

Public consultation on the interim evaluation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism - long questionnaire

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A

Introduction

The objective of the Open Public Consultation is to give EU citizens and all concerned stakeholders an opportunity to express their views on the performance of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (Union Mechanism) during the first three years of implementation.

Please note that you can also upload a document (e.g. a position paper) at the end of the questionnaire.

B

About you

* B.1

You are replying

- ☐ as an individual in your personal capacity
- ☐ in your professional capacity or on behalf of an organisation

* B.2

First name

* B.3

Last name

* B.4

Email address

If you do not have an email address, please write "Not available".

* B.5

Country of residence

- ☐ Austria
- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ Bulgaria
- ☐ Croatia
- ☐ Cyprus
- ☐ Czech Republic
- ☐ Denmark
- ☐ Estonia
- ☐ Finland
- ☐ France
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Greece
- ☐ Hungary
- ☐ Ireland
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Latvia
- ☐ Lithuania
- ☐ Luxembourg
- ☐ Malta
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Poland
- ☐ Portugal
- ☐ Romania
- ☐ Slovak Republic
- ☐ Slovenia
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ United Kingdom

* B.6

If "other", please specify:

* B.7

Your contribution:

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- ☐ **Can be published with your personal information** (I consent the publication of all information in my contribution in whole or in part including my name or my organisation's name, and I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent publication)
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* B.8

Respondent's first name

* B.9

Respondent's last name

* B.10

Respondent's professional email address

* B.11

Name of the organisation

* B.12

Postal address of the organisation

* B.13

Type of organisation:

Please select the answer option that fits best.

- ☐ Government
- ☐ Regional or local authority (public or mixed)
- ☐ Non-governmental organisation, platform or network
- ☐ International or national public authority
- ☐ International organisation
- ☐ Private enterprise
- ☐ Professional consultancy, law firm, self-employed consultant
- ☐ Research and academia
- ☐ Trade, business or professional association
- ☐ Other

* B.14

If "other", please specify:

* B.15

Is your organisation included in the Transparency Register?

If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to register [here](#), although it is not compulsory to be registered to reply to this consultation. [Why a transparency register?](#)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable

* B.16

If so, please indicate your Register ID number.

* B.17

Country of organisation's headquarters

- ☐ Austria
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- ☐ Sweden
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- ☐ Other

* B.18

If "other", please specify:

* B.19

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B.20

How familiar are you with the Union Mechanism?

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully
*	☐	☐	☐	☐

Thank you for your interest in the evaluation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. If you are not familiar with the Mechanism, we invite you to answer the "*Questionnaire for respondents with no prior knowledge of the Union Mechanism*" that you can find [here](#)

C

The Union Civil Protection Mechanism: General questions

* C.1

Out of the following hazards/emergencies which Europe is confronted with, please select the five that you consider top priorities for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (Union Mechanism):

between 1 and 5 choices

- ☐ Biological and health hazards
- ☐ Conflict
- ☐ Cyber-attack
- ☐ Drought
- ☐ Earthquake
- ☐ Extreme Weather Events (e.g. heat wave, cold spell)
- ☐ Flood
- ☐ Forest Fire
- ☐ Industrial accident
- ☐ Landslide
- ☐ Migrant crisis
- ☐ Nuclear emergency
- ☐ Storm (e.g cyclone, hurricane etc.)
- ☐ Terrorist attack
- ☐ Transport accident
- ☐ Tsunami
- ☐ Volcano eruption
- ☐ Water / marine pollution
- ☐ Other

* C.2

If "Other", please specify:

Text of 1 to 50 characters will be accepted

C.3

Do you feel you have sufficient information on the Union Mechanism?

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't Know
*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

* C.4

If you wanted to have additional information on the Union Mechanism, what would be your preferred source?

between 1 and 1 choices

- ☐ National Civil Protection authorities
- ☐ Regional and local Civil Protection authorities
- ☐ EU (e.g. DG ECHO, etc.) website
- ☐ TV and/or radio
- ☐ Written press
- ☐ Other

* C.5

If "Other", please specify:

50 character(s) maximum

C.6

To what extent do you feel informed about risks of "natural disasters" (i.e. caused by natural hazards such as: earthquakes, floods, landslides, etc.) in your country?

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

C.7 To what extent do you feel informed about risks of man-made disasters (i.e. caused by human activities, such as: industrial pollution, nuclear radiation, toxic wastes, dam failures, transport accidents, fires, chemical spills, etc.) in your country?

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

C.8

Do you believe that a joint EU action for disaster response coordinated via the Union Mechanism is more effective than the separate response of Member States?

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

C.9

Do you believe that a joint EU action for disaster preparedness coordinated via the Union Mechanism can help individual Member States be better prepared for responding to disasters?

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

C.10

As far as disaster prevention is concerned, do you believe that the EU, via the Union Mechanism, could provide additional support to the action of Member States?

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

* C.11

Have you been involved in any of the activities supported by the Union Mechanism?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* C.12

If 'Yes', please select all that apply:

- ☐ Training
☐ Full scale exercise
☐ Module exercise
☐ Prevention and preparedness project
☐ Emergency Response mission
☐ Peer Review
☐ Advisory Mission
☐ Lessons Learned
☐ Other

* C.13

If "Other", please specify:

50 character(s) maximum

* C.14

What were/are the main reasons to participate in an activity supported by the Union Mechanism?

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D

The Union Mechanism- Objectives and effectiveness

This section focuses on the results achieved by the Union Mechanism during the first three years of its implementation (Jan. 2014- Dec. 2016). In particular, the purpose of the following questions is to find out if and how the existing activities of the Union Mechanism are effectively contributing to the achievement of the specific and general objectives set out in Decision 1313/2013/EU (Art.3), which creates the Union Mechanism.

D.1

To which extent has the Union Mechanism contributed to improving the cooperation within Europe for:

at most 3 answered row(s)

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
* Disaster Prevention	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
*Disaster Preparedness	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Disaster Response	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

D.2

To which extent has the Union Mechanism facilitated the coordination within Europe for:

at most 3 answered row(s)

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
* Disaster Prevention	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
*Disaster Preparedness	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Disaster Response	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

D.3

To which extent has the Union Mechanism contributed to:

at most 9 answered row(s)

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
* promoting a culture of prevention for natural and man-made disasters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* raising awareness of disaster risks among the general public	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* preventing or reducing the potential effects of natural and man-made disasters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* improving disaster preparedness at Participating State level	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* improving disaster preparedness within Europe	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* increasing preparedness of the general public for disasters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* promoting a rapid response in the event of disasters or imminent disasters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

*facilitating an efficient response in the event of disasters or imminent disasters					
* improving the cooperation between civil protection authorities of participating states and other relevant services					

D.4

Can you name one or more concrete examples that describe how the Union Mechanism is or is not contributing to achieving the objectives set out by the EU legislation?

	Examples of positive contribution
Improve cooperation and coordination among Member States	
Make the general public more aware of disaster risks	
Make the general public better prepared for disasters	
Make systems for prevention, preparedness and response to natural and man-made disasters more effective	
Enhance disaster preparedness at Member State and/or Union level to respond to disasters	
Facilitate rapid response in the event of disasters or imminent disasters	
Improve cooperation between civil protection authorities and other relevant services	

D.5

For which of the following emergencies has a coordinated EU action via the Union Mechanism provided an effective response?

at most 13 answered row(s)

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
* Biological/health	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Earthquake	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Extreme Weather Events (e.g. heat wave, cold spell)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Floods	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Forest Fires	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Industrial accident	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Marine pollution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Migrant crisis	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Storms (incl. cyclone /hurricane)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

* Transport accident	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Tsunami	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Volcano eruption	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

* D.6

If "Other", please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

E Relevance

The purpose of this section is to assess whether Union Mechanism priorities and activities address Europe's current challenges as well as the needs and expectations of stakeholders.

E.1

To which extent do you agree with the following statements?

at most 9 answered row(s)

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
* The Union Mechanism components (i.e. disaster prevention, preparedness, response) address critical challenges Europe needs to cope with today	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

* The Union Mechanism addresses the main needs of European citizens in terms of protection from the impact of natural and man-made disasters					
* The Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre provides data and knowledge about disaster risk management that is relevant to me/my organisation's needs					
* The Union Mechanism prevention activities take sufficient consideration of the impact of climate change and the management of slow-onset risks (e.g. drought)					
* Assessing the capability of a country to manage its risks from natural and/or man-made disaster (<i>e.g. via a Peer Review and/or an Advisory Mission</i>) contributes to ensuring better protection for its people and economic activities					

* The Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Projects financed by the Union Mechanism have contributed to generating and disseminating knowledge that I/my organization can apply and use					
* The Union Mechanism is supporting trans-national early warning systems* addressing the most important risks for European citizens * European Drought Observatory, European Flood Alert System, European Forest Fires Information System, Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System, Meteoalarm					
* The European Emergency Response Capacity (Voluntary Pool) is addressing all the main risks that Europe is facing today					
* The Union Mechanism has been flexible enough to cope with changing and /or emerging priorities in emergency management (e.g. migration crisis, Ebola, terrorism, etc.)					

E.2

Please add any additional risks that should be covered by a European early warning system:

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F

Internal Structure and Synergies with other areas

The purpose of this section is to look at how well connected the different components of the Union Mechanism are and how the Union Mechanism coordinates with other policy areas and programmes having overlapping objectives

To which extent do you agree with the following statements?

F.1

The three main components of the Union Mechanism (Prevention, Preparedness, Response) have clear linkages and complement each other

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
*	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

F.2

How effective has the Union Mechanism been in creating synergies with the following policy areas which relate to civil protection?

at most 16 answered row(s)

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know

* Humanitarian Aid					
* Post-disaster Recovery and Reconstruction					
* Climate Change Adaptation					
* Maritime pollution and coast guard cooperation					
* Environment and Flood Risk Management					
* Development cooperation					
* Consular assistance					
* Security and Terrorism					
* Public health					
* Migration and Refugees' integration					
* Urban development and land use planning					

* Critical infrastructure Resilience	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Risk Insurance and finance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Regional and territorial cohesion policy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Research and innovation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

* F.3

If "Other", please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

G

EU added value

This section considers the additional value of coordinated EU intervention via the Union Mechanism compared to the value of interventions carried out at national level by public or private sector

G.1

To which extent do you agree with the following statements?

A benefit of coordinated EU action in the field of civil protection compared to action carried out by individual Member States is:

at most 9 answered row(s)

	Not at all	To some extent	To a large extent	Fully	Don't know
* Reduced risk of duplications	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Filling existing gaps at national level	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Higher efficiency	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Increased international visibility	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Faster mobilisation of assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Reduced cost of providing response	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Stronger cooperation with neighboring countries and other countries sharing similar risks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
* Larger capacity (technical expertise and equipment) to address risks affecting the whole Europe	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

★ G.2

If "Other", please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

H Efficiency

This section considers the relationship between the resources used by the Union Mechanism (including administrative costs) and the results that have been generated to date

H.1

The administrative costs for preparing and submitting an application for the annual Call for Prevention and Preparedness projects financed by the Union Mechanism compared to those of other similar European/international funding programs are:

	Much higher	Somewhat higher	Similar	Lower	Don't Know
★	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

H.2

Please suggest what could be improved:

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I

Future Outlook

We would like to invite you to suggest any areas where the Union Mechanism should increase its focus during the second part of its implementation period (2017-2020)

I.1

In the coming years, to which extent should the following priorities of the EU Action Plan on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030) receive support from the Union Mechanism?

Priority Area I: Building risk knowledge in all EU policies (Sendai Priority 1 "*Understanding disaster risk*")

at most 4 answered row(s)

	Support should be considerably decreased	Support should be decreased	Support should stay the same	Support should be increased	Support should be considerably increased	Don't know
*Promote collection and sharing of baseline loss and damage data	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

*Use foresight, scenarios and risk assessments for better preparedness to existing, emerging risks and new types of risks						
*Further engage with the research community to better address disaster risk management knowledge and technology gaps						
*Encourage stronger science- policy interface in decision- making						

I.2

Priority Area II: An all-of-society approach in disaster risk management (Sendai Priority 2 "

Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risks")

at most 8 answered row(s)

	Support should be considerably decreased	Support should be decreased	Support should stay the same	Support should be increased	Support should be considerably increased	Don't know
*Explore the potential of educational measures for reducing disaster risks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
*Facilitate exchange of good practices and improvements in disaster management policy and operations through mutual learning and expert review	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

*Work with stakeholders, including local authorities, civil society and communities, to develop specific strategies for risk awareness that include the most vulnerable groups, such as children and youth, elderly, persons with disabilities and indigenous people						
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*Cooperate with the private sector to encourage business-driven innovation in all areas of disaster risk management						
*Strengthen the links between disaster risk management, climate change adaptation and biodiversity strategies						

*Reinforce the links between disaster risk management, climate change adaptation and urban policies and initiatives						
*Support the development of inclusive local and national disaster risk reduction strategies, with active engagement of active engagement of local actors – authorities, communities and civil society						

* Assist regional organizations in supporting national authorities to implement the Sendai Framework, including the development of National and Regional platforms for disaster risk reduction						
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I.3

Priority Area III: Promoting EU risk informed investments (Sendai Priority 3 "*Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience*")

at most 5 answered row(s)

	Support should be considerably decreased	Support should be decreased	Support should stay the same	Support should be increased	Support should be considerably increased	Don't know
*Promote risk-informed investments in all EU external financial instruments, including multilateral and bilateral development assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

*Track investments in disaster risk reduction in all humanitarian and development assistance programs						
*Promote risk-proofed investments in the EU, including in the context of the Investment Plan for Europe						

*Promote the use of mechanisms for disaster risk financing, risk transfer and insurance, risk-sharing and retention						
*Foster and implement ecosystem-based approaches to disaster risk reduction						

I.4

Priority Area IV: Supporting the development of a holistic disaster risk management approach (Sendai Priority 4 "*Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction*")

at most 5 answered row(s)

	Support should be considerably decreased	Support should be decreased	Support should stay the same	Support should be increased	Support should be considerably increased	Don't know
*Develop good practices on the integration of cultural heritage in the national disaster risk reduction strategies to be developed by EU Member States	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

*Enhance preparedness and response capacities for disasters with health consequences and cooperation between health authorities and other relevant stakeholders						
*Facilitate capacity building of local and national authorities and communities and other actors in managing disaster risk						

*Support the development and better integration of transnational detection and early warning and alert systems for better disaster preparedness and response action						
*Integrate the "Build Back Better" objective into the assessment methodologies, projects and standards for disaster risk management and resilience						

I.5

Please suggest any specific areas and/or activities that the Union Mechanism should support further:

500 character(s) maximum

I.6

Please provide here any further comments (if any) on the implementation of the Union Mechanism:

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J

Document upload and final comments

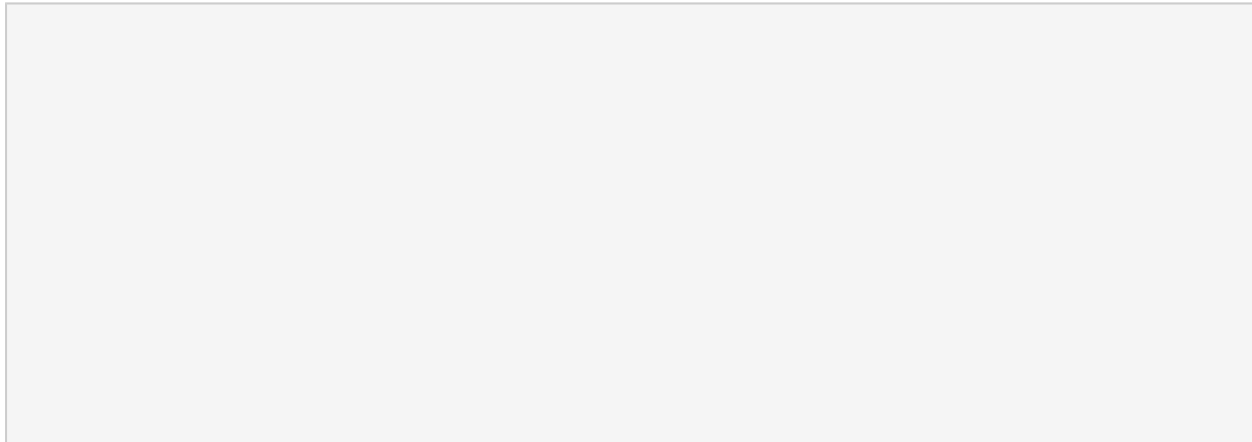
J.1

Please feel free to upload a concise document, such as a position paper. The maximal file size is 1MB.

Please note that the uploaded document will be published alongside your response to the questionnaire which is the essential input to this open public consultation. The document is an optional complement and serves as additional background reading to better understand your position.

J.2 If you wish to add further information - within the scope of this questionnaire - please feel free to do so here.

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