



EU Civil Protection International Cooperation

Strategy and way forward in the Western Balkans and Turkey

Strengthening preparedness, prevention and response to disasters

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Intro

I. EU Strategy in the Western Balkans and Turkey

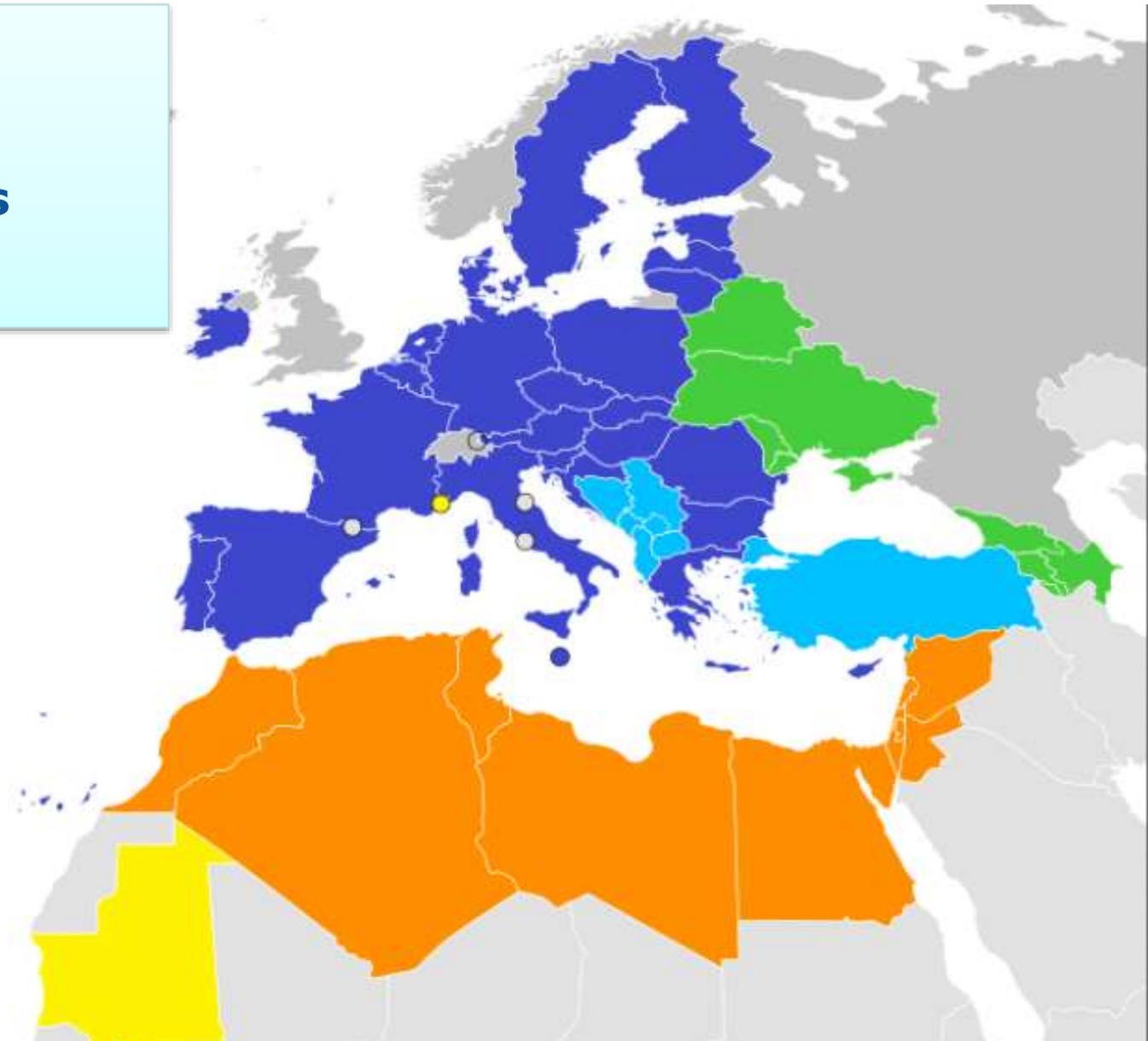
II. New flagship initiative IPA III

III. 27 June 2022 Warm up session Global Civil Protection Forum



International CP cooperation

- 1- Partnership with countries & regions
- 2- Programming & funding



- ❖ *EU enlargement*
- ❖ *Neighbourhood East*
- ❖ *Neighbourhood South*



I. EU Civil Protection in the Western Balkans & Turkey: background, priorities, strategy



I- The EU in Eastern Europe and Turkey

Political priority: support the Stabilisation and Association Process

❖ *Mid March 2022 HR/VP Josep Borrell in the Western Balkans:*

"Your future is our future"

❖ *End September 2021 President von der Leyen visit to the Western Balkans*

"The Western Balkans have a place in the EU. It is in our common interest, ... I believe that it is also our destiny,"

❖ On 11–14 November 2021, Turkey hosted the **largest MODEX field exercise** in the history of the European Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM).



The EU Civil Protection in Eastern Europe and Turkey

"moving towards next step of integration"

- New EU financial framework 2021-2027: significant increased UCPM budget (costs/benefits)
- Revision of UCPM participation Agreements: TK, RS, ME, MK
- Request to join UCPM: Albania, BiH, Kosovo*
- New IPA regional flagship programme + series of bilateral specific capacity building programmes
- *Question: which role for DPPI and the RCC?*

* This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with [UN Security Council Resolution 1244/99\(link is external\)](#) and the [International Court of Justice Opinion\(link is external\)](#) on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



II. New flagship regional initiative – IPA III 2023-2026



Balkans and Turkey – IPA III 2023-2026 – EUR 14 Mio

- Main focus on **health emergencies & earthquakes** (complementary to IPA FFs)
 - Get the **buy-in** of regional CP actors to enhance **EU-Balkans/TK partnership**
 - Promote the emergence of **pilot local champions** (capabilities /facilities/experts) for future regional, cross-border, cross-sectorial activation
 - Establish a pool of **on-site technical assistance (expertise)** in the region (office needed)
 - Seal the programme into the existing **EU/UCPM external cooperation toolbox** (Knowledge Network, trainings, FSX-MODEX, Copernicus, twinnings, adv. missions, peer reviews ..)
 - Set up a robust one voice **governance** (EU/ECHO steer + CPC + partner countries)
- ⇒ Extensive consultations to be continued until April/May 2022
- ⇒ Launch Q4 2022/ Q1 2023



III. EU 2022 CP Global Forum - Warm up session “Europe in the world”

- 27 June +dinner in Brussels (Global Forum28-29June)
- Hybrid format (in person + streaming)
- UCPM, a regional model for other regions in the world, focus on Western Balkans and Turkey and Southern/Eastern neighbourhood
- High level Panel: EU Commissioner for crisis, UfM, DPPI/RCC, one or two country representative, UNDRR/LAS tbc



Questions, suggestions?

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Thank you for your attention

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