DG ECHO UCPM international cooperation and its significance to the CBRN CoE

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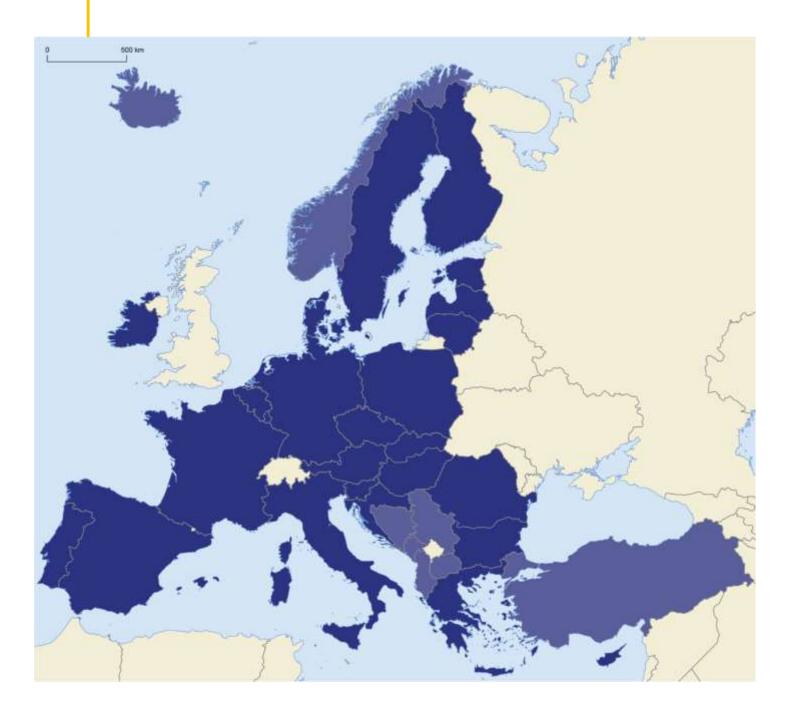
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- **1. Geographical cooperation scope: UCPM + EU neighbouring countries**
- 2. International Cooperation Strategy 3 core principles
- 3. New regional programmes
- 4. Agenda 2023 2024
- **5. Collaboration perspectives with CBRN CoE**





The European Civil Protection solidarity mechanism (UCPM):

all 27 EU Member States + 9 Participating States

> Budget 2021-2027: → EUR 3 Billion

Prevention-Preparedness & Response



UCPM capacities





*This designation is without prejudice to positions on the status, and in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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International cooperation with national authorities for CP/Civil Defence/ Emergency Situation

EU Enlargement (#7): Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Türkiye (all UCPM PS) and Kosovo*

Eastern Neighbourhood (#5): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia (candidate to become UCPM PS), the Republic of Moldova (candidate to become UCPM PS) and Ukraine (UCPM PS since April 2023)

Southern Neighbourhood (#10): Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine** and Tunisia (+Mauritania as Member of the Union for the Mediterranean)



Participation of Belarus and Syria is suspended.

UCPM INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION Outside the EU immediate neighbourhood



Bilateral non binding agreements (Administrative Arrangements/ MoU) : Algeria, Australia, Canada, Georgia, Switzerland, (Russia), Tunisia, USA

=> Share of information and experts, workshops, trainings



UCPM INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

=> 3 core principles being progressively implemented

Principle1: anchoring and boosting the UCPM cooperation into the existing regional technical/political framework to reinforce the EU civil protection cooperation policy & diplomacy

- Enlargement: **DPPI** (technical) and **RCC SEE** (political) +UNDRR
- Southern Neighbourhood: Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
- Eastern Neighbourhood: EU Eastern Partnership



Principle2: capacity building & presence on the ground

Leveraging the capacity building cooperation with concrete bottom up civil protection programmes and deployment of senior adviser in the region

=> Capacity building: IPA CARE – PRD EAST - PPRD MED + MULTICOUNTRY MAPPING + Regional Risks Mapping & other related actions

=> Technical On Site Assistance: Mr Sergej Anagnosti (Belgrade) & Colonel Major Mohammed Ataknit (Tunisia)



Principle3: Scaling up progressively the use of available EU & UCPM tools and services

to the benefit of the partnership and cooperation between all parties

 ⇒ calls for proposals (bilateral and regional projects), peer reviews, participation in training programmes, exchanges of experts, table tops, module or full scale exercises
⇒ EU delegations and EUMS embassies in the region



2023: flagship regional actions in the neighbourhood (+- EUR 20 million)

- Multicountry risks and hazards mapping study 2023-2025 (all 22 enlargement and neighbouring countries) lead IT CP
- Flagship IPA CARE 2023-2028 , earthquakes and health emergencies (Western Balkans and Türkiye)- lead SE MSB
- Flagship PPRD MED 2023-2025 (Mediterranean countries) lead ISTC
- UCPM technical On Site Assistance 2023-2025 :
 - => Western Balkans and Türkiye (Belgrade)
 - => Mediterranean countries (Tunis)



Other 2023 UCPM field exercises in the EU neighbourhood:

- February EU HNS TTX, Moldova, HOST NATION SUPPORT, Earthquakes/cascading effects
- March: PDEX JIP in Jericho, Jordan Valley (Israel, Palestine, Jordan) earthquake and cross-border cooperation
- May: MODEX EUCPT & TAST exercise in Georgia advisory mission
- June: FSX PPRD East (wildfires/CBRN/ health) (Georgia + UA/MD/AM/AZ)
- July : FSX EURO-MED-REACT; Moldova CBRN, NATECH, Medical
- September FSX HOPE; Armenia earthquake
- September: MODEX Medical exercise in Turkey



Key cooperation meetings 2023-2024:

- March23: letter to DGs for CP/Civil Defence (all 22 countries)
- May- June23: bilateral cooperation meetings with all 22 countries + EU Del + programme partners and experts
- 5-7June23: UfM-UCPM Mediterranean cooperation high level climate change and civil protection event +launch of new Med programmes
- > 17-19 Oct23: Joint UCPM-UfM CP DGs meeting, Valencia, ES
- > 2024 (Q1/Q2): high level regional event in the WBs & Türkiye
- > 2024 June (tbc): UCPM global Forum, Brussels



Collaboration perspectives with CBRN CoE

SEEE: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo*, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

=> joint participation in targeted regional meetings

- Middle East: Jordan, Lebanon
- Africa: Algeria, Tunisia, Lybia, Egypt, Morocco
- Gulf: GCC Emergency Management Centre, Koweit
- Central Asia: Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, CESDRR, Almaty
- South East Asia: ASEAN





Thank you for your attention

