



# EU Civil Protection International Cooperation

European civil protection strategy in the EU neighbourhood  
*Strengthening preparedness, prevention and response to disasters*

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# EU guiding principles for external cooperation

- "***Team Europe approach***" (EU27+European Institutions)
- Speak with one voice, at global, regional and country level  
=> EU coherence, unity, solidarity and coordination
- Focus on a strategic engagement and funding
  - **Balkans & Turkey = EU geopolitical priority**
- Build robust Win-Win-(Win) partnerships, political dialogues
- Promote EU values, multilateralism, HR & rule of law, UNSDGs
- For Civil protection = Sendai framework, SDGs, Green Deal
- Balkans: Berlin Process



# External cooperation on **Civil Protection** Mid & long term regional Capacity Building

1. close consultation
  - with other EU services, EU delegations and Member States embassies (Team Europe)
  - With UCPM Participating States (EU27 + Iceland , Norway, SER, MNE, NM, TK)
  - with third countries
2. Enhance participation of existing field technical expertise and networks
  - at national, sub-regional, regional level
3. Coordination and/or joint programming with regional players
  - Union for the Mediterranean, EU CBRN Centres of Excellence, DPPI, NATO, League of Arab States, UNDRR (Europe/ Arab States), GCC, US



# External cooperation on Civil Protection

## Priority threats and risks

- Forest fires
- Floods
- Earthquakes
- Health Emergencies (Covid-like)
- Marine Pollution
- Other: hybrid, electric black out, critical infrastructures



# External cooperation on Civil Protection

Participating and/or implementing partners

- National Civil Protection authorities from the EU, Enlargement, Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood
- Regional and national champions (existing structures/ expertise)
- Regional and international organisations: DPPI, League of Arab States, UNDRR (Europe/ Arab States), NATO, International Science Centres (STCU/ISTC)

## Future challenges and perspectives

- Define a coherent UCPM international strategy
  - **Balkans and Turkey**
  - Mediterranean (North Africa Sahel and Middle East)
  - Eastern Europe (Eastern partnership: BY, UK, ML, GE, AR, AZ)
- Revise Participation Agreement(s) to UCPM, including criteria and fees policy
- Expand UCPM to new members
- Consolidate UCPM working links with all EU services, EU delegations, UCPM States embassies in the neighbourhood
- Promote a Team Europe cooperation approach on the ground
- Pursue bilateral, regional and International to major stakeholders





# Conclusions

Two new major initiatives for the Neighbourhood



# Balkans and Turkey

## Future Prevention, Preparedness and Response programme 2022-2025

- Focus on **earthquakes and health emergencies**
- Cross-sectorial, cross-border, demand driven
- Deployment of on-site technical expertise + reserve pool of specific experts
- Sealing into the new EU/UCPM toolbox (RescEU, Knowledge network, trainings, exercises incl. MODEX, TAIEX, advisory missions, peer reviews, risk mapping)
- Reinforce support to regional and subregional champions, predeployed capabilities?  
Pool of regional experts?
- Broad bilateral and regional consultation started





# Mediterranean area

## Future Prevention, Preparedness and Response regional programme 2022-2024/25: "**PPRD Mediterranean**"

- Under the umbrella of the Union for the Mediterranean policy dialogue
- Cross-sectorial, cross-border, demand driven (bilat/regional consultations started)
- Based on lessons learned (PPRD3 + other projects), UfM WGs on volunteers and engaging citizens and identified risks and priorities
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**Questions, suggestions?**

**Thank you for your attention**

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# The new UCPM legislation

Main features and novelties introduced by the new Regulation

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Horizontal Issues

# The main features of the regulation – prevention and preparedness phase

## Disaster Resilience Goals

- non-binding & via COM recommendations
- limited to the area of civil protection

## Disaster Scenario Planning



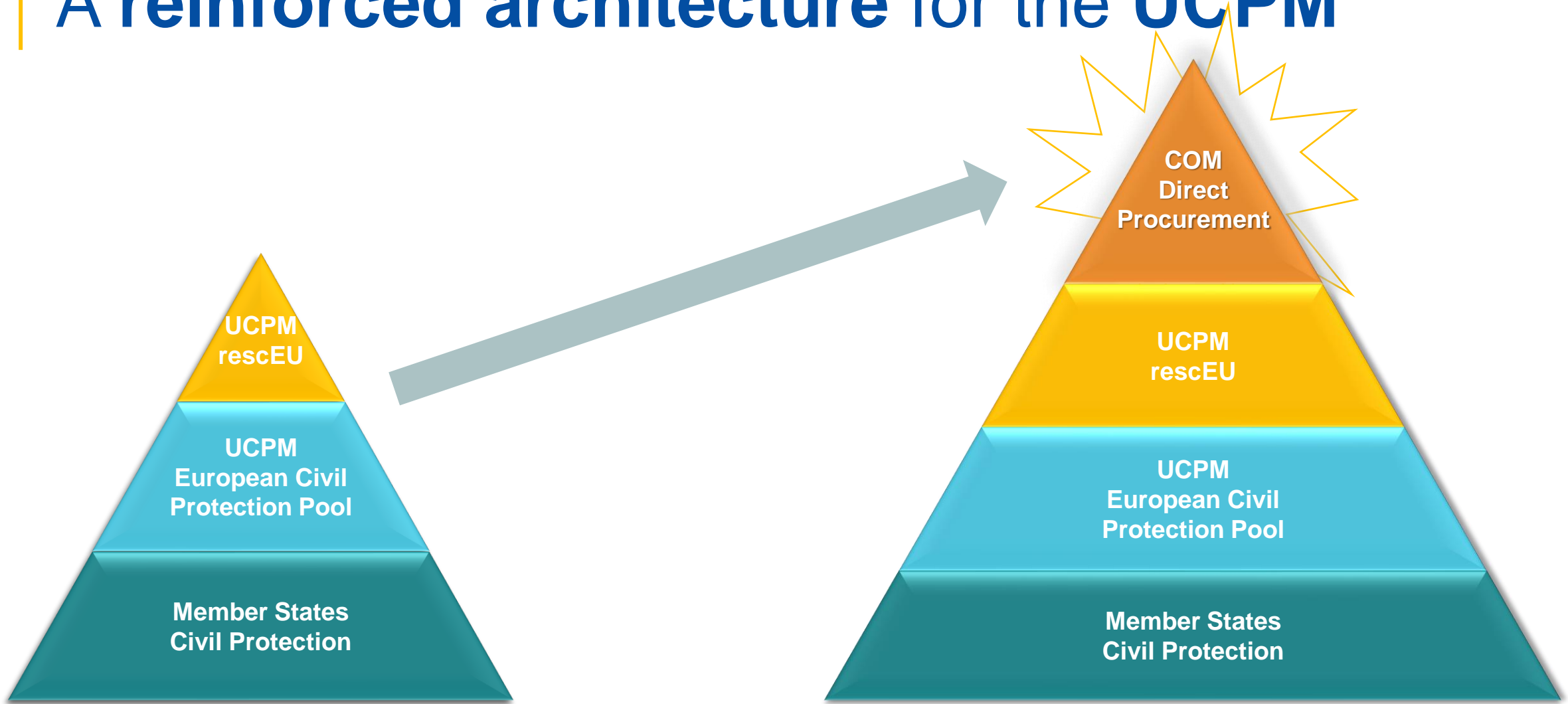
## Disaster Loss Data



**Build on linkages:**



# A reinforced architecture for the UCPM



## rescEU- Recap

- **Primarily deployed within the EU (MS/PS)!**



- Deployment internationally is possible “if a disaster outside the Union could significantly affect one or more Member States or their citizens”.
- rescEU priority areas:



**Aerial firefighting**



**Medical capacities**



**CBRN capacities**

# The main features of the regulation - Direct procurement

## Before

→ **only MS/PS** can procure and host rescEU capacities



## Now

**also the Commission** can (directly) procure rescEU capacities, under specific conditions



### Transport and logistics capacities

1. **always** possible (also in 'peace time')
2. **rent, lease or contract**, NO acquisition (and no ownership)
3. Implementing Act needed

### (any other) rescEU capacity, existing or new

1. **only in** duly justified cases of **emergency**
2. **only items or assets**, NO modules!
3. Urgent Implementing Act needed
4. in force for 6 months, CPC to confirm or reject

## Development of CBRN rescEU capacities

*Decision (EU) 420/2019 amending No1313/2013/EU*



**DECONTAMINATION**  
Implementing Decision  
(EU) 2021/88  
*Ongoing evaluation  
process of received  
offers*



**STOCKPILING**  
Implementing  
Decision (EU)  
2021/1886  
*Next Task Team  
meeting Dec. 9*



**DETECTION,  
SURVEILLANCE AND  
MONITORING**  
*Not yet in legislation  
(under development)*  
*Next Task Team  
meeting Dec. 13*

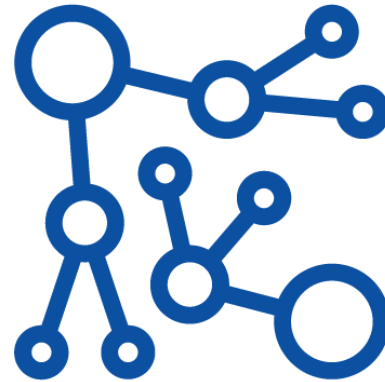


# Other provisions



## **Environmental disasters**

**Financial support**  
for the transport of  
assistance



## **ERCC**

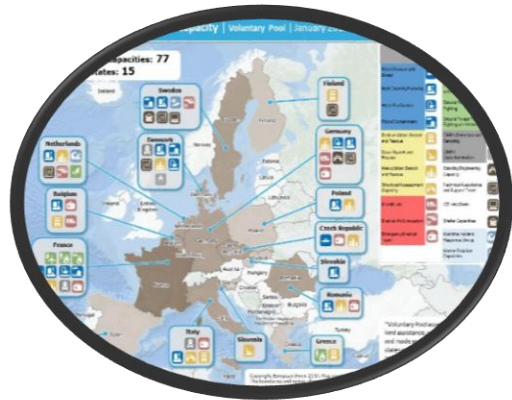
**Strengthened  
cooperation with  
national CP  
authorities**



## **Facilitation of Experts**

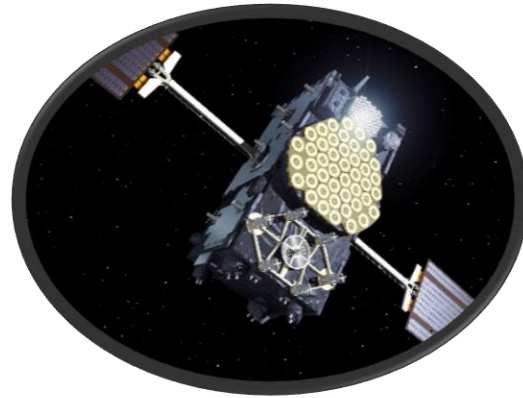
**More technical  
expertise** where and  
when needed

# Other provisions



## ECPP

**Operational costs**  
when deployed  
outside the EU



## Galileo

**Using emergency services** provided by  
EU infrastructure



## Situational awareness

Further develop  
**analysis capability**



## Visibility

**More visibility requirements** for MS  
receiving funding or  
assistance



# Update on the regional IPA FF programme

## IPA FF regional programme (2020-2023, EUR 5M)

### ‘EU Support to Flood Prevention and Forest Fires Risk Management In the Western Balkans and Turkey’



**Thank you for your  
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