</p> <p>Furthermore, it is planned to upgrade the Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System (GDACS), to enhance the MIC's analytical and monitoring capacity, to make better use of JRC scientific capacities and to support the establishment of the North East Atlantic and Mediterranean Tsunami Warning System (NEAMTWS) in close cooperation with Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (UNESCO IOC).</p> <p>In particular, the main objectives are:</p> <p>Ensuring rapid access to existing and new Early Warning Systems (EWS) through multi-hazard based applications, integrating and interlinking existing and newly available EWS, covering the specific gaps identified;</p> <p>Providing conceptual input to the development of new EWS, based on existing national early warning systems and highlighting research needs to the research community from an end user point of view;</p> <p>Facilitating exchange of best practices and dissemination of knowledge on EWS;</p> <p>Promoting interconnection, interoperability and cooperation with early warning and analysis capacities of the Commission and Participating States.</p> |
| Expected results | <p>Improved understanding and mapping of hazards; accurate monitoring and forecasting of disaster events.</p> <p>Quicker processing and dissemination of warnings to national contact points in the framework of the Mechanism, and through them to political authorities and decision makers: Mechanism participants will be able to undertake appropriate and timely actions in response to the warnings.</p> <p>Extensive EWS coverage of different hazards</p> |
| Type of activity | <p>Service contracts or administrative arrangements :</p> <p>a) to further develop, maintain and upgrade: GDACS, ECHO Flash, MIC Portal, EFAS, Global Flood Monitoring and Forecasting System and EFFIS;</p> <p>b) to support the establishment of the NEAMTWS in close cooperation with UNESCO IOC;</p> <p>c) to further develop the analytical capacity of the MIC.</p> |
| Indicative amount | EUR 1 600 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01 |
| Type of procedure | Administrative arrangement(s) with the JRC on the basis of Article 161 of the Financial Regulation |
| Indicative schedule | 1 st half 2013 |

2. PREPAREDNESS

2.1 Civil Protection Training Programme

In line with Council Decision 2007/779/EC, Euratom of 8 November 2007 establishing a Community Civil Protection Mechanism (recast), the Commission proposes a training programme, the exchange of experts and exercises. This programme is directed at experts, intervention teams and modules, specialised personnel and equipment.

The individual components of this programme build on each other in an integrated way with a view to ensuring a maximum coordination of civil protection assistance and to enhance the compatibility and complementarity of resources. In a bottom-up approach the programme covers the full spectrum of training and exercises, ranging from training courses addressing the individual responder (2.1.1), specific functional aspects of civil protection modules such as interoperability, Standard Operating Procedures or cooperation with technical assistance and support teams and EU Civil Protection Teams (2.1.2.), up to full scale and table top exercises, comprehensively addressing all aspects of the CP Mechanism (2.1.2.).

The total budget for this activity is EUR 8 400 000, of which EUR 4 000 000 are proposed for training courses, EUR 2 100 000 for the Civil Protection Mechanism Exercises, and EUR 2 300 000 for specific modules exercises.

2.1.1 TRAINING

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| Objectives | Significantly improve EU preparedness, in particular with regard to the dispatch of coordination and assessment teams of experts and the deployment of European civil protection assistance intervention teams and modules to European and third countries. |
| Expected results | <p>Staff management, coordination and assessment skills of managers, experts and administrators are enhanced, including for participation in emergencies of a magnitude and nature which overwhelm the capacity of the requesting State and require the coordination of an international community response. Expected number of places to be offered in the courses for 2013: up to 1000.</p> <p>Enhancement of the knowledge and skills of national and Union diplomatic personnel regarding civil protection.</p> <p>Establishment at the experimental stage of main components of European Disaster Management Training Arrangements in accordance with the Council conclusions on European disaster management training.</p> <p>Enhancement of knowledge of the Mechanism among national experts selected to attend the Mechanism training programme, and also among trainers and students conducting and attending disaster management courses at national level.</p> <p>Enlarging the scope of the current EU preparedness actions in the field of training, including through diversification of the training programme, effectively linking it to the prevention, preparedness and response</p> |

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| | <p>actions. Trained expert teams to be able to provide advice on prevention and preparedness measures at the request of an affected state or the UN and its agencies.</p> <p>Training centres share a common syllabus, agreed with the MIC and also conforming to UN standards.</p> <p>Improved skills of trainers, managers, experts, practitioners, administrators and diplomats for achieving the above results.</p> |
| Type of activity | <p>Provision of courses to experts from Participating States (civil protection and marine pollution), Commission and UN experts who could participate in interventions, and national and Union diplomatic personnel.</p> <p>Meetings of trainers, of the Training Policy Group or any successor group and ad hoc expert and stakeholder meetings, and preparation of documents for those meetings.</p> <p>Provision of learning material that could be used as pre-training material for experts attending Mechanism courses or during national training courses. Conduct "train the trainers" workshops for national training centres.</p> <p>Supporting the development of the EU Disaster Management Training Network, including the hosting of IT platform</p> |
| Indicative amount | EUR 4 000 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01 |
| Type of procedure | <p>Seven framework contracts. Commitment of specific contracts: 6</p> <p>Use of existing framework contract for travel and accommodation costs of trainers, Training Policy Group members, and experts and stakeholders; reimbursement of such costs whenever the use of a framework contract is not possible.</p> <p>Use of framework contracts or calls for tenders for purchasing training material to be provided in addition to that already provided by training centres, and for the provision of expertise and organisation of meetings.</p> <p>Service level agreement with DIGIT for the hosting and management of the IT-platform of the Disaster Management Training Network.</p> |
| Indicative schedule | <p>Renewal of existing contracts in November 2013</p> <p>Indicatively, three meetings and two workshops will be organised in relation to the EU Disaster Management Training Network; five expert and stakeholder ad hoc meetings.</p> <p>Launch of service level agreement in the first half of 2013</p> |

2.1.2 CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM EXERCISES

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| <p>Objectives</p> | <p>To improve civil protection preparedness and response to all kinds of emergencies, including marine pollution, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear emergencies, as well as combined emergencies and emergencies simultaneously affecting a number of countries (inside or outside the EU) by providing a testing environment of established and/or new operational concepts and procedures of the Mechanism and a learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection assistance interventions under the Civil Protection Mechanism.</p> |
| <p>Expected results</p> | <p>The existing procedures for the various elements of the Civil Protection Mechanism are improved and new procedures, where needed, are established.</p> <p>The interoperability of intervention teams is improved as the result of the exercise; in particular this will mean quicker dispatch time, improved cooperation arrangements, better communication between headquarters and field, identification of shortcomings in the existing structures.</p> <p>Participating States are aware and prepared to receive and to provide assistance through the Mechanism.</p> |
| <p>Type of activity</p> | <p>Plan, conduct and evaluate exercises with scenarios simulating the situation and conditions of all types of emergencies for the activation of the Mechanism, including marine pollution, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear emergencies, as well as combined emergencies and emergencies affecting simultaneously a number of countries (inside or outside the EU).</p> <p>The plans for the exercises should take into account the results of evaluations of previous exercises as well as the lessons learned from civil protection actions.</p> <p>The exercises can be full scale exercises, command post exercises with limited deployment, as well as table top exercises or other types of discussion based exercises, as deemed suitable in order to achieve the objectives. At least two coordination levels: operational centre level (at EU level and at Participating State level) and field level are exercised.</p> <p>The involvement of Participating States is ensured through the MIC, according to established procedures (use of CECIS, etc.) and deployment of exercise participants as defined in Art. 22 of Commission Decision 2004/277/EC, Euratom, i.e. intervention teams (including modules), teams of Assessment and/or coordination experts (EU CP team), national key contact point staff, other intervention support resources and officials of the EU Institutions, including humanitarian aid experts (if required by the scenario).</p> |

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| | <p>Parts related to satellite communications might be subject to a special procedure established between the Commission and the European Space Agency (ESA), co-funded by the ESA.</p> <p>Exercises with marine pollution scenarios are possible. Whenever the scenario includes the participation of the European Maritime Safety Agency's (EMSA) standby oil spill response vessels, the daily rate for the vessels' operational use and fuel costs will be covered by EMSA.</p> |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 2 100 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate of 85% of eligible costs, with a maximum of EUR 1 000 000 of EU contribution for each proposal financed.</p> |
| Type of procedure | <p>Calls for proposals</p> |
| Indicative schedule | <p>Publication: May 2013</p> <p>Closure: July 2013</p> <p>Award decision: November 2013</p> |
| Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria | <p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The emergency scenario is realistic and of a magnitude such as to overwhelm the capacities of the affected country; • The request for assistance to the MIC is established through the official channels of the affected state(s) (National Authority(ies)) and coordinated through the MIC and the official channels of the other Participating States; • The Mechanism is activated; an EU Civil Protection team is deployed. • At least two Participating States other than the State organising and hosting the exercise commit to dispatch intervention teams, civil protection modules, or technical assistance and support teams through the MIC; • Involvement of the national civil protection authorities of the Participating States in the project (and/or the marine pollution authorities as necessary depending on the exercise scenario). • The application contains a plan describing, how improvements should be included following evaluation and how they should be further implemented and retested. <p>Table top exercises are to use existing Mechanism procedures or test new procedures. At all levels decision makers involved in the provision of civil protection assistance gather at the exercise venue in the form of</p> |

working groups playing out, in a discussion mode, a scenario animated by a trained and experienced exercise expert (by definition, they are not deployed in the field or in their normal operating location).

Selection criteria

- Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity and professional qualifications and experience of all participants to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables;
- Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity.

Award criteria

- Understanding: the use of the elements and resources of the Mechanism as well as the testing of the procedures proposed by the project correspond to the objectives, and the strategic and legislative context of the call;
- Methodology: the proposed project tasks, the project management methodology in general and the exercise planning, conduct and evaluation methodology are suited to the achievement of the project aims, objectives and expected results. The standards and procedures of the other Participating States in the exercise, as well as other international standards and conventions (UN), are taken into account where appropriate.
- Cost effectiveness: the proposed budget is sufficient for a proper project implementation and the project is designed in such a way as to ensure the best value for money, taking also into account the expected results and deliverables.
- European dimension: the proposed project has a proper European dimension, i.e. broad participation of Member States and Participating States of the Mechanism, importance, applicability and relevance of the scenario and the expected results for the Member States and the EU as a whole: integration of other products/services funded or developed by the EU.
- "Understanding" and "European dimension includes the following criteria": a) for emergencies inside the EU: the involvement of a wide range of emergency responders (civil protection, police, health and other intervention support), is measured and b) for scenarios related to emergencies outside the EU: the involvement, as appropriate, of EU services and offices and of relevant humanitarian aid and international organisations. In both cases, the use of European Mechanism elements and tools (e.g. HNS guidelines, registered modules and/or similar assets) is measured.

2.1.3 EXERCISES ON CIVIL PROTECTION MODULES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TEAMS AND EUROPEAN UNION CIVIL PROTECTION TEAMS

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| Objectives | <p>To establish common understanding of the cooperation and achieve an interdisciplinary interoperability between modules and/or technical assistance and support teams (TAST) and the European Union Civil Protection Team (EUCPT) in an international environment.</p> <p>Improvement of civil protection preparedness and response for emergencies by providing a testing environment and learning opportunity for all actors involved in civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and EUCPT, as well as testing the procedures of the Mechanism.</p> |
| Expected results | <p>Civil protection modules are interoperable and Participating States and the MIC are aware of cooperation arrangements and operational procedures for their use in real emergencies.</p> <p>Accelerate the speed of deployment in emergencies. Enhance cooperation of modules, TAST and EUCPT between each other and with other actors involved during an international deployment.</p> |
| Type of activity | Plan, conduct and evaluate exercises for civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams registered in CECIS as well as the European Union Civil Protection Teams. |
| Indicative amount | EUR 2 300 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01 |
| Type of procedure | Call for tender for service contracts – indicative number: 3 contracts |
| Indicative schedule | Publication: May 2013 |

2.2 LESSONS LEARNT PROGRAMME, TECHNICAL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS, TRAINING AND EXERCISE OBSERVATION MISSIONS

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| Objectives | <p>Improve professional skills on management, assessment techniques and skills, coordination and interaction with partners and population, of a limited number (estimated at 50 in 2013) of highly qualified experts selected by the MIC among those proposed by Participating States.</p> <p>Bring together existing initiatives in the area of disaster management training and provide added value through the pooling of expertise from the Participating States, the Commission and key stakeholders.</p> <p>Further develop work on lessons learnt in accordance with the Council conclusions of April 2012 on lessons learnt, and better integration of the lessons learnt from past emergencies and exercises into the other strands</p> |
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| | of work. |
| Expected results | <p>Improve the EU preparedness concerning the capability to rapidly dispatch and deploy European civil protection assistance intervention teams and European expert teams to European and third countries, independently of the nature of emergency and to increase their capabilities to work together. Enhancement of disaster prevention measures.</p> <p>Improvement of the contingency planning, on the basis of lessons learnt.</p> |
| Type of activity | <p>Participation in training events organised by other actors, technical meetings and workshops, debriefings (lessons learnt), exercises and observation missions.</p> <p>Lessons learnt and technical meetings on different topics including, for example: activation of the Mechanism, prevention activities exercises, interventions, marine emergencies, training, CECIS, transport and CBRN. Improving the concept for the evaluation of interventions and exercises; incorporation of findings into training courses and exercises; regular updates of a “lessons learnt” library (preparation of yearly stocktaking of lessons learnt from interventions and exercises; evaluations of individual interventions with external support. Meetings and workshops on modules to improve and further develop the modular approach and the ability of CP modules to operate together. 1 Workshop on the interface between operations at sea and on land. 2 Workshops on floods response management. Workshops on forest fire fighting and medical support related modules. Additional practical training activities for coordination and assessment experts, trainers and managers who followed the training courses under action 2.1.</p> <p>Expert meetings and other appropriate means (e.g. conferences, studies, policy documents etc.) to promote EWS, exchange best practice and support innovative approaches.</p> <p>Meetings with the representatives of participating states at different levels, including regular DGs meetings to exchange best practices and to further develop cooperation within the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.</p> |
| Indicative amount | EUR 550 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01 |
| Type of procedure | <p>Use of existing framework contract for travel and accommodation costs of experts and for the transport of necessary equipment; reimbursement of such costs whenever the use of the framework contract is not possible.</p> <p>Use of the new framework contract on evaluations</p> <p>In addition to this, reimbursement of per diems for experts dispatched on the MIC mission and for experts invited by the Commission to present their missions during the relevant lessons learnt or technical meetings.</p> |

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| | Indicative number of contracts: 1-2 |
| Indicative schedule | <p>For lessons learnt and technical workshops, the schedule follows the activation of the Mechanism on a case by case basis, depending on the emergencies. For training and exercise observation missions, the schedule follows the organisation of major exercises or other training opportunities.</p> <p>1 Lessons Learnt meeting per quarter, depending on the emergencies. 1 meeting per month about specific topics (e.g. modules, early warning).</p> <p>1 yearly report of the identified lessons learnt; their follow up and the state of implementation.</p> <p>2 DGs meetings per year.</p> |

2.3 PREPAREDNESS PROJECTS

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| Objectives | <p>Create better prerequisites for and improve preparedness, as well as enhance awareness of civil protection and/or marine pollution professionals and volunteers.</p> <p>Support and complement the efforts of the Participating States for the protection of citizens, environment and property in the event of natural and man-made disasters, technical, radiological or environmental incidents and dealing with the consequences of acts of terrorisms and facilitate reinforced cooperation between the Participating States in the field of preparedness in civil protection and/or marine pollution.</p> <p>Exchange of information, experience, good practice and knowledge aiming at improving the performance of parties involved in civil protection (both private and public professionals and volunteers.)</p> |
| Expected results | <p>Awareness and skills of civil protection professionals and/or marine pollution and volunteers are increased.</p> <p>Solutions to specific civil protection and marine pollution needs and/or challenges at regional and cross border level are assessed and implemented.</p> <p>Contribution to the EU Regional strategies and their action plans.</p> |
| Type of activity | <p>Projects that can include small scale exercises and training aimed at specific complementary improvements and innovation. Specific outputs may include, e.g. the joint design, planning, development and implementation of innovative civil protection activities, including procedures, techniques, tools, etc. They may also include the transfer or the adaptation of existing features from other geographical or thematic contexts.</p> |
| Priorities for the | <p>1. Actions aimed at improving cross border civil protection and marine pollution cooperation, including regional cooperation, regarding</p> |

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| year | <p>preparedness for, direct response to and reducing consequences of natural and man-made disasters, including the consequences of CBRN events.</p> <p>2. Actions aimed at enhancing operational cooperation in the framework of the Mechanism, enabling Participating States to develop, exercise and register multinational modules.</p> <p>3. Actions aimed at increasing the Participating States' preparedness for receiving assistance.</p> <p>4. Actions aimed at developing and implementing a improved approach to data and information collection and compilation from civil protection interventions and exercises at national level, covering the entire disaster management cycle.</p> <p>Projects should be complementary and should take stock of achievements of relevant activities undertaken at European level using Union funds (among them the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, Life+, CIPS programme, the ICT Policy Support Programme and the Seventh Research Framework Programme).</p> |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 2 100 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01</p> <p>Maximum co-funding rate of 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum of EUR 500 000 of EU contribution for each proposal financed.</p> |
| Type of procedure | <p>Call for proposals</p> |
| Indicative schedule | <p>Publication of the call: March 2013</p> <p>Closure: end May 2013</p> <p>Award decision: October 2013</p> |
| Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria | <p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects are designed and implemented by trans-national partnerships involving entities from at least two Participating States; in the event of international organisations, a branch office is considered as a single entity; • Projects demonstrate that they are complementary to the efforts already made in the Participating States. <p><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity and professional qualifications and experience of all participants to carry out a project according to the proposed objectives and deliverables; • Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity. <p><i>Award criteria</i></p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding: clarity and consistency of rationale, objectives and planning. The applicants have fully understood the objectives, the strategic and legislative context of the call and have established the project accordingly. • Methodology: description of the ways and means for translating the project into practice and producing the expected results (theoretical background, operating procedures, schedules, constraints, assumptions, risks). There are logical links between identified problems, needs and solutions proposed through the project (Logical Frame Concept). Feasibility of the project within the proposed time frame. • Cost effectiveness: the proposed budget is sufficient for a proper project implementation and the project is designed in such a way to ensure the best value for money, taking also into account the expected results and deliverables. • European dimension: the expected results are the result of transnational work of partners and have the potential to be efficiently reproduced and/or transferred to other Participating States, regions or organisations. |
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3. PREVENTION

3.1 PREVENTION PROJECTS

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| Objectives | Support and complement the efforts of Participating States on prevention, focusing on areas where a common European approach is more appropriate. |
| Expected results | <p>Fostering of best practices, training, and awareness-raising in disaster prevention.</p> <p>Contribution to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development of knowledge based disaster prevention policies, including adaptation to climate change, • strengthening of national capacities • the improvement of the linking of the relevant actors and policies throughout the disaster management cycle, including early warning (prevention-preparedness-response-recovery), • the improvement of the effectiveness of existing policy and financial instruments with regard to disaster prevention, • the implementation of the UN Hyogo Framework for Action, • the implementation of the EU Regional strategies and their action plans |

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| Type of activity | Projects, plans and studies |
| Indicative amount | EUR 2 100 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01 Maximum co-funding rate of 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum of EUR 500 000 of EU contribution for each proposal financed. |
| Type of procedure | Call for proposals |
| Indicative schedule | Publication of the call: March 2013 Closure: end May 2013 Award decision: October 2013 |
| Priorities for the year | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improvement of the knowledge base and data on disasters and their impact, including actions assessing the costs and benefits of risk prevention measures. 2. Hazard identification and risk modelling, taking into account climate change adaptation; actions supporting the development and implementation within Member States of risks assessment and risk mapping methodologies; actions aiming at integrating the outcomes of risk assessment and capability based planning into the planning process (e.g. risk management, infrastructure, Cohesion funding); 3. Actions developing innovative solutions (including insurance) for financing disaster prevention 4. Actions aiming at enhancing the links between prevention and sustainable development (ecosystem based approach, forest and water management) <p>Projects should be complementary and should take stock of achievements of relevant activities undertaken at European level using Union funds for prevention activities including disaster risks reduction actions (among them the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, Life+, CIPS programme, the ICT Policy Support Programme and the Seventh Research Framework Programme).</p> |
| Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria | <p><i>Eligibility criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects are designed and implemented by trans-national partnerships involving entities from at least three Participating States; in the event of international organisations, a branch office is considered as a single entity; • Projects demonstrate that they are complementary to the efforts already made in the Participating States. <p><i>Selection criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven evidence of adequate operational capacity and professional qualifications and experience of all participants to carry out a project |

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| | <p>according to the proposed objectives and deliverables;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial soundness of all project participants: self-financing and/or co-financing capacity. <p><i>Award criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding: clarity and consistency of rationale, objectives and planning. The applicants have fully understood the objectives, the strategic and legislative context of the call and have established the project accordingly. • Methodology: description of the ways and means for translating the project into practice and producing the expected results (theoretical background, operating procedures, schedules, constraints, assumptions, risks). There are logical links between identified problems, needs, and solutions proposed through the project (Logical Frame Concept). Feasibility of the project within the proposed time frame. • Cost effectiveness: the proposed budget is sufficient for a proper project implementation and the project is designed in such a way to ensure the best value for money, taking also into account the expected results and deliverables. • European dimension: the expected results are the result of transnational work of partners, serve the interest of a large number of Participating States and have the potential to be efficiently reproduced and/or transferred to other Participating States, regions or organisations. |
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3.2 OTHER PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

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| Objectives | <p>Exchange of best practices. Provide added value through the pooling of expertise from the Participating States, the Commission and relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Assessment of the need for further EU initiatives in the field of prevention. Implementation of the EU framework on disaster prevention, ensuring that disaster risk reduction is a national and local priority.</p> <p>Development of risk management practices and tools (including analysis of risk assessment, peer reviews, risk communication practices and methodologies) to support EU civil protection policies in cooperation with the OECD High Level Risk Forum.</p> |
| Expected results | <p>Identification of good practices for disaster prevention. Expert advice to the Commission on upcoming initiatives implementing the EU framework on disaster prevention.</p> <p>Data confirming the feasibility, added value, and possible implementation of further EU initiatives in the field of prevention.</p> <p>Identification and spreading of best practices. Improvement of knowledge base on disasters and their impact, including risks faced.</p> <p>Optimised capabilities to manage risks and build resilience via the</p> |

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| | <p>development of national risk assessments.</p> <p>Exchange of applied knowledge and policy tools.</p> |
| Type of activity | Studies, meetings |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 300 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01</p> <p>up to EUR 100 000 for the OECD High Level Risk Forum</p> |
| Type of procedure | <p>For travel and accommodation costs of experts, use of existing framework contract; reimbursement of such costs whenever the use of the framework contract is not possible.</p> <p>For services on knowledge base, the exchange of good practice: Call for tender or use of framework contracts.</p> <p>Direct grants applying to actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power (Article 168 (1) (f) Implementing Rules). Taking advantage of its intergovernmental character allowing a deep involvement of public experts, OECD has developed over time a long standing experience in providing expert advice and good practice to public authorities and bodies in disaster risk management, as well as a high level of technical competence in the organisation of 'peer reviews' of different policies of OECD members including risk management policies.</p> |
| Indicative schedule | <p>Call for tender</p> <p>Publication: April 2013</p> <p>Direct grant: award- October 2013</p> |

4. AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES

4.1 AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES AND THE DISSEMINATION OF GOOD PRACTICES

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| Objectives | <p>Promote awareness-raising, information and communication on the Mechanism (prevention, preparedness, response). Better reach individuals throughout Europe that will not be able to go for training, visit the MIC, etc.</p> <p>Perform exploratory work in specific areas, like crisis communication including the 112 emergency number and support the development of policy initiatives.</p> <p>Facilitate and support the implementation of the Mechanism and maximise the effectiveness of assistance missions performed in this framework.</p> <p>Organise a Civil Protection Forum informing and updating civil protection stakeholders.</p> <p>Contribute to the implementation of the EU CBRN Action Plan, and of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015: Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters.</p> <p>Where relevant, make use of research results and developments at national and European levels.</p> |
| Expected results | <p>Increased awareness of hazards, risks and civil protection issues. Better knowledge and use of different tools available to civil protection authorities and citizens.</p> <p>Increased visibility and understanding of the Mechanism and of EU action in civil protection. Improved knowledge and understanding of technical and policy related issues with regard to civil protection.</p> <p>Implementation and follow-up of the EU CBRN Action Plan, including the follow up activities related to the EU CBRN Emergency Response Guidebook.</p> <p>Increased and more effective use of the Mechanism.</p> |
| Type of activity and subject of contract | <p>General information and communication actions, publications, advertisement and information materials, publication of deliverables of previous projects financed by the Civil Protection Financial Instrument, promotion and dissemination events.</p> <p>Studies, Euro Barometer and other surveys, analyses, statistics, evaluations and impact assessments.</p> |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 400 000, BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01</p> |
| Type of procedure | <p>Call for tender for services, use of framework contracts. Indicative number of contracts: 3</p> |
| Indicative schedule | <p>Publication: April 2013</p> |

4.2 WORKSHOPS WITH THE EU PRESIDENCY

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| Objectives | <p>Workshops to exchange knowledge and experience on specific strategic civil protection issues and to discuss further civil protection actions.</p> <p>Workshops organised in cooperation with the Irish and Lithuanian Presidencies of the Council of the European Union.</p> |
| Expected results | Increased awareness and better understanding of strategic challenges in civil protection. Improved consensus among the main stakeholders. |
| Type of activity | Workshops |
| Indicative amount | <p>EUR 150 000 (indicative amount: EUR 75 000 for each Presidency), BUDGET ARTICLE 23 03 01</p> <p>Max co-funding rate of 75% of eligible costs</p> |
| Type of procedure | Grants without a call for proposals to bodies with a duly substantiated de facto or de jure monopoly (Article 110 Financial Regulation/Article 168(1) (c) Implementing Rules). |
| Indicative schedule | 1 st and 2 nd half of 2013 |
| Essential award criteria | <p>Award criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevance of the proposed workshop topic to the objectives and priorities of the civil protection work programme 2. Quality of the project planning and implementation 3. Budget and cost effectiveness of the proposal |

5. SUPPORT EXPENDITURE

B. BUDGET ITEM 23 01 04 02 (CIVIL PROTECTION EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT)

5.1 EVALUATION

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| Objectives | Evaluation of current activities, impact assessments and feasibility studies of future initiatives in the area of civil protection |
| Expected results | Better understanding of the way the civil protection policy is being implemented and its results; improved knowledge on impacts of COM initiatives in the area of civil protection and their contribution to national policies |
| Type of activity | Evaluation and impact assessment studies, including the ex-post evaluation of the Civil Protection Financial Instrument, thematic evaluations, development of a common methodology for the evaluation of exercises; development of a dedicated web-tool for lessons learnt. |
| Indicative amount | EUR 100 000, BUDGET ITEM 23 01 04 02 |
| Type of procedure | Calls for tender, use of framework contracts. Indicative number of contracts: 4. |
| Indicative schedule | Publication of the call: June 2013 |

5.2 CECIS HOSTING, MIC SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

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| Objectives | Ensure the MIC's security and resilience against external and internal hazards and increase safety and security of Liaison Officers sent on MIC missions |
| Expected results | MIC and CECIS, in particular, work permanently, in secure conditions and at their full capacity, during emergencies as well as during normal duty. Fully equipped and protected Liaison Officers to be dispatched on MIC missions. |
| Type of activity | Software development and assistance Supply of necessary protective and other equipment |
| Indicative amount | EUR 200 000, BUDGET ITEM 23 01 04 02 |
| Type of procedure | One service level agreement with DIGIT (CECIS hosting on 2 servers) Call for tender or existing framework contract for equipment Indicative number of contracts: 1-2 |
| Indicative schedule | Launch of procedures: mid-2013 |