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Civil Protection Mechanism
= Preparation for the first informal trilogue

1. On 29 May 2013, in preparation for the first trilogue meeting of 20 June, COREPER agreed:
 - on the Presidency compromise text set out in doc. 9987/13;
 - that the remaining part of the text is as in the previous compromise text (doc. 6402/13).
2. On this basis, delegations will find in annex the consolidated Council position.

The text in the attached table is marked as follows:

<i>First column</i>	Commission Proposal
<i>Second column</i>	Changes proposed by the European Parliament to the text of the Commission proposal: Deletions are indicated in striketrough and additions are <u>underlined</u> . " <i>No Change</i> " indicates that the European Parliament proposed no changes to the Commission proposal.
<i>Third column</i>	Changes proposed by the Council to the text of the Commission proposal: Deletions are indicated in striketrough and additions are <u>underlined</u> . " <i>No Change</i> " indicates that the Council proposed no changes to the Commission proposal.

Commission proposal 18919/11, COM(2011)934	EP ENVI amendments A7-0003/2013	Council Position 6402/13 + 9987/13	Comments
<p>(1) In view of the significant increase in the numbers and severity of natural and man-made disasters in recent years and in a situation where future disasters are likely to be more extreme and more complex with far reaching and longer-term consequences, resulting, in particular, from climate change and potential interaction between several natural and technological hazards, an integrated approach to disaster management is increasingly important. The Union should support, coordinate and supplement actions of Member States in the field of civil protection with a view to improving the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.</p>	<p>(1) In view of the <u>There has been a significant increase in the numbers and severity of natural and man-made disasters in recent years and in a situation where future, Future</u> disasters are likely to be more extreme and more complex with far reaching and longer-term consequences, resulting, in particular, from climate change, <u>which has a disproportionate effect on developing countries,</u> and potential interaction between several natural and technological hazards. an integrated approach to disaster management is increasingly important. <u>There is, therefore, an urgent need to leave behind the system of ad hoc coordination and move towards an efficient European disaster management mechanism based on an integrated approach.</u> The Union should support, coordinate and supplement actions of Member States in the field of civil protection with a view to improving the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.</p>	<p>(1) In view of the significant increase in the numbers and severity of natural and man-made disasters in recent years and in a situation where future disasters are likely to be more extreme and more complex with far reaching and longer-term consequences, resulting, in particular, from climate change and potential interaction between several natural and technological hazards, an integrated approach to disaster management is increasingly important. The Union <u>should promote solidarity and</u> should support, <u>facilitate the coordination of</u> coordinate and complement supplement actions of Member States in the field of civil protection with a view to improving the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.</p>	
<p>(2) A Civil Protection Mechanism was created by Council Decision 2001/792/EC, Euratom of 23 October 2001 establishing a</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(2) A Civil Protection Mechanism was created by Council Decision 2001/792/EC, Euratom of 23 October 2001, establishing</p>	

<p>Community mechanism to facilitate reinforce cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions¹ recast by Council Decision 2007/779/EC, Euratom establishing a Community Civil Protection Mechanism². The financing of that Mechanism was ensured by Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom of 5 March 2007 establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument³, which provided for financial assistance to be given, both as a contribution to improving the effectiveness of response to major emergencies and to enhance preventive and preparedness measures for all kinds of emergencies, including the continuation of measures that were previously taken under Council Decision 1999/847/EC of 9 December 1999 establishing a Community action programme in the field of civil protection⁴. The Financial Instrument expires on 31 December 2013.</p>		<p>a Community mechanism to facilitate reinforced cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions,⁵ recast by Council Decision 2007/779/EC, Euratom, establishing a Community Civil Protection Mechanism⁶. The financing of that Mechanism was ensured by Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom of 5 March 2007 establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument⁷, which provided <u>It provides</u> for <u>EU</u> financial assistance to be given, both as a contribution to improving the effectiveness of <u>the</u> response to major emergencies and to enhance preventive and preparedness measures for all kinds of emergencies, including the continuation of measures that were previously taken under Council Decision 1999/847/EC of 9 December 1999 establishing a Community action programme in the field of civil protection⁸. The Financial Instrument expires <u>will expire</u> on 31 December 2013.</p>	
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1 OJ L 297, 15.11.2001, p. 7.
2 OJ L 314, 1.12.2007, p. 9.
3 OJ L 71, 10.03.2007, p. 9.
4 OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 53.
5 OJ L 297, 15.11.2001, p. 7.
6 OJ L 314, 1.12.2007, p. 9.
7 OJ L 71, 10.03.2007, p. 9.
8 OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 53.

<p>(3) The protection to be ensured under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism should cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all natural and man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism and technological, radiological and environmental accidents, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union. Civil protection and other emergency assistance may be required in all of these disasters to complement the response capabilities of the affected country.</p>	<p>(3) The protection to be ensured under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism should cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all natural and man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism and technological, radiological and environmental accidents, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union. Civil protection and other emergency assistance may be required in all of these disasters to complement the response capabilities of the affected country <u>and of its competent public authorities, including regional and local authorities, which are closest to dealing with the problems.</u></p>	<p>(3) The protection to be ensured under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism should cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all <u>kinds of natural and man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism and technological, radiological and environmental disasters accidents</u>, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union. Civil protection and other emergency assistance <u>under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> may be required in all of these disasters to complement the response capabilities of the affected country. <u>As regards disasters caused by acts of terrorism, nuclear or radiological accidents, the Union Civil Protection Mechanism should cover only the preparedness and response actions within the remit of civil protection.</u></p>	
	<p><u>(3a) Under Article 222 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the European Union and its Member States are bound to act jointly in a spirit of solidarity if a Member State is the object of a terrorist attack or the victim of a natural or man-made disaster. The Mechanism should play a major role in the implementation of Article 222 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, by making available its resources and capabilities as necessary.</u></p>		

<p>(4) The Civil Protection Mechanism constitutes a visible expression of European solidarity by ensuring a practical and timely contribution to prevention of and preparedness for disasters and the response to major disasters and imminence thereof. This Decision should therefore not affect the reciprocal rights and obligations of the Member States under bilateral or multilateral treaties, which relate to the matters covered by this Decision, nor Member States' responsibility to protect people, the environment and property on their territory.</p>	<p>(4) The Civil Protection Mechanism constitutes a visible, <u>concrete and important</u> expression of European solidarity by ensuring a practical <u>integrated, effective</u> and timely contribution to <u>consistent</u> prevention of and preparedness for disasters and the response to major disasters and imminence thereof. <u>However, as it is primarily the responsibility of Member States to protect people, the environment and property on their territory against disasters and to ensure their emergency management systems have sufficient capabilities,</u> This Decision should therefore <u>does not affect either that responsibility or</u> the reciprocal rights and obligations of the Member States under bilateral or multilateral treaties, which relate to the matters covered by this Decision, nor Member States' responsibility to protect people, the environment and property on their territory.</p>	<p>(4) The <u>Union</u> Civil Protection Mechanism constitutes a visible expression of European solidarity by ensuring a practical and timely contribution to prevention of and preparedness for disasters and the response to major disasters and imminence thereof <u>without prejudice to the guiding principles and arrangements.</u> This Decision should therefore not affect the reciprocal rights and obligations of the Member States under bilateral or multilateral treaties, which relate to the matters covered by this Decision, nor Member States' responsibility to protect people, the environment, and property on their territory.</p>	
<p>(5) The Mechanism should take due account of relevant Union legislation and international commitments, and exploit synergies with relevant Union initiatives, such as the European Earth monitoring programme (GMES), the European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection (EPCIP) and the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE).</p>	<p>(5) The Mechanism should take due account of relevant Union legislation and international commitments, and exploit synergies with relevant Union initiatives, such as the European Earth monitoring programme (GMES), the European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection (EPCIP) and the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE), <u>as well as the Funds covered by Regulation (EU) No .../.... of the European Parliament and of the Council of</u></p>	<p>(5) The <u>Union Civil Protection</u> Mechanism should take due account of relevant Union legislation and international commitments, and exploit synergies with relevant Union initiatives, such as the European Earth monitoring programme (GMES), the European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection (EPCIP) and the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE).</p>	

	<p>... [laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund covered by the Common Strategic Framework and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund], and instruments of external action.</p>		
<p>(6) The Mechanism should include a general policy framework for Union disaster risk prevention actions aimed at achieving a high level of protection and resilience against disasters by preventing or reducing their effects and by fostering a culture of prevention. Risk management plans are essential to ensure an integrated approach to disaster management, linking risk prevention, preparedness and response actions. Therefore, the Mechanism should include a general framework for their communication and implementation.</p>	<p>(6) The Mechanism should include a general, <u>integrated</u> policy framework for Union disaster risk prevention actions aimed at achieving a high level of protection and resilience against, <u>and response to</u>, disasters by preventing or reducing their effects and by fostering a culture of prevention. Risk management plans are essential to ensure an integrated approach to disaster management, linking risk prevention, preparedness and response actions. Therefore, the Mechanism should include a general framework for their <u>the preparation, communication, minimum content requirements, and implementation of such plans. The Commission should develop and update guidelines for the structure of such plans, in order to facilitate their comparability and compatibility.</u></p>	<p>(6) Prevention is of key importance for protection against disasters and requires further action as called for in the Council Conclusions of 30 November 2009 and in the European Parliament Resolution of 21 September 2010 on the Commission's Communication a "Community approach on the prevention of natural and man-made disasters"⁹. The Union Civil Protection Mechanism should include a general policy framework for Union disaster risk prevention actions aimed at achieving a higher high level of protection and resilience against disasters by preventing or reducing their effects and by fostering a culture of prevention. In this perspective, risk assessments, risk Risk management plans planning and the assessment of the risk management capability conducted by each Member State at national or appropriate sub-national level, as well as an overview of risks prepared at EU level,</p>	

⁹ COM (2009) 82 Final.

		are essential to ensure an integrated approach to disaster management, linking risk prevention, preparedness and response actions. Therefore, the Union Civil Protection Mechanism should include a general framework for their communication and implementation ; the sharing of information on risks and risk management capabilities without prejudice to Article 346 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, that guarantees that no Member State should be obliged to supply information the disclosure of which it considers contrary to the essential interests of its security.	
(7) Prevention is of key importance for protection against disasters and requires further action as called for in the Council Conclusions of 30 November 2009 and in the European Parliament Resolution of 21 September 2010 on the Commission's Communication a "Community approach on the prevention of natural and man-made disasters" ¹⁰ .	(7) <u>Effective Prevention measures are the is of key importance for protection to protecting the population effectively against disasters and. Prevention requires further action as called for in the Council Conclusions of 30 November 2009 and in the European Parliament Resolution of 21 September 2010 on the Commission's Communication a 'Community approach on the prevention of natural and man-made disasters'¹¹, including due consideration of the likely impacts of climate change and the need for appropriate adaptation action</u>	(7) Prevention is of key importance for protection against disasters and requires further action as called for in the Council Conclusions of 30 November 2009 and in the European Parliament Resolution of 21 September 2010 on the Commission's Communication a "Community approach on the prevention of natural and man-made disasters"¹².	
(8) An overview of risks conducted at EU level, drawing on national risk assessment efforts, will allow for added value in the form	<i>No change</i>	(8) An overview of risks conducted at EU level, drawing on national risk assessment efforts, will allow for added value in the	

¹⁰ COM (2009) 82 Final.

¹¹ COM (2009) 82 Final.

¹² ~~COM (2009) 82 Final.~~

<p>of advanced scenario and contingency planning in view of optimal coordination of European response, preparedness and prevention actions.</p>		<p>form of advanced scenario and contingency planning in view of optimal coordination of European response, preparedness and prevention actions.</p>	
<p>(9) By contributing to the further development of detection and early warning systems, the Union should assist Member States in minimising the lead time to respond to disasters and to alert Union citizens. These systems should take into account and build upon existing and future information sources and systems.</p>	<p>(9) By contributing to the further development <u>and better integration</u> of detection and early warning systems, the Union should assist Member States in minimising the lead time to respond to disasters and to alert Union citizens. These systems should take into account and build upon existing and future information <u>and telecommunications</u> sources and systems- <u>as well as encourage innovative approaches.</u> <u>The Commission's Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection and national civil protection services should cooperate closely.</u></p>	<p>(9) (7) By contributing to the further development of detection and early warning <u>and alert</u> systems, the Union should assist Member States in minimising the lead time to respond to disasters and to alert Union citizens. These systems should take into account and build upon existing and future information sources and systems.</p>	
<p>(10) The Mechanism should include a general policy framework aimed at continuously improving the level of preparedness of civil protection systems, personnel and citizens within the Union. This includes training programmes and a training network, at Union and Member State level, on disaster prevention, preparedness, and response as called for in the Council Conclusions of 14 November 2008 on European disaster management training arrangements.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(10) (8) The <u>Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> should include a general policy framework aimed at continuously improving the level of preparedness of civil protection systems, <u>services, their</u> personnel and population citizens within the Union. This includes <u>an exercise programme, a programme of lessons learnt as well as</u> training programmes and a training network, at Union and Member State level, on disaster prevention, preparedness, and response as called for in the Council Conclusions of 14 November 2008 on European disaster management training arrangements.</p>	

<p>(11) Other preparatory measures include pooling of information related to necessary medical resources and stimulating the use of new technologies. In accordance with Article 346 of the Treaty, no Member State should be obliged to supply information the disclosure of which it considers contrary to the essential interests of its security.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(11) Other preparatory measures include pooling of information related to necessary medical resources and stimulating the use of new technologies. In accordance with Article 346 of the Treaty, no Member State should be obliged to supply information the disclosure of which it considers contrary to the essential interests of its security.</p>	
<p>(12) The development of civil protection assistance intervention modules, consisting of resources of one or more Member States which aim to be fully interoperable, is pursued at Union level in order to contribute to the development of a civil protection rapid response capability. Modules should be organised at the level of the Member States and subject to their direction and command.</p>	<p>(12) The development of civil protection assistance intervention modules <u>on a voluntary basis</u>, consisting of resources of one or more Member States which aim to be fully interoperable, is pursued at Union level in order to contribute to the development of a civil protection rapid response capability. Modules should be organised at the level of the Member States and subject to their direction and command. <u>Special attention should be paid in this respect to the civil protection capacities in the border areas of the Member States.</u></p>	<p>(12)-(9) The development of civil protection assistance intervention modules, consisting of resources of one or more Member States which aim to be fully interoperable, is pursued at Union level in order to <u>strengthen cooperation in the field of civil protection and further develop Member States coordinated joint rapid response</u> contribute to the development of a civil protection rapid response capability. Modules should be organised at the level of the Member States and subject to their direction and command <u>and control.</u></p>	
<p>(13) The Mechanism should make it possible to mobilise and facilitate coordination of assistance interventions. The reinforced cooperation should be based on a Union structure consisting of an emergency response centre, a European emergency response capacity in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed capacities from the Member States,</p>	<p>(13) The Mechanism should make it possible to mobilise and facilitate coordination of assistance interventions. The reinforced cooperation should be based on a Union structure consisting of an emergency response centre <u>coordinated with existing national, regional and local structures</u>, a European emergency response capacity in the form of a</p>	<p>(13)-(10) The <u>Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> should make it possible to mobilise and facilitate <u>the mobilisation and</u> coordination of assistance interventions. The <u>Union Civil Protection Mechanism reinforced cooperation</u> should be based on a Union structure consisting of an emergency response centre, a European</p>	

<p>trained experts, a common emergency communication and information system managed by the Commission and contact points in the Member States. It should provide a framework for collecting validated emergency information, for disseminating that information to the Member States and for sharing lessons learnt from interventions.</p>	<p>voluntary pool of pre-committed capacities from the Member States, trained <u>emergency management</u> experts, a common emergency communication and information system managed by the Commission and contact points in the Member States. It should provide a framework for collecting validated emergency information, for disseminating that information to the Member States and for sharing lessons learnt from interventions <u>by promoting examples of good practice.</u></p>	<p><u>Emergency Response Capacity</u> emergency response capacity in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed capacities from the Member States, trained experts, a <u>Common Emergency Communication and Information System</u> common emergency communication and information system managed by the Commission and contact points in the Member States. It should provide a framework for collecting validated <u>disaster</u> emergency information, for disseminating that information to the Member States and for sharing lessons learnt from interventions.</p>	
<p>(14) In order to improve the planning of disaster response operations and to ensure the availability of key capacities, it is necessary to develop reference scenarios for the main types of disasters, map key existing capacities available in Member States, develop contingency plans for the deployment of the capacities and develop a European Emergency Response Capacity in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed capacities of Member States. The contingency planning exercise could also be used to determine whether there are gaps in the emergency response capacities available in the Member States that may be filled with capacities to be developed with Union support, which would be shared across the Union.</p>	<p>(14) In order to improve the planning of disaster response operations and to ensure the availability of key capacities, it is necessary to develop reference scenarios for the main types of disasters, map key existing capacities available in Member States, develop contingency plans for the deployment of the capacities and develop a European Emergency Response Capacity in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed capacities of Member States. The contingency planning exercise could also be used to determine whether there are gaps in the emergency response capacities available in the Member States that may be filled with capacities to be developed with Union support, which would be shared across the Union. <u>The reference scenarios and contingency plans, however, should be handled with some flexibility to allow adjustments to be made</u></p>	<p>(14)<u>(11)</u> In order to improve the planning of disaster response operations <u>under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> and to <u>enhance</u> ensure the availability of key capacities, it is necessary to develop reference scenarios for the main types of disasters, map key existing capacities available in Member States, develop contingency plans for the deployment of the capacities and develop a European Emergency Response Capacity in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed capacities of Member States <u>and a structured process to identify potential capacity gaps.</u> The contingency planning exercise could also be used to determine whether there are gaps in the emergency response capacities available in the Member States that may be filled with capacities to be developed with Union support, which would be shared across the</p>	

	<u>to the response plans according to the needs of the particular disaster situation.</u>	<u>Union.</u>	
	<u>(14a) The Member States' various permanent facilities around the world, especially military bases and platforms, should also serve as support bases to facilitate the pre-positioning of logistics and resources and EU disaster response operations.</u>		
(15) With respect to disaster response assistance interventions outside the Union, the Mechanism should facilitate and support actions undertaken by the Member States and the Union as a whole in order to promote consistency in international civil protection work. The United Nations, where present, has an overall coordinating role for relief operations in third countries. Assistance provided under the Mechanism should be coordinated with the United Nations and other relevant international actors to maximise the use of available resources and avoid any unnecessary duplication of effort. Enhanced coordination of civil protection assistance through the Mechanism is a prerequisite to supporting the overall coordination effort and ensuring a comprehensive Union contribution to the overall relief effort. In major disasters where assistance is provided under both the Mechanism and Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid ¹³ , the Commission shall	(15) With respect to disaster response assistance interventions outside the Union, the Mechanism should facilitate and support actions undertaken by the Member States and the Union as a whole in order to promote consistency in international civil protection work. The United Nations, where present, has an overall coordinating role for relief operations in third countries. Assistance provided under the Mechanism should be coordinated with the United Nations and other relevant international actors to maximise, <u>particularly humanitarian NGOs, with a view to maximising</u> the use of available resources and avoid any unnecessary duplication of effort. Enhanced coordination of civil protection assistance through the Mechanism is a prerequisite to supporting the overall coordination effort and ensuring a comprehensive Union contribution to the overall relief effort. In major disasters where assistance is	(15) <u>(12)</u> With respect to disaster response assistance interventions outside the Union, the <u>Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> should facilitate and support actions undertaken by the Member States and the Union as a whole in order to promote consistency in international civil protection work. The United Nations, where present, has an overall coordinating role for relief operations in third countries. Assistance provided under the <u>Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> will should be coordinated with the United Nations and other relevant international actors to maximise the use of available resources and avoid any unnecessary duplication of effort. Enhanced coordination of civil protection assistance through the <u>Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> is a prerequisite to supporting the overall coordination effort and ensuring a	

¹³ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p.1.

<p>ensure the effectiveness, coherence and complementarities of the overall Union response respecting the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid¹⁴.</p>	<p>provided under both the Mechanism and Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid¹⁵, the Commission shall ensure the effectiveness, coherence and complementarities of the overall Union response, <u>as well as due consideration for and involvement of humanitarian NGOs</u>, respecting the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.¹⁶</p>	<p>comprehensive Union contribution to the overall relief effort. In major disasters where assistance is provided under both the Mechanism and Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid¹⁷, the Commission shall ensure the effectiveness, coherence and complementarities of the overall Union response respecting the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid¹⁸.</p>	
<p>(16) The availability of adequate means of transport needs to be improved to support the development of a rapid response capability at the Union level The Union should support and supplement the efforts of Member States by facilitating the pooling of transport resources of Member States and contributing, where necessary, to the financing of additional means of transport subject to certain criteria.</p>	<p>(16) The <u>accessibility of transport in all EU regions and the availability and speed</u> of adequate means of transport needs to be improved to support the development of a rapid response capability at Union level. The Union should support and supplement the efforts of Member States by facilitating the <u>coordination and pooling</u> of transport resources of Member States and contributing, where necessary, to the financing of additional means of transport subject to certain criteria. <u>In the event of a disaster outside the Union, the question of the availability of means of transport should take account of existing systems (UN, NATO and Member States).</u></p>	<p>(16) (13) The availability of adequate means of transport needs to be improved to support the development of a rapid response capability at the Union level The Union should support and <u>complement</u> supplement the efforts of Member States by facilitating the pooling of transport resources of Member States and contributing, where necessary, to the financing of additional means of transport subject to certain criteria.</p>	

¹⁴ OJ C 25, 30.1.2008, p.1.

¹⁵ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p.1.

¹⁶ OJ C 25, 30.1.2008, p.1.

¹⁷ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p.1.

¹⁸ OJ C 25, 30.1.2008, p.1.

<p>(17) Assistance interventions should be subject to full coordination <i>in situ</i> so as to maximise the effectiveness and ensure access to suffering populations. The Commission should provide appropriate logistical support for the dispatched expert teams.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(17) (14) Assistance interventions should be <u>demand driven and</u> subject to full coordination <i>in situ</i> so as to maximise the effectiveness and ensure access to <u>affected</u> suffering populations. The Commission should provide appropriate logistical support for the dispatched expert teams.</p>	
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<p>(18) The Mechanism should also be used for supporting consular assistance to the citizens of the Union in major emergencies in third countries, if requested by the consular authorities of a Member State for its own citizens or by the Lead State or the Member State coordinating assistance for all Union citizens. The Lead State concept should be understood in accordance with the European Union guidelines on the implementation of the consular Lead State concept¹⁹.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(18)(15) The <u>Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> should also be used for <u>supporting civil protection support</u> to consular assistance to the citizens of the Union in <u>disasters major emergencies</u> in third countries, if requested by the consular authorities of a Member State <u>the concerned Member States</u>, for its own citizens or <u>The latter should, whenever possible, coordinate such requests among each other and with any other relevant actor to ensure optimal use of the Mechanism and avoid practical difficulties on the ground. This support could be requested for instance</u> by the Lead State or the Member State coordinating assistance for all Union citizens. The Lead State concept should be understood in accordance with the European Union guidelines on the implementation of the consular Lead State concept²⁰. <u>This Decision applies without prejudice to the EU rules on consular protection for citizens of the Union abroad [that are regulated under Council Directive 2013/X/EU].</u></p>	
<p>(19) Where the use of military capacities is considered in support of civil protection operations to be appropriate, cooperation with the military should follow the modalities, procedures and criteria established by the Council or its competent bodies for making</p>	<p>(19) <u>The use of military means under civilian oversight as a last resort often constitutes an important contribution to disaster response.</u> Where the use of military capacities <u>as a last resort</u> is considered in support of civil protection operations to be appropriate, cooperation</p>	<p>(19)(16) Where the use of military capacities is considered in support of civil protection operations to be appropriate, cooperation with the military should follow the modalities, procedures and criteria established by the Council or its competent</p>	

¹⁹ OJ C 317, 12.12.2008, p. 6.

²⁰ OJ C 317, 12.12.2008, p. 6.

<p>available to the Mechanism military capacities relevant to the protection of civilian populations.</p>	<p>with the military should follow the modalities, procedures and criteria established by the Council or its competent bodies as well as "<u>The Guidelines on the Use of Foreign Military and Civil Defence Assets in Disaster Relief</u>" (Oslo Guidelines, rev. 1.1 of 2007) of the <u>UN</u> for making available to the Mechanism military capacities relevant to the protection of civilian populations.</p>	<p>bodies for making available to the <u>Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> military capacities relevant to <u>civil protection and be coherent with the relevant international guidelines</u> the protection of civilian populations.</p>	
<p>(20) Participation of European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA), acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates should be possible.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(20) <u>(17)</u> <i>No change to the text</i></p>	
	<p><u>(20a) In order to supplement the provisions of this Decision, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of establishing and managing the Emergency Response Centre (ERC) and specifying the functioning of the Common Emergency Communication and Information System; specifying the conditions for identifying modules and the general requirements for their functioning and interoperability; establishing conditions for resources available for assistance intervention; specifying the functioning of the European emergency response capacity (EERC) as a voluntary pool, the capacity goals for the EERC, the interoperability and quality</u></p>		

	<p><u>requirements for capacities in the EERC, and the process for certification and registration of capacities; specifying the modalities for addressing capacity gaps; defining the aim, the content, the structure, the organisation, and the target group of the training programme and the training network; specifying the procedure for responding to major disasters or imminent major disasters within and outside the Union; specifying the functioning of the expert teams and the conditions of selection, dispatching and disengaging an expert team; specifying the level of detail of the information on equipment and transport resources and specifying the procedures for the identification of such equipment and resources and for the provision of additional transport resources; specifying the procedure for requesting and deciding on granting Union financial support for transport; and adopting the annual work programmes. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and Council.</u></p>		
<p>(21) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Decision, implementing powers should be conferred on</p>	<p>(21) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Decision, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission: <u>with respect to the</u></p>	<p>(21) (18) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Decision, implementing powers should be</p>	

<p>the Commission. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers, in particular in accordance with the examination procedure.²¹</p>	<p><u>managing the process for certification and registration of capacities of the EERC and applications for funding from third countries.</u> Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers, in particular in accordance with the examination procedure.²²</p>	<p>conferred on the Commission. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers, in particular in accordance with the examination procedure.²³</p>	
<p>(22) The objective of this Decision cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, and can therefore, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, taking into account the benefits resulting from the operation of the Mechanism in terms of reducing the loss of human life and damage, be better achieved at Union level. If a major emergency overwhelms the response capabilities of an affected Member State, this State should be able to appeal to the Mechanism to supplement its own civil protection and other emergency response resources. The Union may therefore adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(22) (19) <u>The objective of This Decision strengthens the cooperation between the Union and Member States and facilitates coordination in the field of Civil Protection, allowing more effective actions by reasons of scale and complementarity.</u> cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, and can therefore, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, taking into account the benefits resulting from the operation of the Mechanism in terms of reducing the loss of human life and damage, be better achieved at Union level. Where a disaster <u>If a major emergency</u> overwhelms the response capabilities of <u>an affected a</u> Member State, this State should be able</p>	

²¹ OJ L 55, 16.2.2003 p.13.

²² OJ L 55, 16.2.2003 p.13.

²³ OJ L 55, 28.2.2011 ~~16.2.2003~~ p.13.

<p>on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality as set out in that Article, this Decision does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective.</p>		<p><u>may decide</u> to appeal to the <u>Union Civil Protection Mechanism</u> to <u>complement supplement</u> its own civil protection and other <u>disaster emergency</u> response resources. The Union may therefore adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality as set out in that Article, this Decision does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective.</p>	
<p>(23) This Decision shall not affect actions falling under Regulation (EC) No 1717/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 establishing an Instrument for Stability²⁴[to be updated for the 2014-2020 period, once adopted], the public health measures adopted under Union legislation concerning Union action programmes in the field of health, nor the consumer safety measures adopted under Decision No 1926/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a programme of Community action in the field of consumer policy (2007-2013)²⁵ [to be updated for the 2014-2020 period, once adopted].</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(23) <u>(20)</u> This Decision shall not affect actions falling under Regulation (EC) No 1717/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 establishing an Instrument for Stability²⁶[to be updated for the 2014-2020 period, once adopted], the public health measures adopted under Union legislation concerning Union action programmes in the field of health, nor the consumer safety measures adopted under Decision No 1926/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a programme of Community action in the field of consumer policy (2007-2013)²⁷ [to be updated for the 2014-2020 period, once</p>	

²⁴ OJ L 327, 24.11.2006, p. 1.

²⁵ OJ L 404, 30.12.2006, p. 39.

²⁶ OJ L 327, 24.11.2006, p. 1.

²⁷ OJ L 404, 30.12.2006, p. 39.

		adopted].	
(24) For reasons of coherence, actions falling under Council Decision 2007/124/EC, Euratom of 12 February 2007 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 [to be updated, once adopted for the 2014-2020 period], as part of the General Programme on Security and Safeguarding Liberties, the specific Programme "Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and other Security related risks" ²⁸ or relating to the maintenance of law and order and the safeguarding of internal security should not be covered by this Decision. This Decision does not apply to activities covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid ²⁹ .	<i>No change</i>	(24) (21) For reasons of coherence, actions falling under Council Decision 2007/124/EC, Euratom of 12 February 2007 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 [to be updated, once adopted for the 2014-2020 period], as part of the General Programme on Security and Safeguarding Liberties, the specific Programme "Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and other Security related risks" ³⁰ or relating to the maintenance of law and order and the safeguarding of internal security should not be covered by this Decision. This Decision does not apply to activities covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid ³¹ .	
(25) The provisions of this Decision should be without prejudice to the adoption of legally binding acts under the Euratom Treaty, setting out specific emergency measures in case of nuclear or radiological emergencies.	<i>No change</i>	(25) (22) The provisions of this Decision should be without prejudice to the adoption of legally binding acts under the Euratom Treaty, setting out specific emergency measures in case of nuclear or radiological <u>disasters</u> emergencies .	

²⁸ OJ L 58, 24.2.2007, p. 1.

²⁹ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1.

³⁰ OJ L 58, 24.2.2007, p. 1.

³¹ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1.

<p>(26) As regards disasters caused by terrorist action, nuclear or radiological accidents, the Mechanism should cover only the preparedness and response actions within the remit of civil protection.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(26) As regards disasters caused by terrorist action, nuclear or radiological accidents, the Mechanism should cover only the preparedness and response actions within the remit of civil protection.</p>	
<p>(27) This Decision covers actions in the field of marine pollution prevention, preparedness and response with the exception of actions falling under Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 establishing the European Maritime Safety Agency [to be updated, once the new act is adopted].</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(27) (23) This Decision covers actions in the field of marine pollution prevention, preparedness and response with the exception of actions falling under Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 establishing the European Maritime Safety Agency [to be updated, once the new act is adopted].</p>	
<p>(28) In order for the Commission to ensure the implementation of this Decision, the Commission may finance such activities related to preparation, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation that are required for the management of the programme and the achievement of its objectives.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(28) (24) <i>No change to the text</i></p>	
<p>(29) The reimbursement of expenses and award of public procurement contracts and grants under the Civil Protection Financial Instrument should be implemented in accordance with Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities³² (the Financial</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(29) (25) The reimbursement of expenses and award of public procurement contracts and grants under the <u>this Decision</u> Civil Protection Financial Instrument should be implemented in accordance with Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No <u>966/2013</u></p>	

³² OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1.

<p>Regulation). Due to the specific nature of action in the field of civil protection, it is appropriate to provide that grants may also be awarded to private law persons. It is also important that the rules of that Regulation have been met, in particular regarding the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness laid down therein.</p>		<p>of 25 October 2012 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the <u>financial rules</u> Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Union Communities³³ (the <u>Financial Regulation</u>). Due to the specific nature of action in the field of civil protection, it is appropriate to provide that grants may also be awarded to private law persons. It is also important that the rules of that Regulation have been met, in particular regarding the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness laid down therein.</p>	
<p>(30) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, penalties. Appropriate measures should be taken to prevent irregularities and fraud and the necessary steps taken to recover funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used in accordance with Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the Communities financial interests³⁴, Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(30) (26) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, <u>administrative and financial penalties in accordance with Regulation (EU) [No XXXX/2012]</u> of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the annual budget of the Union³⁷. Appropriate measures should be taken to prevent irregularities and fraud and the necessary steps taken to recover funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used in</p>	

³³ OJ L 248, ~~16.9.2002~~, p.1. 298, 26.10.2012, p.1.

³⁴ OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p.1.

<p>by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities³⁵ and Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 1999 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)³⁶.</p>		<p>accordance with Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the Communities financial interests³⁸, Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on the spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities³⁹ and Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 1999 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)⁴⁰.</p>	
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³⁷ OJ C [...], [...], p. [...].

³⁵ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p.2.

³⁶ OJ L 136, 31.05.1999, p.1.

³⁸ OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p.1.

³⁹ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p.2.

⁴⁰ OJ L 136, 31.05.1999, p.1.

<p>(31) For the period 2014-2020 a financial reference amount is laid down in this Decision constituting the prime reference, within the meaning of point [17] of the Interinstitutional Agreement of XX/YY/2012 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure. This reference amount is partly fed from Heading 3 "Security and Citizenship" and partly from Heading 4 "Global Europe" of the financial framework 2014-2020.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(31) <u>(27)</u> For the period 2014-2020 a financial reference amount is laid down in this Decision constituting the prime reference, within the meaning of point [17] of the Interinstitutional Agreement of XX/YY/2012 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure. This reference amount is partly fed from Heading 3 "Security and Citizenship" and partly from Heading 4 "Global Europe" of the financial framework 2014-2020.</p>	
<p>(32) The financial provisions of this Decision should apply as of 1 January 2014 as they are related to the Multi-annual Financial Framework 2014-2020.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(32) <u>(28)</u> <i>No change to the text</i></p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER I</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Objective, Scope and Definitions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General objective and subject matter</p> <p>1. The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as 'the Mechanism') shall aim to support, coordinate and supplement the actions of the Member States in the field of civil protection in improving the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER I</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Objective, Scope and Definitions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General objective and subject matter</p> <p>1. The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as 'the Mechanism') shall aim to support, coordinate and supplement the actions of the Member States <u>strengthen cooperation between Member States and the Union</u> in the field of civil protection, in improving <u>and to facilitate coordination in order to improve</u> the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters <u>and emergencies.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER I</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Objective, Scope and Definitions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General objective and subject matter</p> <p>1. The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as "the <u>Union Mechanism</u>") shall aim to support, coordinate and supplement the actions of <u>strengthen the cooperation between the Union and Member States and facilitate coordination</u> in the field of civil protection in <u>order to improve</u>ing the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.</p>	
<p>2. The protection to be ensured by the Mechanism shall cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all natural and man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental accidents, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union.</p>	<p>2. The protection to be ensured by the Mechanism shall cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all natural and <u>or</u> man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental accidents, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union.</p>	<p>2. The protection to be ensured by the Union Mechanism shall cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all kinds of natural and man-made disasters, including <u>the consequences of</u> acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental accidents <u>disasters</u>, marine pollution and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union.</p> <p>In case of the consequences of acts of terrorism or radiological disasters the Union Mechanism may only cover preparedness and response actions.</p>	
<p>3. The Union intervention enhances</p>	<p>3. The Union intervention enhances <u>Union's supporting, coordinating and</u></p>	<p>3. The Union intervention enhances</p>	

<p>prevention, preparedness and response capacity of Member States to face major disasters minimising human and material loss. The objective of this Decision cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States operating alone and can be better achieved at Union level by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action.</p>	<p><u>complementary measures enhance prevention, preparedness and response capacity of Member States to face major disasters minimising especially human and, but also environmental and material losses. It is possible to work at Union level towards</u> The objective of this Decision cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States operating alone and can be better achieved at Union level rendering the Mechanism more efficient and effective, and of mobilising resources more quickly, while the Member States still retain their individual responsibility by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action.</p>	<p>prevention, preparedness and response capacity of Member States to face major disasters minimising human and material loss. The objective of this Decision cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States operating alone and can be better achieved at Union level by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action.</p>	
<p>4. This Decision lays down the general rules and the rules for the provision of financial assistance under the Mechanism.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>4. This Decision lays down the general rules and the rules for the provision of financial assistance under the Mechanism.</p>	
<p>5. The Mechanism shall not affect Member States' responsibility to protect people, the environment and property on their territory against disasters and endowing their emergency management systems with sufficient capabilities to enable them to cope adequately with disasters of a magnitude and nature that can reasonably be expected and prepared for.</p>	<p>5. The Mechanism shall not affect Member States' <u>primary</u> responsibility to protect people, the environment and property on their territory against disasters and endowing their emergency management systems with sufficient capabilities <u>and resources</u> to enable them to cope adequately <u>and in a consistent manner</u> with disasters of a magnitude and nature that can reasonably be expected and prepared for.</p>	<p>3.5. The Union Mechanism shall <u>promote solidarity between Member States through practical cooperation and coordination, without</u> not affecting Member States' responsibility to protect people, the environment and property including cultural heritage on their territory against disasters and provide endowing their disaster emergency management systems with sufficient capabilities to enable them to cope adequately with disasters of a magnitude and nature that can reasonably be expected and prepared for.</p>	
		<p><u>4. This Decision lays down the general rules and the rules for the provision of</u></p>	

		<u>financial assistance under the Union Mechanism.</u>	
6. The Mechanism shall not affect obligations under existing relevant legislation of the Union or the European Atomic Energy Community or under existing international agreements.	<i>No change</i>	6. <u>5.</u> The <u>Union Mechanism</u> shall not affect obligations under existing relevant legislation of the Union or the European Atomic Energy Community or under existing international agreements.	
7. This Decision shall not apply to the actions carried out under [Regulation (EC) No 1717/2006; Regulation (EC) No 1257/96; Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 [and Union legislation concerning action programmes in the fields of health, home affairs, justice]	<i>No change</i>	7. 6. This Decision shall not apply to the actions carried out under [Regulation (EC) No 1717/2006; Regulation (EC) No 1257/96; Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 [and Union legislation concerning action programmes in the fields of health, home affairs, justice] [<u>and Decision on serious cross-border threats to health</u>].	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scope</p> <p>1.This Decision shall apply to preventive and preparedness measures for all kinds of disasters inside the Union and in countries referred to in Article 28.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scope</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scope</p> <p>1. This Decision shall apply to <u>cooperation in the field of civil protection</u>. This shall include:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) to Prevention <u>preventive and preparedness measures for all kinds of actions</u> disasters inside the Union and, as far as Articles 5(2) and 13(7) and 28 are concerned, also outside the <u>Union and in countries referred to in Article 28</u>.</p>	
<p>2.This Decision shall apply to actions to assist with the response to immediate adverse consequences of a major disaster regardless of its nature, inside or outside the Union, where a request is made for assistance in accordance with this Decision.</p>	<p>2. This Decision shall apply to actions to assist with the response to immediate adverse consequences of a major disaster regardless of its nature, inside or outside the Union, <u>including the countries referred to in Article 28(1), where a decision to intervene has been taken following a request is made</u> for assistance in accordance with this Decision.</p>	<p>2. This Decision shall apply to actions</p> <p>(b) <u>Actions</u> to assist with the response to immediate adverse consequences of a major disaster regardless of its nature, inside or outside the Union, where a request is made for assistance <u>through the Mechanism</u> in accordance with this Decision.</p>	
<p>3.This Decision shall take into account the special needs of isolated, outermost and other regions or islands of the Union in the case of a disaster.</p>	<p>3. This Decision shall take into account the <u>assets and</u> special needs of isolated, outermost and other regions or islands of the Union <u>as well as the overseas countries and territories that are associated with it</u> in the case of a disaster.</p>	<p>3.<u>2</u> This Decision shall take into account the special needs of isolated, outermost and other regions or islands of the Union <u>in terms of prevention of, preparedness and response to in the case of a disasters</u>.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Specific objectives</p> <p>1. The Mechanism shall support, coordinate or supplement reinforced cooperation between the Union and Member States in pursuit of the following specific objectives:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Specific objectives</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Specific objectives</p> <p>1. The <u>Union</u> Mechanism shall support, <u>and complement</u> coordinate or supplement reinforced cooperation between the Union and Member States' <u>action</u> in pursuit of the following <u>common</u> specific objectives:</p>	
<p>(a) to achieve a high level of protection against disasters by preventing or reducing their effects and by fostering a culture of prevention;</p>	<p>(a) to achieve a high level of protection against disasters by preventing or reducing their effects and <u>and by improving cooperation between civil protection and other competent services;</u></p>	<p>(a) to achieve a high level of protection against disasters by preventing or reducing their <u>potential</u> effects and by fostering a culture of prevention;</p>	
<p>(b) to enhance the Union's state of preparedness to respond to disasters;</p>	<p>(b) to enhance <u>the Member States'</u> <u>and the</u> Union's state of preparedness to respond to disasters;</p>	<p>(b) to enhance <u>the Member States'</u> <u>and</u> the Union's <u>state level</u> of preparedness to respond to disasters;</p>	
<p>(c) to facilitate rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters or their imminence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(c) to facilitate rapid and efficient emergency response interventions in the event of major disasters or their imminence.</p>	
	<p><u>(ca) to increase public awareness and preparedness for major</u></p>		

	<u>disasters.</u>		
2. Progress towards the achievement of the specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall be assessed through indicators that cover <i>inter alia</i> :	2. Progress towards the achievement of the specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall be assessed through <u>common</u> indicators that cover <i>inter alia</i> :	2. Progress towards the achievement of the specific objectives set out in paragraph 1 shall be assessed through indicators. The indicators shall be used for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing as appropriate the application of this Decision, and be developed by the Commission in cooperation with Member States in accordance to the procedure referred to in Article 31. The indicators that will cover <i>inter alia</i> :	
(a) progress in implementing the disaster prevention framework measured by the number of Member States with disaster management plans as set out in Article 4;	(a) progress in implementing the disaster prevention framework measured by the number of Member States with <u>disaster risk</u> management plans as set out in Article 4 <u>Article 6</u> ;	(a) progress in implementing the disaster prevention framework measured by the number of Member States with disaster management plans as set out in Article 4;	
(b) progress in increasing the level of readiness for disasters measured by the number of response capacities available for emergency interventions under the Mechanism and the degree of their interoperability;	(b) progress in increasing the level of readiness for disasters measured by the number of response capacities available for emergency interventions under the Mechanism and the degree of their interoperability, <u>as well as the effectiveness of detection and early-warning systems</u> ;	(b) progress in increasing the level of readiness for disasters measured by the number of response capacities available for emergency interventions under the Mechanism and the degree of their interoperability ;	
(c) progress in improving the response to disasters measured by the speed and degree of coordination of	(c) progress in improving the response to disasters measured by the speed and degree of	(c) progress in improving the response to disasters measured by the speed and degree of coordination of	

<p>interventions under the Mechanism and the adequacy of assistance provided to the needs on the ground.</p> <p>The indicators shall be used for monitoring, evaluation and review of performance as appropriate.</p>	<p>coordination of interventions <u>and services</u> under the Mechanism and the adequacy of assistance provided to the needs on the ground.</p> <p>The indicators shall be used for monitoring, evaluation and review of performance as appropriate.</p>	<p>interventions under the Mechanism and the adequacy of assistance provided to the needs on the ground.</p> <p>The indicators shall be used for monitoring, evaluation and review of performance as appropriate.</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Definitions</p> <p>For the purpose of this Decision, the following definitions shall apply:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Definitions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Definitions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>1. "disaster" means any situation, which has or may have an adverse impact on people, the environment or property;</p>	<p>1. "disaster" means any situation = <u>whether of man-made origin or resulting from natural phenomena</u> – which has or may have an adverse impact on people, the environment or, property <u>or cultural heritage</u>;</p>	<p>1. "disaster" means any situation, which has or may have a <u>severe</u> an adverse impact on people, the environment, or property, <u>including cultural heritage</u>;</p>	
<p>2. "major disaster" means any situation, which has or may have an adverse impact on people, the environment or property and which may result in a call for assistance under the Mechanism;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. "major disaster" means any situation, which has or may have an adverse impact on people, the environment or property and which may result in a call for assistance under the Mechanism;</p>	
<p>3. "response" means any action taken under the Mechanism during or after a major disaster to address its immediate adverse consequences;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. 3. "response" means any action taken under the <u>Union Mechanism in the imminence of</u>, during or after a major disaster, <u>where a request for assistance is made</u>, to address its immediate adverse consequences;</p>	
<p>4. "preparedness" means a state of readiness and capability of human and material means enabling them to ensure an effective rapid response to an emergency, obtained as a result</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p>3. 4. "preparedness" means a state of readiness and capability of human and material means, <u>structures, communities and organisations</u> enabling them to ensure an effective rapid response to a disaster an</p>	

of action taken in advance;		emergency , obtained as a result of action taken in advance;	
5."prevention" means any action aimed at reducing risks or prevent harm to people, the environment or property resulting from disasters;	5."prevention" means any action aimed at reducing risks or prevent harm to people, the environment or , <u>property or cultural heritage</u> resulting from disasters;	4. 5. "prevention" means any action aimed at reducing risks or prevent <u>mitigating adverse consequences of disasters</u> harm to people, the environment, or property, <u>including cultural heritage</u> resulting from disasters;	
6."early warning" means the timely and effective provision of information that allows action to be taken to avoid or reduce risks and ensure preparedness for an effective response;	<i>No change</i>	5. 6. "early warning" means the timely and effective provision of information that allows action to be taken to avoid or reduce risks <u>and adverse impacts of a disaster</u> and <u>to facilitate</u> ensure preparedness for an effective response;	
7."module" means a self-sufficient and autonomous predefined task- and needs-driven arrangement of Member States' capabilities or a mobile operational team of the Member States, representing a combination of human and material means that can be described in terms of its capacity for intervention or by the task(s) it is able to undertake;	<i>No change</i>	6. 7. <i>No change to text</i>	
8."risk assessment" means the overall cross-sectoral process of risk identification, risk analysis, and risk evaluation undertaken for the purposes of national level assessments.	<i>No change</i>	7. 8. "risk assessment" means the overall cross-sectoral process of risk identification, risk analysis, and risk evaluation undertaken for the purposes of <u>at national or appropriate sub-national</u> level assessments;	
9."risk management plan" means planning instrument prepared by a Member State to foresee risks, to estimate their impacts, and to	9."risk management plan" means planning instrument prepared by a Member State to foresee <u>potential</u> risks, to estimate their	9. "risk management plan" means planning instrument prepared by a Member State to foresee risks, to estimate their impacts, and to develop, select and implement measures	

<p>develop, select and implement measures to reduce, adapt to and mitigate the risks and their impacts cost-effectively, as well as to set the framework for integrating different sector or hazard-specific risk management instruments into a common overall plan;</p>	<p>impacts, and to develop, select and implement <u>sustainable</u> measures to reduce, adapt to and mitigate the risks and their impacts cost-effectively, as well as to set the framework for integrating different sector or hazard-specific risk management instruments into a common overall plan;</p>	<p>to reduce, adapt to and mitigate the risks and their impacts cost-effectively, as well as to set the framework for integrating different sector or hazard specific risk management instruments into a common overall plan; <u>8. "risk management capability" means the ability of a Member State or its regions to reduce, adapt to and/or mitigate risks (impacts and likelihood) identified in its risk assessments to levels acceptable in that Member State. Risk management capability can be assessed in terms of the capacity (technical, financial, administrative) to carry out adequate (1) risk assessments (2) risk management planning (for prevention and preparedness), and (3) risk prevention and preparedness measures;</u></p>	
<p>10. "host nation support" means any action undertaken in the preparedness and response phases by country receiving assistance and transit countries to remove foreseeable obstacles to the delivery and use of international assistance;</p>	<p>10. "host nation support" means any action undertaken in the preparedness and response phases by <u>countryies</u> receiving <u>and sending</u> assistance and transit countries, as well as by <u>the Commission</u>, to remove foreseeable obstacles to the delivery and use of international assistance;</p>	<p><u>9. 10.</u> "host nation support" means any action undertaken in the preparedness and response phases by <u>a</u> country receiving <u>or sending</u> assistance, or the <u>Commission</u>, and transit countries to remove foreseeable obstacles to the delivery and use of international assistance <u>offered through the Union Mechanism, including support from Member States to facilitate the transiting of this assistance through their territory;</u></p>	
<p>11. "response capacity" means assistance that may be provided through the Mechanism upon request, including modules, equipment, relief supplies, expertise and services.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p><u>10. 11.</u> "response capacity" means assistance that may be provided through the <u>Union</u> Mechanism upon request, including modules, equipment, relief supplies, expertise and services;</p>	

		<p><u>11. "logistical support" for the purpose of this Decision means essential equipment or services required for expert teams referred to in Article 17(1) to perform their tasks, inter alia communication, temporary accommodation, food or in-country transport.</u></p>	
<p><i>CHAPTER II</i></p> <p><i>Prevention</i></p> <p><i>Article 5</i></p> <p>Prevention actions</p> <p>To fulfil the prevention objectives and actions, the Commission shall:</p> <p>(a) take action to improve the knowledge base on disaster risks and facilitate the sharing of knowledge, best practices and information;</p>	<p><i>CHAPTER II</i></p> <p><i>Prevention</i></p> <p><i>Article 5</i></p> <p>Prevention actions</p> <p>To fulfil the prevention objectives and actions, the Commission shall:</p> <p>(a) take action to improve the knowledge base on disaster risks and facilitate <u>cooperation and the sharing of knowledge, best practices and information, both at Union level and among Member States at macro- or sub-regional level, where territories face similar disaster risks;</u></p>	<p><i>CHAPTER II</i></p> <p><i>Prevention</i></p> <p><i>Article 5</i></p> <p>Prevention actions</p> <p><u>1.</u> To fulfil the prevention objectives and actions, the Commission shall:</p> <p>(a) take action to improve the knowledge base on disaster risks and facilitate the sharing of knowledge, best practices and information, <u>including among Member States that share common risks;</u></p>	
<p>(b) support and promote Members States' risk assessment and mapping;</p>	<p>(b) support and promote Members States' risk assessment and mapping <u>and, building on its Risk Assessment and Mapping Guidelines for Disaster</u></p>	<p>(b) support and promote Members States' risk assessment and mapping <u>activity through the sharing of good practice, and facilitating access to specific knowledge and expertise on</u></p>	

	<u>Management, update, in cooperation with the Member States, those guidelines, in particular in the areas of terminology, methodology, impact assessment and scenarios;</u>	<u>issues of common interest;</u>	
(c) establish and regularly update an overview of natural and man-made risks the Union may face taking into account the future impact of climate change;	(c) establish and regularly update an overview <u>and map</u> of natural and man-made risks the Union may face taking into <u>due</u> account the future impact of the likely impacts of climate change, <u>and put forward recommendations on ways of adapting national civil protection systems to cope with the impact of climate change;</u>	(c) establish and regularly update an <u>cross-sectoral</u> overview of natural and man-made <u>disaster</u> risks the Union may face <u>following a coherent approach across different policy areas that may address or affect disaster prevention taking into account the future impact of climate change;</u>	
(d) promote and support the development and implementation of Members States' risk management plans including guidelines on their content and provide for adequate incentives, where needed;	(d) promote and support the development, <u>updating</u> and implementation of Members States' risk management plans, including guidelines on their content <u>structure in order to facilitate their comparability and compatibility,</u> and provide for adequate incentives, where needed;	(d) promote and support the development and implementation of Members States' risk management plans <u>activity through the sharing of good practice, and facilitating access to specific knowledge and expertise on issues of common interest including guidelines on their content and provide for adequate incentives, where needed;</u>	
		<u>(e) compile and disseminate the information made available by Member States, organise an exchange of experience about the assessment of risk management capability, develop,</u>	

		<u>together with the Member States, guidelines on the content, methodology and structure of these assessments, and facilitate the sharing of good practice in prevention and preparedness planning, including through voluntary peer reviews;</u>	
		<u>(f) report regularly to the European Parliament and the Council on the progress made in the implementation of Article 6;</u>	
(e) raise awareness about the importance of risk prevention and support Member States in public information, education and awareness-raising;	(e) raise awareness about the importance of risk prevention and support Member States <u>and regional and local authorities</u> in public information, education and <u>sensitivity and awareness-raising;</u>	(g)(e) raise awareness about <u>highlight the importance of risk prevention and support Member States in awareness-raising, public information, and education and awareness-raising;</u>	
(f) support Member States and third countries, referred to in Article 28, in preventing major disasters;	<i>No change</i>	(h)(f) support <u>promote prevention measures in Member States and third countries, referred to in Article 28, through the sharing of good practice, and facilitating access to specific knowledge and expertise on issues of common interest in preventing major disasters;</u>	
	<u>(fa) promote the use of Union funds for sustainable disaster prevention and encourage Member States and regions to exploit these funding</u>		

	<u>opportunities;</u>		
(g) undertake additional prevention tasks necessary to achieve the objective specified in point (a) of Article 3(1).	<i>No change</i>	(i)(g) <u>in agreement with Member States, undertake additional necessary supporting and complementary prevention action in order tasks necessary</u> to achieve the objective specified in point (a) of Article 3(1).	
		<u>2. Upon request of a Member State, third country, the United Nations or its agencies, the Commission may support the provision of advice on prevention measures through the deployment of an expert team on site.</u>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 6</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Risk management plans</p> <p>1. In order to ensure an effective cooperation within the Mechanism, Members States shall communicate to the Commission their risk management plans.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 6</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Risk management plans</p> <p>1. In order to ensure an effective cooperation within <u>the effectiveness of the Mechanism</u>, Members States shall communicate to the Commission their risk management plans, <u>taking into account the minimum content requirements set out in paragraph 1a.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 6</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Risk management plans</p> <p>1. In order to ensure an effective cooperation within the Mechanism, Members States shall communicate to the Commission their risk management plans.</p> <p><u>In order to promote an effective and coherent approach to disaster prevention and preparedness by sharing non-sensitive information and best practices within the Union Mechanism, Member States shall:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>make available to the Commission a summary of relevant elements of their risk assessments at national or appropriate sub-national level two years following the entry into force of this Decision and then every three years;</u> 2) <u>develop and refine their disaster risk management planning at national or appropriate sub-national level;</u> 3) <u>make available to the Commission the assessment of their risk management capability at national or appropriate sub-national level every three years following the finalisation of the relevant guidelines (in Article 5);</u> 4) <u>participate, on a voluntary</u> 	
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		<u>basis, in peer reviews on the assessment of risk management capability.</u>	
	<u>1a. The risk management plans referred to under paragraph 1 shall, as a minimum, be a collation of the information from either national or regional plans, including, but not limited to, possible risks together with risk maps, capacities available, and contingency plans in place. The submission of information concerning both national and regional plans, as well as the plans themselves, and any relevant data, shall be encouraged.</u>		
2. The risk management plans shall take into account the national risk assessments and other relevant risk assessment and shall be coherent with other relevant plans in force in that Member State.	2. The risk management plans shall take into account the national, <u>regional and local</u> risk assessments and other relevant risk assessment, and shall be coherent with other relevant plans in force in that Member State, <u>including any existing plans on climate change adaptation.</u>	2. The risk management plans shall take into account the national risk assessments and other relevant risk assessment and shall be coherent with other relevant plans in force in that Member State.	

<p>3. Member States shall ensure by the end of 2016 at the latest that their risk management plans are ready and communicated to the Commission in their most up-to-date form.</p>	<p>3. Member States shall ensure by the end of 2016 <u>2014</u> at the latest, that their risk management plans are ready and communicated to the Commission in their most up-to-date form. <u>Member States shall update their risk management plans every two years, and communicate those updated plans to the Commission.</u></p>	<p>3. Member States shall ensure by the end of 2016 at the latest that their risk management plans are ready and communicated to the Commission in their most up-to-date form.</p>	
	<p><u>3a. Member States shall make provision, in accordance with their national law, for the involvement of the regional and local authorities concerned and of specialised institutions in the preparation and updating of their risk management plans.</u></p>		

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER III</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Preparedness</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 7</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General preparedness actions of the Commission</p> <p>The Commission shall carry out the following preparedness actions:</p> <p>(a) establish and manage the Emergency Response Centre (ERC), ensuring 24/7 operational capacity, and serving the Member States and the Commission for the purposes of the Mechanism;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER III</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Preparedness</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 7</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General preparedness actions of the Commission</p> <p>The Commission shall carry out the following preparedness actions:</p> <p>(a) establish and manage the Emergency Response Centre (ERC) <u>in coordination with the existing national and regional bodies</u>, ensuring 24/7 operational capacity, and serving the Member States and the Commission for the purposes of the Mechanism;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER III</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Preparedness</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 7</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General preparedness actions of the Commission</p> <p>The Commission shall carry out the following preparedness actions:</p> <p>(a) establish and manage the Emergency Response <u>Coordination Centre</u> (ERC) (<u>ERCC</u>), ensuring 24/7 operational capacity, and serving the Member States and the Commission for the purposes of the <u>Union</u> Mechanism;</p>	
<p>(b) manage a Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS) to enable communication and sharing of information between the ERC and contact points of the Member States;</p>	<p>(b) manage a Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS) to enable communication and sharing of information between the ERC and contact points of the Member States <u>and promote its linkage to existing Commission and Council crisis coordination platforms</u>;</p>	<p>(b) manage a Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS) to enable communication and sharing of information between the ERC <u>ERCC</u> and contact points of the Member States;</p>	
<p>(c) contribute to the development of detection and early warning and alert systems for disasters in order to enable a rapid response, and to promote their inter-linkage and their linkage to the</p>	<p>(c) contribute to the development <u>and better integration</u> of detection and early warning and alert systems for disasters in order to enable a rapid response, and to</p>	<p>(c) contribute to the development of <u>transnational</u> detection and early warning and alert systems <u>of common European interest</u> for disasters in order to enable a rapid response, <u>and</u></p>	

<p>ERC and the CECIS. Those systems shall take into account and build upon existing and future information, monitoring and detection sources and systems;</p>	<p>promote their inter-linkage and their linkage to the ERC and the CECIS. Those systems shall take into account and build upon existing and future information, monitoring and detection sources and systems;</p>	<p>as well as to promote the their inter-linkage <u>between national early warning and alert systems</u> and their linkage to the ERC <u>ERCC</u> and the CECIS. Those systems shall take into account and build upon existing and future information, monitoring and detection sources and systems;</p>	
<p>(d) establish and maintain a capability to mobilise and dispatch, as quickly as possible, teams of experts responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – assessing the needs in a state requesting assistance, – facilitating, when necessary, the coordination of emergency assistance operations on site and liaising, when necessary and appropriate, with the competent authorities of the state requesting assistance, – supporting the requesting state with expertise on prevention, preparedness or response actions; 	<p>(d) establish and maintain a capability to mobilise and dispatch, as quickly as possible, teams of experts responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – assessing the needs in a state <u>or region</u> requesting assistance, – facilitating, when necessary, the coordination of emergency assistance operations on site and liaising, when necessary and appropriate, with the competent <u>national or regional</u> authorities of the state requesting assistance, – supporting the requesting state with expertise on prevention, preparedness or response actions; 	<p>(d) establish and <u>manage</u> maintain a capability to mobilise and dispatch, as quickly as possible, teams of experts responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – assessing the needs <u>that can possibly be addressed under the Union Mechanism</u> in a state requesting assistance, – facilitating, when necessary, the coordination of <u>disaster response emergency</u> emergency assistance operations on site and liaising, when necessary and <u>appropriate</u>, with the competent authorities of the state requesting assistance, – supporting the requesting state with expertise on prevention, preparedness or response actions; 	
<p>(e) establish and maintain a capability to provide logistical support and</p>	<p>(e) establish and maintain a capability to provide logistical</p>	<p>(e) establish and maintain a capability to provide logistical support</p>	

<p>assistance for expert teams, modules and other response capacities deployed under the Mechanism, as well as other actors on the ground;</p>	<p>support and assistance for expert teams, modules and other response capacities deployed under the Mechanism, as well as <u>which supports and complements the efforts of other actors on the ground including Member States;</u></p>	<p>for these expert teams and assistance for expert teams, modules and other response capacities deployed under the Mechanism, as well as other actors on the ground;</p>	
		<p><u>(f) develop and maintain a network of trained experts of Member States, who can be available at short notice to assist the ERCC in the monitoring, information and facilitating coordination;</u></p>	
<p>(f) assist Member States in repositioning emergency response assets in logistical hubs inside the Union;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(f)<u>(g) assist facilitate the coordination of Member States' in repositioning of emergency disaster response capacities assets in logistical hubs inside the Union;</u></p>	
		<p><u>(h) support efforts to improve the inter-operability of modules and other response capacities, taking into account the best practices at Member States' and international levels;</u></p>	
	<p><u>(fa) develop and update guidelines on host nation support, in cooperation with the Member States, on the basis of operational</u></p>		

	<u>experience;</u>		
	<u>(fb) support the creation of voluntary peer review assessment programmes for the Member States' preparedness strategies, based on pre-defined criteria, that will enable recommendations to be formulated to strengthen the Union's level of preparedness;</u>		
(g)take any other supporting and complementary action necessary in the framework of the Mechanism to achieve the objective specified in point (b) of Article 3(1).	<i>No change</i>	(g)(i) in agreement with Member States, take additional necessary any other supporting and complementary preparedness action necessary in the framework of the Mechanism to achieve the objective specified in point (b) of Article 3(1).	
	<u>1a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to establish the ERC, to define its tasks, functioning and operational structures, and to specify the procedures to be followed by the ERC in the event of a major disaster or an imminent major disaster within or outside the Union.</u>		
	<u>1b. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify the functioning and operational methods of CECIS.</u>		

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 8</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Modules</p> <p>1. Member States shall work towards developing modules, in particular to meet priority intervention or support needs under the Mechanism.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 8</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Modules</p> <p>1. Member States shall work <u>on a voluntary basis</u> towards developing modules, in particular to meet priority intervention or support needs under the Mechanism.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 8</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Modules</p> <p>1. Member States shall work towards developing modules, in particular to meet priority intervention or support needs under the Mechanism.</p>	
<p>2. The modules shall be made up of the resources of one or more Member States.</p> <p>The modules shall be able to perform pre-defined tasks in the areas of response in accordance with acknowledged international guidelines and therefore able to be dispatched at very short notice and to work self-sufficiently and autonomously for a given period of time.</p> <p>The modules shall be interoperable with other modules. They shall undertake training and exercises in order to meet the interoperability requirement and shall be placed under the authority of a person who is responsible for their operation.</p> <p>The Modules shall be able to provide assistance to other Union bodies and/or international institutions, especially the United Nations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. The modules shall be made up of the resources of one or more Member States.</p> <p>The modules shall be able to perform pre-defined tasks in the areas of response in accordance with acknowledged international guidelines and therefore able to be dispatched at very short notice and to work self-sufficiently and autonomously for a given period of time.</p> <p>The modules shall be interoperable with other modules. They shall undertake training and exercises in order to meet the interoperability requirement and shall be placed under the authority of a person who is responsible for their operation.</p> <p>The Modules shall be able to provide assistance to other Union bodies and/or international institutions, especially the United Nations.</p>	

<p>3. The Commission shall support efforts to improve the inter-operability of the modules, taking into account the best practices at Member States' and international levels.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>3. The Commission shall support efforts to improve the inter-operability of the modules, taking into account the best practices at Member States' and international levels.</p>	
	<p><u>3a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify the conditions for identifying modules and to specify general requirements for the their functioning and interoperability.</u></p>		

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 9</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General preparedness actions of Member States</p> <p>1. Member States shall identify in advance modules or other capacities within their competent services, in particular their civil protection or other emergency services, which might be available for intervention or could be established at very short notice and be dispatched, generally within 12 hours following a request for assistance. They shall take into account that the composition of modules or other capacities may depend on the type of major disaster and on its particular needs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 9</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General preparedness actions of Member States</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 9</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General preparedness actions of Member States</p> <p>1. <u>Member States shall, on a voluntary basis, work towards developing modules, in particular to meet priority intervention or support needs under the Union Mechanism.</u></p> <p>Member States shall identify in advance modules, or other <u>response capacities, as well as experts</u> within their competent services, in particular their civil protection or other emergency services, which <u>could</u> might be <u>made</u> available for intervention upon request through the Union Mechanism. or could be established at very short notice and be dispatched, generally within 12 hours following a request for assistance. They shall take into account that the composition of modules or other <u>response</u> capacities may depend on the type of major disaster and on its particular needs.</p>	
		<p>2. <u>Modules shall be made up of the resources of one or more Member States and shall:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) <u>be able to perform pre-defined tasks in the areas of response in accordance with established international guidelines and therefore be able to:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">i. <u>be dispatched at very</u></p>	

		<p><u>short notice following a request for assistance through the ERCC;</u></p> <p><u>ii. work self-sufficiently and autonomously for a given period of time;</u></p> <p><u>(b) be interoperable with other modules;</u></p> <p><u>(c) undertake training and exercises in order to meet the interoperability requirement;</u></p> <p><u>(d) be placed under the authority of a person who is responsible for their operation;</u></p> <p><u>(e) be able to cooperate with other Union bodies and/or international institutions, especially the United Nations, as appropriate.</u></p>	
<p>2. Member States shall identify in advance experts that can be dispatched as parts of expert teams, as specified in point (d) of Article 7.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2-3. Member States shall, <u>on a voluntary basis,</u> identify in advance experts that <u>could</u> can be dispatched as <u>members</u> parts of expert teams, as specified in point (d) of Article 7.</p>	
<p>3. Member States shall consider providing, as required, other intervention support, which might be available from the competent services,</p>	<p>3. Member States shall consider providing, as required, other intervention support, which might be available from the</p>	<p>3-4. Member States shall consider providing, as required, other <u>response capacities</u> intervention support, which <u>could</u></p>	

<p>such as specialised personnel and equipment to deal with a particular disaster, including for the purpose of Article 16(7), and of calling upon resources, which may be provided by non-governmental organisations and other relevant entities.</p>	<p>competent services, such as specialised personnel and equipment to deal with a particular disaster, including for the purpose of Article 16(7), and of calling upon resources, which may be provided by non-governmental organisations and other relevant entities. <u>Each Member State shall reserve the right to make use of the capacities present on its territory.</u></p>	<p>might be available from the competent services, such as specialised personnel and equipment to deal with a particular disaster, including for the purpose of Article 16(7), and of calling upon resources, or which may be provided by non-governmental organisations and other relevant entities.</p> <p><u>Other response capacities may comprise resources from one or more Member States and, where appropriate, shall:</u></p> <p>(a) <u>be able to perform tasks in the areas of response in accordance with established international guidelines and therefore be able to:</u></p> <p>i. <u>be dispatched at very short notice following a request for assistance through the ERCC;</u></p> <p>ii. <u>work self-sufficiently and autonomously where necessary for a given period of time;</u></p> <p>(b) <u>be able to cooperate with other Union bodies and/or international institutions, especially the United Nations, as appropriate.</u></p>	
<p>4. Member States may, subject to appropriate security safeguards, provide information about relevant military capacities that could be used as a last resort as part of the assistance through the Mechanism, such as transport and logistical</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>4-5. Member States may, subject to appropriate security safeguards, provide information about relevant military capacities that could be used as a last resort as part of the assistance through the <u>Union</u></p>	

or medical support.		Mechanism, such as transport and logistical or medical support.	
5. Member States shall provide relevant information on the experts, modules and other intervention support referred to in paragraphs 1 to 4 to the Commission and promptly update this information when necessary.	<i>No change</i>	5-6. Member States shall provide relevant information on the experts, modules and other <u>response capacities that they make available for assistance through the Union Mechanism as intervention support</u> referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5 4 to the Commission and promptly update this information when necessary.	
6. Member States shall designate the contact points and inform the Commission accordingly.	<i>No change</i>	6-7. Member States shall designate the contact points, <u>as referred to in Article 7(b)</u> and inform the Commission accordingly.	
7. Member States shall take the necessary actions to ensure host nation support for assistance coming from other Member States.	<u>7. Member States and the Commission shall take the necessary actions to ensure host nation support for assistance coming from other Member States.</u>	7-8. Member States shall take the <u>appropriate necessary preparedness</u> actions to <u>facilitate</u> ensure host nation support for <u>the incoming</u> assistance coming from other Member States .	
8. Member States, supported by the Commission if they so request, shall take the necessary measures to ensure the timely transport of assistance they offer.	<i>No change</i>	8-9. Member States, supported by the Commission, <u>in accordance with Article 23</u> if they so request , shall take the <u>appropriate necessary</u> measures to ensure the timely transport of assistance they offer.	
	<u>8a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to establish conditions for resources applicable to experts, modules and other assistance intervention made available by Member States</u>		

	<u>pursuant to paragraphs 1 to 4 of this Article.</u>		
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Planning of operations</p> <p>1. The Commission and Member States shall work together to improve the planning of response operations under the Mechanism. For this purpose:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Planning of operations</p> <p>1. The Commission and Member States shall work together to improve the planning of <u>disaster</u> response operations under the Mechanism. For this purpose:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Planning of operations</p> <p>1. The Commission and Member States shall work together to improve the planning of <u>disaster</u> response operations under the <u>Union</u> Mechanism. <u>This may include scenario-building, asset mapping and the development of plans for the deployment of response capacities.</u> For this purpose:</p>	
<p>(a) the Commission, in cooperation with Member States, shall produce reference scenarios for disasters inside and outside the Union, taking into account the risk management plans referred to in Article 6;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(a) the Commission, in cooperation with Member States, shall produce reference scenarios for disasters inside and outside the Union, taking into account the risk management plans referred to in Article 6;</p>	
<p>(b) Member States shall identify and map key existing capacities that could be made available for the response under the Mechanism to these scenarios and inform the Commission thereof;</p>	<p>(b) Member States, <u>in cooperation with their regions</u>, shall identify and map key existing capacities that could be made available for the response under the Mechanism to these scenarios and inform the Commission thereof;</p>	<p>(b) Member States shall identify and map key existing capacities that could be made available for the response under the Mechanism to these scenarios and inform the Commission thereof;</p>	
	<p><u>(ba) the Commission shall establish contact with interested non-</u></p>		

	<u>governmental civil protection actors and, where possible, record what capacities they can make available for operations under the Mechanism;</u>		
(c) the Commission, in cooperation with Member States, shall develop contingency plans for the deployment of these capacities, including transport, and review them on the basis of lessons learned from emergencies and exercises.	<i>No change</i>	(e) — the Commission, in cooperation with Member States, shall develop contingency plans for the deployment of these capacities, including transport, and review them on the basis of lessons learned from emergencies and exercises.	
2. The Commission and the Member States shall identify and ensure synergies between in-kind assistance and humanitarian aid funding provided by the Union and Member States in the planning of response operations outside the Union.	2. The Commission and the Member States shall identify and ensure synergies between in-kind assistance and humanitarian aid funding provided by the Union and Member States in the planning of response operations outside the Union <u>and in tackling humanitarian crises.</u>	2. The Commission and the Member States shall identify and <u>promote</u> ensure synergies between <u>civil protection</u> in-kind assistance and humanitarian aid funding provided by the Union and Member States in the planning of response operations outside the Union.	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 11</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">European Emergency Response Capacity</p> <p>1. A European Emergency Response Capacity in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed response capacities of Member States shall be established.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 11</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">European Emergency Response Capacity</p> <p>1. A European Emergency Response Capacity in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed response capacities of Member States shall be established, <u>which the Member States may draw on.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 11</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">European Emergency Response Capacity</p> <p>1. A European Emergency Response Capacity in the form of a voluntary pool of pre-committed response capacities of Member States shall be established. <u>It shall consist of a voluntary pool of pre-committed response capacities of the Member States and include modules, other response capacities and experts.</u></p>	
<p>2. On the basis of reference scenarios, the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, shall define the types and number of capacities required for the European Emergency Response Capacity (hereinafter referred to as 'capacity goals').</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. On the basis of <u>identified risks</u> reference scenarios, the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, shall define the types and number of <u>key response</u> capacities required for the European Emergency Response Capacity (hereinafter referred to as 'capacity goals').</p>	

<p>3. The Commission shall define quality requirements for the capacities to be committed to the European Emergency Response Capacity. Member States shall be responsible for ensuring their quality.</p>	<p>3. The Commission shall, <u>in cooperation with the Member States,</u> define quality <u>and interoperability</u> requirements for the capacities to be committed to the European Emergency Response Capacity. Member States shall be responsible for ensuring their quality <u>ensure that those requirements are met.</u></p>	<p>3. The Commission, <u>in cooperation with the Member States,</u> shall define quality requirements for the <u>response</u> capacities <u>that Member States commit to be</u> committed to the European Emergency Response Capacity. <u>The quality requirements shall be based on established international standards where they already exist.</u> Member States shall be responsible for ensuring their <u>the quality of their response capacities.</u></p>	
<p>4. The Commission shall establish and manage a process for certification and registration of capacities that Member States make available to the European Emergency Response Capacity.</p>	<p>4. The Commission shall establish and manage a process for certification and registration <u>and regular auditing</u> of capacities that Member States <u>are able to</u> make available to the European Emergency Response Capacity.</p>	<p>4. The Commission, <u>in cooperation with the Member States,</u> shall establish and manage a process for certification and registration of <u>the response</u> capacities that Member States make available to the European Emergency Response Capacity.</p>	

	<p><u>4a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(a) the functioning of the EERC as a voluntary pool;</u> <u>(b) the capacity goals pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article;</u> <u>(c) the interoperability and quality requirements pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article; and</u> <u>(d) the process for certification, registration and regular auditing of capacities pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Article.</u> 		
	<p><u>4b. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts in order to manage the process for certification, registration and regular auditing of capacities pursuant to paragraph 4. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 31(2).</u></p>		

<p>5. Member States shall on a voluntary basis identify and register capacities, which they commit to the European Emergency Response Capacity. The registration of multinational modules provided by two or more Member States shall be undertaken jointly by all Member States concerned.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>5. Member States shall on a voluntary basis identify and register <u>the response</u> capacities, which they commit to the European Emergency Response Capacity. The registration of multinational modules provided by two or more Member States shall be undertaken jointly by all Member States concerned.</p>	
		<p><u>6. Response capacities that Member States make available for the European Emergency Response Capacity shall remain available for national purposes of Member States at all times.</u></p>	

<p>6. The capacities registered in the European Emergency Response Capacity shall be available for emergency response operations under the Mechanism at the request of the Commission through the ERC. Member States shall inform the Commission as soon as possible of any compelling reasons that prevent them from making these capacities available in a specific emergency.</p>	<p>6. The capacities registered in the European Emergency Response Capacity shall be available for emergency response operations under the Mechanism at the request of the Commission through the ERC. Member States shall inform the Commission as soon as possible of any compelling reasons that prevent them from making these capacities available in a specific emergency. <u>Member States shall provide the Commission with a brief description of these compelling reasons.</u></p>	<p>6.7. Member States's <u>The response capacities forming part of registered in the European Emergency Response Capacity shall in principle be available for emergency response operations under the Union Mechanism at the following a request for assistance of the Commission through the ERCC. The ultimate decision on their deployment shall be taken by the Member States which registered the response capacity concerned. Member States shall inform the Commission as soon as possible of any compelling reasons that prevent them from making these capacities available in a specific emergency. When domestic emergencies, force majeure or other serious reasons prevent a Member State from making these response capacities available in a specific disaster, this Member State shall inform the Commission as soon as possible by referring to this Article.</u></p>	
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<p>7. In the event of deployment, the capacities shall remain under Member States' command and direction. The coordination among the different capacities shall be ensured by the Commission through the ERC. The capacities shall remain available for the national purposes of Member States when not deployed in operations under the Mechanism.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>7.<u>8.</u> In the event of deployment, the Member States' response capacities shall remain under Member States' command and direction <u>and can be withdrawn at any time in consultation with the Commission.</u> The coordination among the different <u>response</u> capacities shall be <u>facilitated</u> ensured <u>where appropriate</u> by the Commission through the <u>ERCC in accordance with Articles 15 and 16.</u> The capacities shall remain available for the national purposes of Member States when not deployed in operations under the Mechanism.</p>	
<p>8. Member States and the Commission shall ensure an appropriate visibility of the interventions of the European Emergency Response Capacity.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>8.<u>9.</u> Member States and the Commission shall ensure an appropriate <u>awareness</u> visibility of the interventions <u>involving</u> of the European Emergency Response Capacity.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 12</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Addressing capacity gaps</p> <p>1. The Commission shall monitor progress towards the capacity goals and, in cooperation with Member States, identify gaps in the European Emergency Response Capacity.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 12</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Addressing capacity gaps</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 12</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Addressing <u>response</u> capacity gaps</p> <p>1. The Commission shall monitor progress towards the capacity goals <u>set in Article 11(2)</u> and, in cooperation with Member States, identify <u>potentially significant response capacity</u> gaps in the European Emergency Response Capacity</p>	
<p>2. The Commission shall support Member States in addressing the capacity gaps and in filling these gaps in the most appropriate and cost-effective way, including by:</p>	<p>2. The Commission shall support <u>assist</u> <u>interested</u> Member States in addressing the capacity gaps and in filling these gaps in the most appropriate and cost-effective way, including by:</p>	<p>2. The Commission shall support Member States in addressing the capacity gaps and in filling these gaps in the most appropriate and cost effective way, including by:</p> <p><u>If potentially significant gaps have been identified, the Commission, in cooperation with Member States, shall examine whether the necessary capacities are available to Member States outside the European Emergency Response Capacity.</u></p>	

<p>(a) supporting interested Member States in developing response capacities that are not, or not in sufficient quantities, available from the European Emergency Response Capacity; or</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(a) supporting interested Member States in developing response capacities that are not, or not in sufficient quantities, available from the European Emergency Response Capacity; or</p>	
<p>(b) developing response capacities at Union level, where it is more cost-effective, that can serve as a common buffer against shared risks.</p>	<p>(b) <u>facilitating access to or</u> developing response capacities at Union level, where it is more cost-effective, that can serve as a common buffer against shared risks, <u>including horizontal capacities that support emergency response operations in terms of assessment, logistics and coordination, as well as response capacities in relation to low probability/high impact disasters.</u></p>	<p>(b) developing response capacities at Union level, where it is more cost-effective, that can serve as a common buffer against shared risks.</p>	
<p>3. Any capacities developed according to this Article shall be controlled and managed by interested Member States. The Commission shall develop templates for agreements between the Commission and Member States involved. The Member States managing the capacities shall be responsible for their registration in accordance with national procedures.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>3. Any capacities developed according to this Article shall be controlled and managed by interested Member States. The Commission shall develop templates for agreements between the Commission and Member States involved. The Member States managing the capacities shall be responsible for their registration in accordance with national procedures.</p> <p><u>The Commission shall encourage Member States to address, either individually or through a consortium of Member States cooperating together on common risks, any</u></p>	

		<p><u>strategic capacity gaps that have been identified in accordance with paragraph 2. The Commission may support Member States in these activities in accordance with Articles 20 and 21 (i) and (j).</u></p>	
<p>4. These capacities shall be a part of the European Emergency Response Capacity. They shall be available for emergency response operations under the Mechanism at the request of the Commission through the ERC. When not in use under the Mechanism, these capacities shall be available for the national purposes of Member States managing them.</p>	<p>4. These capacities shall be a part of the European Emergency Response Capacity. <u>They shall be The Member States managing them shall ensure that these capacities are</u> available for emergency response operations under the Mechanism at the request of the Commission through the ERC <u>following request for assistance through the ERC. The Member States managing these capacities may refer to any reason pursuant to Article 11(6) which might prevent them from making these capacities available in a specific emergency.</u> When not in use under the Mechanism, these capacities shall be available for the national purposes of Member States managing them.</p>	<p>4. These capacities shall be a part of the European Emergency Response Capacity. They shall be available for emergency response operations under the Mechanism at the request of the Commission through the ERC. When not in use under the Mechanism, these capacities shall be available for the national purposes of Member States managing them.</p>	

<p>5. Member States and the Commission shall ensure appropriate visibility for the capacities developed in accordance with this Article.</p>	<p>5. Member States and the Commission shall ensure appropriate visibility for the capacities developed in accordance with this Article <u>by displaying, in particular, the national and European emblems.</u></p>	<p>5. Member States and the Commission shall ensure appropriate visibility for the capacities developed in accordance with this Article.</p>	
<p>6. The Commission shall inform the European Parliament and the Council every two years on the progress made on the achievement of capacity goals and remaining gaps in the European Emergency Response Capacity.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>6. <u>4.</u> <i>No change in the text</i></p>	
<p>7. The Commission may define, by means of implementing acts, the following modalities on the development, management, maintenance and making these capacities available to all Member States through the Mechanism:</p>	<p>7. The Commission may define, by means of implementing acts, the following <u>shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify</u> modalities on the development, management, maintenance and making these capacities available to all Member States through the Mechanism <u>relating to:</u></p>	<p>7.<u>5.</u> The Commission may <u>shall</u> define, by means of implementing acts, the following <u>may</u> define, by means of implementing acts, the <u>necessary</u> modalities <u>for the implementation of this Article.</u> on the development, management, maintenance and making these capacities available to all Member States through the Mechanism:</p>	
<p>(a) modalities on supporting Member States in developing response capacities that are otherwise not, or not in sufficient quantities, available from the European Emergency Response Capacity;</p>	<p>(a) modalities on supporting Member States in developing response capacities that are otherwise not, or not in sufficient quantities, available from the European Emergency Response Capacity;</p>	<p>(a) modalities on supporting Member States in developing response capacities that are otherwise not, or not in sufficient quantities, available from the European Emergency Response Capacity;</p>	

<p>(b) modalities on developing response capacities at Union level to serve as a common buffer against shared risks;</p>	<p>(b) modalities on developing response capacities at Union level to serve as a common buffer against shared risks;</p>	<p>(b) modalities on developing response capacities at Union level to serve as a common buffer against shared risks;</p>	
<p>(c) modalities on the management and maintenance of the capacities mentioned under points (a) and (b);</p>	<p>(c) modalities on the management and maintenance of the capacities mentioned under points (a) and (b);</p>	<p>(c) modalities on the management and maintenance of the capacities mentioned under points (a) and (b);</p>	
<p>(d) modalities on how to make the capacities mentioned in points (a) and (b) available to all Member States through the Mechanism.</p>	<p>(d) modalities on how to make the capacities mentioned in points (a) and (b) available to all Member States through the Mechanism.</p>	<p>(d) modalities on how to make the capacities mentioned in points (a) and (b) available to all Member States through the Mechanism.</p>	
<p>8. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 31(2).</p>	<p>8. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 31(2).</p>	<p>8. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 31(2).</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 13</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training, lessons learnt and knowledge dissemination</p> <p>1. The Commission shall carry out the following tasks in the field of training, lessons learnt and knowledge dissemination:</p> <p>(a) setting up a training programme and training network for civil protection and other emergency management personnel on disaster prevention, preparedness, and response, with a view to enhance the coordination, compatibility and complementarity between the modules and other capacities referred to in Articles 8, 9 and 11, and by improving the competence of the experts referred to in point (d) of Article 7. The programme shall include joint courses, exercises and exchange of experts system, whereby individuals may be seconded to other Member States;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 13</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training, lessons learnt and knowledge dissemination</p> <p>1. The Commission shall, <u>in cooperation with the Member States</u>, carry out the following tasks in the field of training, <u>exercises</u>, lessons learnt and knowledge dissemination:</p> <p>(a) setting up <u>and ensuring the functioning of</u> a training programme and training network for <u>local and regional</u> civil protection and other emergency management personnel on disaster prevention, preparedness, and response, with a view to enhance the coordination, compatibility and complementarity between the modules and other capacities referred to in Articles 8, 9 and 11, and by improving the competence of the experts referred to in point (d) of Article 7. The programme shall include joint courses, exercises and exchange of experts system, whereby individuals may be seconded to other Member States;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 13</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Training, <u>exercises</u>, lessons learnt and knowledge dissemination</p> <p>1.—<u>In cooperation with the Member States, the Commission shall within the Union Mechanism</u> carry out the following tasks in the field of training, <u>exercises</u>, lessons learnt and knowledge dissemination:</p> <p>(a) 1. <u>Setting up and managing</u> a training programme and training network for civil protection and other emergency management personnel on disaster prevention, preparedness, and response. <u>The programme shall include joint courses and an exchange of experts system, whereby individuals may be seconded to other Member States.</u> <u>The training programme shall aim at</u> with a view to enhance <u>enhancing</u> the coordination, compatibility and complementarity between the modules and other capacities referred to in Articles 8, 9 and 11, and by improving the competence of the experts referred to in point (d) of Article 7(d) and (f). <u>The programme shall include joint courses, exercises and exchange of experts system, whereby individuals may be seconded to other Member States;</u></p>	
		<p><u>2. Setting up and managing a training network open to training centres for civil</u></p>	

		<p><u>protection and emergency management personnel as well as other relevant actors and institutions on disaster prevention, preparedness, and response.</u> <u>The training network shall aim at:</u></p> <p><u>(a) enhancing all phases of disaster management, taking into account adaptation to and mitigation of climate change;</u></p> <p><u>(b) creating synergies among its members through exchange of experience and best practices, relevant research, lessons learnt, courses and workshops, exercises and pilot projects;</u></p>	
(b) developing guidance on Union and international civil protection training, including training on prevention, preparedness and response;	(b) developing guidance on Union and international civil protection training, <u>taking advantage of Member States' past experiences,</u> including training on prevention, preparedness and response;	(b) (c) <i>No change to text</i>	

<p>(c) organising and supporting workshops, seminars and pilot projects on major aspects of prevention, preparedness and response;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(c) organising and supporting workshops, seminars and pilot projects on major aspects of prevention, preparedness and response;</p>	
<p>(d) setting up a programme of lessons learned from the interventions, exercises and trainings conducted within the framework of the Mechanism, including relevant prevention, preparedness and response aspects, disseminating these lessons and implementing them as appropriate;</p>	<p>(d) setting up a programme of lessons learned from the interventions, exercises and trainings conducted within the framework of the Mechanism, including relevant prevention, preparedness and response aspects, disseminating these lessons and implementing them as appropriate. <u>That programme shall also include, where appropriate, lessons learnt from interventions outside the Union with regard to exploiting links and synergies between assistance provided under the Mechanism and humanitarian response;</u></p>	<p>(d) setting up a programme of lessons learned from the interventions, exercises and trainings conducted within the framework of the Mechanism, including relevant prevention, preparedness and response aspects, disseminating these lessons and implementing them as appropriate;</p>	
		<p><u>3. Developing a strategic framework setting out the objectives and the role of exercises, a long-term comprehensive plan outlining exercise priorities, as well as setting up and managing an exercises programme.</u></p>	

		<p><u>4. Setting up and managing a programme of lessons learnt from civil protection actions conducted within the framework of the Union Mechanism including aspects from the entire disaster management cycle, in order to provide a broad basis for learning processes and knowledge development. The programme would include:</u></p> <p><u>(a) monitoring, analysing and evaluating all the relevant civil protection actions within the Union Mechanism;</u></p> <p><u>(b) promoting implementation of lessons learnt in order to obtain an experience-based foundation for the development of activities within the disaster management cycle;</u></p> <p><u>(c) developing methods and tools for gathering, analysing, promoting and implementing lessons learnt.</u></p>	
		<p><u>5. Developing guidance on knowledge dissemination and implementation of the different abovementioned programmes at national level in the Member States.</u></p>	
(e) stimulating and encouraging the introduction and use of new	<i>No change</i>	(e) — <u>6. Stimulating and encouraging the introduction and use of relevant new</u>	

technologies for the purpose of the Mechanism.		technologies for the purpose of the <u>Union</u> Mechanism.	
	<u>1a. When carrying out the tasks set out in paragraph 1, the Commission shall take particular account of the need and interest of Member States of the same region facing disaster risks of a similar nature.</u>		
	<u>1b. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify the aim, the content, the structure, the organisation, and the target group of the training programme and the training network referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1 of this Article.</u>		
2. Upon request of a Member State, third country, the United Nations or its agencies, the Commission may support the provision of advice on prevention and preparedness measures through the deployment of an expert team on site.	<i>No change</i>	2. <u>7.</u> Upon request of a Member State, third country, the United Nations or its agencies, the Commission may support the provision of advice on prevention and preparedness measures through the deployment of an expert team on site.	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER IV</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Response</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Notification of major disasters within the Union</p> <p>1. In the event of a major disaster within the Union, or of the imminence thereof, which causes or is capable of causing trans-boundary effects, the Member State in which the disaster has occurred or is likely to occur shall, without delay, notify the Commission and potentially affected Member States.</p> <p>The first subparagraph shall not apply where the obligation of notification has already been addressed under relevant Union legislation or the European Atomic Energy Community or existing international agreements.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER IV</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Response</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Notification of major disasters within the Union</p> <p>1. In the event of a major disaster within the Union, or of the imminence thereof, which causes or is capable of causing trans-boundary effects, the Member State in which the disaster has occurred or is likely to occur shall, without delay, notify the Commission, <u>through the ERC</u>, and potentially affected Member States.</p> <p>The first subparagraph shall not apply where the obligation of notification has already been addressed under relevant Union legislation or the European Atomic Energy Community or existing international agreements.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER IV</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Response</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Notification of major disasters within the Union</p> <p>1. In the event of a major disaster within the Union, or of the imminence thereof, which causes or is capable of causing trans-boundary effects <u>or affecting other Member States</u>, the Member State in which the disaster has occurred or is likely to occur shall, without delay, notify the Commission <u>and</u> potentially affected Member States <u>and, where the effects are potentially significant, the Commission</u>.</p> <p>The first subparagraph shall not apply where the obligation of notification has already been addressed under relevant Union legislation or the European Atomic Energy Community or existing international agreements.</p>	
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<p>2. In the event of a major disaster within the Union, or of the imminence thereof, which may result in a call for assistance from one or more Member States, the Member State in which the emergency has occurred or is likely to occur shall, without delay, notify the Commission, when a possible request for assistance through the ERC can be anticipated, in order to enable the Commission, as appropriate, to inform the other Member States and activate its competent services.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. In the event of a major disaster within the Union, or of the imminence thereof, which may <u>is likely to</u> result in a call for assistance from one or more Member States, the Member State in which the <u>disaster</u> emergency has occurred or is likely to occur shall, without delay, notify the Commission, when a possible request for assistance through the ERC <u>ERCC</u> can be anticipated, in order to enable the Commission, as appropriate, to inform the other Member States and activate its competent services.</p>	
<p>3. The notifications referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall, as appropriate, be made through CECIS.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 15</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responding to major disasters within the Union</p> <p>1. Where a major disaster occurs within the Union, or in the imminence thereof, a Member State may request assistance through the ERC. The request shall be as specific as possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 15</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responding to major disasters within the Union</p> <p>1. Where a major disaster occurs within the Union, or in the imminence thereof, a <u>affected Member State</u> States may request assistance through the ERC. The request shall be as specific as possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 15</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responding to major disasters within the Union</p> <p>1. Where <u>When</u> a major disaster occurs within the Union, or in the imminence thereof, a <u>the affected Member State</u> may request assistance through the ERC <u>ERCC</u>. The request shall be as specific as possible.</p>	
<p>2. In situations of increased risk a Member State may also request assistance in the form of temporary pre-positioning of response capacities.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. In <u>exceptional</u> situations of increased risk a Member State may also request assistance in the form of temporary pre-positioning of response capacities.</p>	
<p>3. Upon receiving a request for assistance, the Commission shall, as appropriate and without delay:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) forward the request to the contact points of other Member States;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) collect validated information on the disaster and disseminate it to the Member States;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) collect, <u>in conjunction with the affected Member State</u>, validated information on the <u>situation</u> disaster and disseminate it to the Member States;</p>	

<p>(c) propose a response plan based on the needs on the ground and pre-developed contingency plans, and invite Member States to deploy specific capacities from the European Emergency Response Capacity in accordance with the plan;</p>	<p>(c) <u>together with the requesting Member State(s)</u> propose a response plan based on the needs on the ground and pre-developed contingency plans, and invite Member States to deploy specific capacities from the European Emergency Response Capacity in accordance with the plan;</p>	<p>(c) propose <u>formulate, in consultation with the requesting Member State, recommendations a response plan for the provision of assistance through the Union Mechanism,</u> based on the needs on the ground and <u>any relevant</u> pre-developed contingency plans, as referred to in Article 10(1), and invite Member States to deploy specific capacities <u>and facilitate the coordination of the required assistance accordingly from the European Emergency Response Capacity in accordance with the plan;</u></p>	
<p>(d) facilitate the mobilisation of teams, experts, modules and intervention support other than that from the European Emergency Response Capacity;</p>	<p>(d) facilitate the <u>and hasten the speedy</u> mobilisation of teams, experts, modules and intervention support other than that from the European Emergency Response Capacity;</p>	<p>(d) facilitate the mobilisation of teams, experts, modules and intervention support other than that from the European Emergency Response Capacity;</p>	
<p>(e) undertake additional tasks necessary to achieve the objective specified in point (c) of Article 3(1).</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(e) (d) <u>undertake additional action to facilitate the coordination of response tasks necessary to achieve the objective specified in point (c) of Article 3(1).</u></p>	
<p>4. Any Member State to which a request for assistance is addressed shall promptly</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>4. Any Member State to which a request for assistance is addressed <u>through the</u></p>	

determine whether it is in a position to render the assistance required and inform the requesting Member State thereof through the CECIS, indicating the scope and terms of assistance it might render. The ERC shall keep Member States informed.		<u>Union Mechanism</u> shall promptly determine whether it is in a position to render the assistance required and inform the requesting Member State thereof through the CECIS, indicating the scope, and terms <u>and, where applicable, costs of the assistance it might</u> could render. The ERC <u>ERCC</u> shall keep Member States informed.	
5. The requesting Member State shall be responsible for directing assistance interventions. The authorities of the requesting Member State shall lay down guidelines and, if necessary, define the limits of the tasks entrusted to the intervention modules or other capacities. The details of the execution of those tasks shall be left to the person in charge appointed by the Member State rendering assistance. The requesting Member State may also request the deployment of an expert team to support its assessment, facilitate coordination on site (between Member States' teams), provide technical advice, or support with performing any other task as needed.	<i>No change</i>	5. The requesting Member State shall be responsible for directing assistance interventions. The authorities of the requesting Member State shall lay down guidelines and, if necessary, define the limits of the tasks entrusted to the intervention modules or other capacities. The details of the execution of those tasks shall be left to the person in charge appointed by the Member State rendering assistance. The requesting Member State may also request the deployment of an expert team to support its assessment, facilitate coordination on site (between Member States' teams), <u>or</u> provide technical advice, or support with performing any other task as needed.	
6. The requesting Member State shall take the necessary actions to ensure host nation support for the incoming assistance.	<i>No change</i>	6. The requesting Member State shall take the necessary actions to ensure <u>appropriate actions to facilitate</u> host nation support for the incoming assistance.	
	<u>6a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify the</u>		

	<p><u>procedure to be followed when responding to major disasters within the Union within the framework set out in paragraphs 1 to 6 of this Article.</u></p>		
		<p><u>7. The role of the Commission referred to in this Article shall not affect the Member States' competences and responsibility for their teams, modules and other support capacities, including military capacities. In particular, the support offered by the Commission shall not entail command and control over Member States' teams, modules and other support, which shall be deployed on a voluntary basis in accordance with the coordination at headquarters level and on site.</u></p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 16</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Promoting consistency in the response to major disasters outside the Union</p> <p>1. In the event of a major disaster occurring outside the Union, or the imminence thereof, the affected country, the United Nations and its agencies, or a relevant international organisation may request assistance through the ERC.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 16</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Promoting consistency in the response to major disasters outside the Union</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 16</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Promoting consistency in the response to major disasters outside the Union</p> <p>1. In the event of <u>When</u> a major disaster occurs ing outside the Union, or <u>in</u> the imminence thereof, the affected country, <u>may request assistance through the ERCC.</u> <u>The assistance may also be requested through or by the United Nations and its agencies, or a relevant international organisation</u> may request assistance through the ERC.</p>	
		<p><u>2. Interventions under this Article may either be conducted as an autonomous assistance intervention or as a contribution to an intervention led by an international organisation. The Union coordination shall be fully integrated with the overall coordination provided by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA), and respect its leading role.</u></p>	
<p>2. The Commission shall support the consistency in the delivery of the assistance through the following actions:</p> <p>(a) maintaining a continuous dialogue with Member States' contact points in order to ensure an effective and coherent European emergency response</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2.<u>3.</u> The Commission shall support the consistency in the delivery of the assistance through the following actions:</p> <p>(a) maintaining a continuous dialogue with Member States' contact points in order to ensure an effective and coherent European emergency</p>	

<p>contribution through the Mechanism to the overall relief effort, in particular by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – informing Member States without delay of the full requests for assistance; – supporting a common assessment of situation and needs, providing technical advice and/or facilitating the coordination on site of assistance through the presence of an expert team on site; – sharing relevant assessments and analyses with all relevant actors; – providing an overview of assistance being offered by Member States and other actors; – advising on the type of assistance required in order to ensure that the assistance provided is consistent with the needs assessments; – assisting in overcoming any practical difficulties in the delivery of assistance in areas such as transit and customs; 		<p><u>disaster</u> response contribution through the <u>Union</u> Mechanism to the overall relief effort, in particular by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – informing Member States without delay of the full requests for assistance; – supporting a common assessment of situation and needs, providing technical advice and/or facilitating the coordination on site of assistance through the presence of an <u>a civil protection</u> expert team on site; – sharing relevant assessments and analyses with all relevant actors; – providing an overview of assistance being offered by Member States and other actors; – advising on the type of assistance required in order to ensure that the assistance provided is consistent with the needs assessments; – assisting in overcoming any practical difficulties in the delivery of assistance in areas such as transit and customs; 	
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<p>(b) immediately proposing a response plan based on the needs on the ground and pre-developed contingency plans, and inviting Member States to deploy specific capacities from the European Emergency Response Capacity in accordance with the plan;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(b) immediately <u>formulating recommendations</u> proposing <u>a response plan</u>, when possible in <u>cooperation with the affected country</u>, based on the needs on the ground and <u>any relevant</u> pre-developed contingency plans, and <u>inviting Member States to deploy specific capacities and facilitating the coordination of the requested assistance accordingly</u> from the European Emergency Response Capacity in accordance with the plan;</p>	
<p>(c) liaising with the affected third country on technical details, such as the precise needs for assistance, the acceptance of offers and the practical arrangements for the local reception and distribution of assistance;</p>	<p>(c) liaising with the affected third country <u>and the Member States</u> on technical details, such as the precise needs for assistance, the acceptance of offers and the practical arrangements for the local reception and distribution of assistance;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>(d) liaising or cooperating with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and other relevant actors contributing to the overall relief effort in order to maximise synergies, seek complementarities and avoid duplication and gaps;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(d) liaising <u>with</u> or <u>supporting</u> cooperating with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN_OCHA) and other relevant actors contributing to the overall relief effort in order to maximise synergies, seek complementarities and avoid duplication and gaps;</p>	
<p>(e) liaising with all relevant actors, in particular in the closing phase of the assistance intervention under the Mechanism, to facilitate a smooth</p>	<p>(e) liaising with all relevant actors, in particular in the closing phase of the assistance intervention under the Mechanism, to facilitate</p>	<p>(e) liaising with all relevant actors, in particular in the closing phase of the assistance intervention under the <u>Union</u> Mechanism, to facilitate a</p>	

handover.	a smooth handover, <u>contributing to strengthening the link between emergency measures, rehabilitation and development with humanitarian and development operators;</u>	smooth handover.	
3. Without prejudice to the Commission's role, as defined in paragraph 2, and respecting the imperative for an immediate operational response through the Mechanism, upon activation the Commission shall inform the European External Action Service to allow for consistency between the civil protection operation and the overall Union relations with the affected country.	<i>No change</i>	3.4. Without prejudice to the Commission's role, as defined in paragraph 2 <u>3</u> , and respecting the imperative for an immediate operational response through the <u>Union Mechanism</u> , upon activation the Commission shall inform the European External Action Service <u>to allow for consistency between the civil protection operation and the overall Union relations with the affected country. <u>The Commission shall keep Member States fully informed in accordance with paragraph 3.</u></u>	
4. On site, liaison shall be ensured as appropriate with the Union Delegation for the latter to facilitate contacts with the government of the affected country. Where necessary, the Union Delegation shall provide logistical support to the civil protection expert teams referred to in the second indent of point (a) of paragraph 2.	<i>No change</i>	4.5. On site, liaison shall be ensured as appropriate with the Union d Delegation for the latter to facilitate contacts with the government of the affected country. Where necessary, the Union D delegation shall provide logistical support to the civil protection expert teams referred to in the second indent of point (a) of paragraph 2 <u>3</u> .	
5. Any Member State to which a request for assistance is addressed shall promptly determine whether it is in a position to render the assistance required and inform the ERC thereof through the CECIS, indicating the scope	<i>No change</i>	5-6. Any Member State to which a request for assistance is addressed <u>through the Union Mechanism</u> shall promptly determine whether it is in a position to render the assistance required and inform	

<p>and terms of any assistance it might render. The ERC shall keep Member States informed.</p>		<p>the ERC <u>ERCC</u> thereof through the CECIS, indicating the scope and terms of any assistance it might <u>could</u> render. The ERC <u>ERCC</u> shall keep Member States informed.</p>	
<p>6. Interventions under this Article may either be conducted as an autonomous assistance intervention or as a contribution to an intervention led by an international organisation. The Union coordination shall be fully integrated with the overall coordination provided by the UNOCHA, when it is present, and respect its leading role.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>6. Interventions under this Article may either be conducted as an autonomous assistance intervention or as a contribution to an intervention led by an international organisation. The Union coordination shall be fully integrated with the overall coordination provided by the UNOCHA, when it is present, and respect its leading role.</p>	
<p>7. The Mechanism may also support consular assistance to the citizens of the Union in major disasters in third countries if requested by:</p> <p>(a) consular authorities of a Member State for its own citizens;</p> <p>(b) the Lead State or the Member State coordinating the assistance for all citizens of the Union.</p> <p>This support may notably be requested if needed for unrepresented citizens of the Union under the Council Directive [2012/X/EU⁴¹].</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>7. The <u>Union</u> Mechanism may also <u>be used to provide civil protection support to</u> consular assistance to the citizens of the Union in major disasters in third countries if requested by <u>the consular authorities of the concerned Member States:</u></p> <p>(a) consular authorities of a Member State for its own citizens;</p> <p>(b) the Lead State or the Member State coordinating the assistance for all citizens of the Union.</p> <p>This support may notably be requested if needed for unrepresented citizens of the</p>	

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		Union under the Council Directive [2012/X/EU ⁴²].	
8. Where appropriate, the Commission may, on a case-by-case basis, undertake additional tasks to ensure consistency in the delivery of the assistance.	<i>No change</i>	8. Where appropriate, the Commission may, on a case by case basis, <u>When receiving a request for assistance, the Commission may undertake additional necessary supporting and complementary action tasks in order</u> to ensure consistency in the delivery of the assistance.	

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<p>9. Coordination through the Mechanism shall not affect bilateral contacts between Member States and the affected country, nor cooperation between the Member States and the United Nations. Such bilateral contacts may also be used to contribute to the coordination through the Mechanism.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>9. Coordination through the <u>Union</u> Mechanism shall not affect bilateral contacts between Member States and the affected country, nor cooperation between the Member States and the United Nations <u>and other relevant international organisations</u>. Such bilateral contacts may also be used to contribute to the coordination through the <u>Union</u> Mechanism.</p>	
<p>10. The role of the Commission referred to in this Article shall not affect the Member States' competences and responsibility for their teams, modules and other support, including military capacities. In particular, the support for consistency offered by the Commission shall not entail giving orders to Member States' teams, modules and other support, which shall be deployed on a voluntary basis in accordance with the coordination at headquarters level and on site.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>10. The role of the Commission referred to in this Article shall not affect the Member States' competences and responsibility for their teams, modules and other support, including military capacities. In particular, the support for consistency offered by the Commission shall not entail <u>command and control over giving orders</u> to Member States' teams, modules and other support, which shall be deployed on a voluntary basis in accordance with the coordination at headquarters level and on site.</p>	
<p>11. Synergies shall be sought with other instruments of the Union, in particular, with actions financed under Regulation (EC) No 1257/96.</p>	<p>11. Synergies shall be sought with other instruments of the Union, in particular, with actions financed under Regulation (EC) No 1257/96. <u>Actions that may be eligible for funding under this Decision shall not receive funding under Regulation (EC) No 1257/96.</u></p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	

<p>12. Member States providing emergency assistance as referred to in paragraph 1 shall keep the ERC fully informed of their activities.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>12. <u>Whenever the Mechanism is activated</u>, Member States providing <u>emergency disaster</u> assistance as referred to in paragraph 1 shall keep the ERC <u>ERCC</u> fully informed of their activities.</p>	
<p>13. Member States' teams and modules on site participating in the intervention through the Mechanism shall liaise closely with the ERC and the expert teams on site, as referred to in the second indent of point (a) of paragraph 2.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>13. Member States' teams and modules on site participating in the intervention through the <u>Union Mechanism</u> shall liaise closely with the ERC <u>ERCC</u> and the expert teams on site, as referred to in the second indent of point (a) of paragraph <u>3</u> 2.</p>	
	<p><u>13a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify the procedure to be followed when responding to major disasters outside the Union within the framework set out in paragraphs 1 to 13 of this Article.</u></p>		

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support on site</p> <p>1. The Commission may select, appoint and dispatch an expert team composed of experts provided by the Member States, the Commission and other services and agencies of the Union, the UNOCHA or other international organisations, depending on the specificity of the mission in the event of major disaster within the Union, in accordance with Article 15(5) or upon a request for prevention and preparedness expertise, as referred to in Article 13(2).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support on site</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support on site</p> <p>1. The Commission may select, appoint and dispatch an expert team composed of experts provided by the Member States; the Commission and other services and agencies of the Union, the UNOCHA or other international organisations; <u>depending on the specificity of the mission in the event of major disaster within the Union, in accordance with Article 15(5) or upon a request for prevention and preparedness expertise, as referred to in Article 13(2).</u> <u>in the event of a disaster outside the Union according to Article 16(3), in the event of a disaster within the Union in accordance with Article 15(5), upon request for prevention expertise in accordance with Article 5(2) or upon request for preparedness expertise in accordance with Article 13(7). Experts from the Commission and other services of the Union may be integrated in the team in order to support the team and facilitate liaison with the ERCC. Experts dispatched by UN-OCHA or other international organisations may be integrated in the team in order to strengthen cooperation and facilitate joint assessments.</u></p>	
<p>2. Paragraph 1 shall also apply when the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. Paragraph 1 shall also apply when the</p>	

<p>Commission supports a common assessment of the situation and the needs and/or facilitating the coordination on site of the assistance through the dispatch of an expert team on site as referred to in the second indent of point (a) of Article 16(2).</p>		<p>Commission supports a common assessment of the situation and the needs and/or facilitating the coordination on site of the assistance through the dispatch of an expert team on site as referred to in the second indent of point (a) of Article 16(2).</p>	
<p>3. The procedure for the selection and appointment of experts is the following:</p> <p>(a) Member States shall nominate experts, under their responsibility, who can be deployed as part of expert teams.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>3.2. The procedure for the selection and appointment of experts is the following:</p> <p>(a) Member States shall nominate experts, under their responsibility, who can be deployed as part <u>members</u> of expert teams;</p>	
<p>(b) The Commission shall select the experts and the leader for these teams on the basis of their qualifications and experience, including the level of the Mechanism training undertaken, previous experience of missions under the Mechanism and other international relief work. The selection shall also be based on other criteria, including language skills, so as to ensure that the team as a whole has available skills needed in a specific situation.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(b) tThe Commission shall select the experts and the leader for these teams on the basis of their qualifications and experience, including the level of the <u>Union</u> Mechanism training undertaken, previous experience of missions under the <u>Union</u> Mechanism and other international relief work. The selection shall also be based on other criteria, including language skills, so as to ensure that the team as a whole has available skills needed in a specific situation;</p>	
		<p><u>(c) The Commission shall appoint experts/team leaders for a mission in agreement with their nominating Member State.</u></p>	

4. Where expert teams are dispatched, they shall facilitate coordination between Member States' intervention teams and liaise with the competent authorities of the requesting state. The ERC shall maintain close contact with the expert teams and provide them with guidance and logistical and other support.	<i>No change</i>	4-3. Where expert teams are dispatched, they shall facilitate coordination between Member States' intervention teams and liaise with the competent authorities of the requesting state <u>as described under Article 7(d)</u> . The ERC ERCC shall maintain close contact with the expert teams and provide them with guidance and logistical and other support.	
5. Where appropriate, the Commission may deploy the logistical support and assistance capability to support expert teams, modules of Member States and other response capacities deployed in the framework of the Mechanism.	<i>No change</i>	5. Where appropriate, the Commission may deploy the logistical support and assistance capability to support expert teams, modules of Member States and other response capacities deployed in the framework of the Mechanism.	
	<u>5a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify the functioning of the expert teams, and the conditions of selection, dispatching and disengaging an expert team.</u>		

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 18</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transport</p> <p>1. The Commission may support Member States in obtaining access to equipment and transport resources by:</p> <p>(a) providing and sharing information on equipment and transport resources that can be made available by the Member States, with a view to facilitating the pooling of such equipment or transport resources;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 18</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transport</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 18</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transport and equipment</p> <p>1. <u>In the event of a disaster</u> tThe Commission may support Member States in obtaining access to equipment and <u>or</u> transport resources by:</p> <p>(a) providing and sharing information on equipment and transport resources that can be made available by the Member States, with a view to facilitating the pooling of such equipment or transport resources;</p>	
<p>(b) assisting Member States to identify, and facilitating their access to, transport resources that may be available from other sources, including the commercial market;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>(c) assisting Member States to identify equipment that may be available from other sources, including the commercial market.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>2. The Commission may complement the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. The Commission may complement</p>	

<p>transport provided by Member States by providing additional transport resources necessary for ensuring a rapid response to major disasters.</p>		<p>the transport <u>resources</u> provided by Member States by providing additional transport resources necessary for ensuring a rapid response to major disasters.</p>	
	<p><u>2a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify the level of detail of the information provided and shared pursuant to point (a) of paragraph 1 of this Article, and to specify procedures for the identification of transport resources and equipments pursuant to points (b) and (c) of paragraph 1 of this Article, and for the provision of additional transport resources by the Commission pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article.</u></p>		

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER V</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Financial provisions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 19</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budgetary resources</p> <p>1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this Decision for the period 2014 to 2020 shall be EUR 513 000 000 at current prices.</p> <p>EUR 276 000 000 at current prices shall derive from heading 3 "Security and Citizenship" of the financial framework and EUR 237 000 000 at current prices from heading 4 "Global Europe."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER V</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Financial provisions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 19</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budgetary resources</p> <p>1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this Decision for the period 2014 to 2020 shall be EUR 513 000 000 [...] at current prices.</p> <p>EUR 276 000 000 at current prices <u>70% of that amount</u> shall derive from heading 3 "Security and Citizenship" of the financial framework and EUR 237 000 000 at current prices <u>30 % of that amount</u> from heading 4 "Global Europe."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER V</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Financial provisions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 19</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budgetary resources</p> <p>[1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this Decision for the period 2014 to 2020 shall be EUR 513 000 000 at current prices.</p> <p>EUR 276 000 000 at current prices shall derive from heading 3 "Security and Citizenship" of the financial framework and EUR 237 000 000 at current prices from heading 4 "Global Europe."</p>	
	<p><u>2a. Of the overall financial envelope referred to in the first sub-paragraph, at least 20 % shall be allocated to general actions under Article 20.</u></p>		
	<p><u>1a. The budgetary authority shall authorise the available annual appropriations without prejudice to the provisions of Regulation [laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020] and the Interinstitutional Agreement of xxx/201z between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management.</u></p>		

<p>2. Appropriations resulting from reimbursement made by the beneficiaries for emergency response actions shall constitute assigned revenue within the meaning of Article 18(2) of the Financial Regulation.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. Appropriations resulting from reimbursement made by the beneficiaries for emergency response actions shall constitute assigned revenue within the meaning of Article 18(2) of the Financial Regulation.</p>	
<p>3. The financial allocation referred to in paragraph 1 may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, which are required for the management of the programme and the achievement of its objectives.</p> <p>Such expenditure may, in particular, cover studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the European Union, as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Decision, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange (including their interconnection with existing or future systems designed to promote cross-sectoral data exchange and related equipment), together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the programme.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>3. The financial allocation referred to in paragraph 1 may also cover expenses pertaining to preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, which are required for the management of the programme <u>Union Mechanism</u> and the achievement of its objectives.</p> <p>Such expenditure may, in particular, cover studies, meetings of experts, information and communication actions, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the European Union, as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Decision, expenses linked to IT networks focusing on information processing and exchange (including their interconnection with existing or future systems designed to promote cross-sectoral data exchange and related equipment), together with all other technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the programme.]</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 20</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General eligible actions</p> <p>The following general actions shall be eligible for financial assistance:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 20</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General eligible actions</p> <p>The following general actions <u>to enhance prevention, preparedness and effective response</u> shall be eligible for financial assistance:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 20</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General eligible actions</p> <p>The following general actions shall be eligible for financial assistance <u>to enhance prevention, preparedness and effective response</u>:</p>	
<p>(a) studies, surveys, modelling and scenario building to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, best practices and information, and to enhance prevention, preparedness and effective response;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(a) studies, surveys, modelling and scenario building to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, best practices and information, and to enhance prevention, preparedness and effective response;</p>	
<p>(b) training, exercises, workshops, exchange of staff and experts, creation of networks, demonstration projects and technology transfer to enhance prevention, preparedness and effective response;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(b) training, exercises, workshops, exchange of staff and experts, creation of networks, demonstration projects and technology transfer to enhance prevention, preparedness and effective response;</p>	
<p>(c) monitoring, assessment and evaluation actions;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>(d) public information, education and</p>	<p>(d) public information, education</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	

<p>awareness raising and associated dissemination actions, so as to minimise the effects of disasters on Union citizens and to help Union citizens to protect themselves more effectively;</p>	<p>and awareness raising and associated dissemination actions, so as to minimise <u>involve citizens in preventing and minimising</u> the effects of disasters on <u>in the</u> Union citizens and to help Union citizens to protect themselves more effectively <u>and in a sustainable manner</u>;</p>		
<p>(e) establishment of a programme of lessons learnt from interventions and exercises in the context of the Mechanism, including on areas relevant to prevention and preparedness;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(e) establishment <u>and running</u> of a programme of lessons learnt from interventions and exercises in the context of the <u>Union</u> Mechanism, including on areas relevant to prevention and preparedness;</p>	
<p>(f) communication actions and measures to promote the visibility of the European civil protection work in the areas of prevention, preparedness and response.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(f) communication actions and measures to promote the visibility <u>raise awareness</u> of the European civil protection work in the areas of prevention, preparedness and response.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 21</i></p> <p>Eligible prevention and preparedness actions</p> <p>The following prevention and preparedness actions shall be eligible for financial assistance:</p> <p>(a) preparing risk management plans and a Union-wide overview of risks;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 21</i></p> <p>Eligible prevention and preparedness actions</p> <p>The following prevention and preparedness actions shall be eligible for financial assistance:</p> <p>(a) preparing, <u>updating and implementing</u> risk management plans and a Union-wide overview of risks;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 21</i></p> <p>Eligible prevention and preparedness actions</p> <p>The following prevention and preparedness actions shall be eligible for financial assistance:</p> <p>(a) preparing risk management plans and a Union wide overview of risks <u>co-financing of projects, studies, workshops, surveys and similar actions and activities referred to in Article 5;</u></p>	
		<p>(b) <u>co-financing peer reviews, referred to in Article 6(4);</u></p>	
<p>(b) maintaining the functions provided by the ERC, in accordance with point (a) of Article 7 to facilitate a rapid response in the event of a major disaster;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(b) (c) maintaining the functions provided by the ERC <u>ERCC</u>, in accordance with point (a) of Article 7 to facilitate a rapid response in the event of a major disaster;</p>	
<p>(c) developing and maintaining a surge capacity through a network of trained experts of Member States, who can be available at short notice to assist in the monitoring, information and coordination tasks of the ERC;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(e) developing and maintaining a surge capacity through a network of trained experts of Member States, who can be available at short notice to assist in the monitoring, information and coordination tasks of the ERC; (d) preparing for the mobilisation and</p>	

		<u>dispatch of the teams of experts referred to in Articles 7(d) and 17 and developing and maintaining a surge capacity through a network of trained experts of Member States, referred to in Article 7(e);</u>	
(d) establishing and maintaining the CECIS and tools to enable communication and sharing of information between the ERC and the contact points of the Member States and of other participants in the context of the Mechanism;	<i>No change</i>	(d) <u>(e)</u> establishing and maintaining the CECIS and tools to enable communication and sharing of information between the ERC <u>ERCC</u> and the contact points of the Member States and of other participants in the context of the <u>Union</u> Mechanism;	
(e) contributing to the development of detection, early warning and alert systems for disasters, in order to enable a rapid response and to promote their interlinkage and their linkage to the ERC and the CECIS. Those systems shall take into account and build upon existing and future information, monitoring or detection sources and systems;	<i>No change</i>	(e) <u>(f)</u> contributing to the development of <u>transnational</u> detection, early warning and alert systems <u>of common European interest</u> for disasters , in order to enable a rapid response and <u>as well as</u> to promote their <u>the</u> interlinkage <u>between national early warning and alert systems</u> and their linkage to the ERC <u>ERCC</u> and the CECIS. Those systems shall take into account and build upon existing and future information, monitoring or detection sources and systems;	
	<u>(ea) collaboration with the Union on creating integrated recovery strategies that take into account the</u>		

	<u>inter-institutional collaboration and the coordinated management of the technical and economic resources;</u>		
(f) planning response operations under the Mechanism, including through the development of reference scenarios, capacity mapping and contingency plans;	<i>No change</i>	(f) <u>(g)</u> planning response operations under the <u>Union</u> Mechanism, including through the development of reference scenarios, capacity mapping and contingency plans <u>in accordance with Article 10;</u>	
		<u>(h) supporting the preparedness activities described in Article 13.</u>	
(g) creating and maintaining the European Emergency Response Capacity, as referred to in Article 11. The Union financial contribution for actions under this point shall take the form of unit costs determined per type of capacity and shall not exceed 25% of the total eligible costs.	(g) creating and maintaining the European Emergency Response Capacity, as referred to in Article 11. The Union financial contribution for actions under this point shall take the form of unit costs determined per type of capacity and shall not exceed 25% <u>40%</u> of the total eligible costs.	(g) <u>(i)</u> creating and maintaining <u>developing</u> the European Emergency Response Capacity, as referred to in Article 11. The Union financial contribution for actions under this point <u>This shall be limited to:</u> take the form of unit costs determined per type of capacity and shall not exceed 25% of the total eligible costs. <u>- costs at EU level of setting up and managing the European Emergency Response Capacity and the associated</u>	

		<p><u>processes set out in Article 11.</u></p> <p><u>- costs of obligatory training courses, exercises and workshops necessary for the certification of Member States' response capacities for the purposes of the European Emergency Response Capacity ("certification costs"). It may consist of unit costs or lump sums determined per type of capacity, covering up to 100% of the eligible costs.</u></p> <p><u>- non-recurrent costs necessary to upgrade Member States' response capacities from their purely national use to a state of readiness and availability that makes them deployable as part of the European Emergency Response Capacity, in accordance with the quality requirements of the voluntary pool and recommendations formulated in the certification process ("adaptation costs"). This may include costs related to interoperability of modules and other response capacities, autonomy, self-sufficiency, transportability, packaging and similar costs, as well as the costs of forming multinational response capacities (workshops, trainings, development of common methodologies, standards, procedures and similar activities), provided that these costs specifically relate to the capacities' participation in the</u></p>	
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		<p><u>voluntary pool. It shall not cover the costs of the equipment or human resources necessary to initially set-up the response capacities or ongoing maintenance or running costs. These adaptation costs may consist of unit costs or lump sums determined per type of capacity, covering up to 100% of the eligible costs, provided this does not exceed 30% of the average cost of developing the capacity.</u></p> <p><u>- Costs of establishing and managing framework contracts, framework partnership agreements or similar arrangements to address temporary shortcomings in extraordinary disasters, taking into account a multi hazard approach.</u></p> <p><u>The funding under this indent :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>- may cover the costs or fees necessary to design, prepare, negotiate, conclude and manage the contracts or arrangements as well as the costs of developing standard operating procedures and exercises to ensure the effective use of the assets. It may also cover a maximum of 35% of the costs of ensuring rapid access to the assets.</u> <u>- shall not cover the costs of purchasing or developing new response capacities, nor the cost of operating these additional capacities in a disaster situation.</u> <p><u>Costs of operating these additional</u></p>	
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<p>(h) identifying and filling gaps in the European Emergency Response Capacity in accordance with Article 12.</p> <p>Actions taken in accordance with this point shall be based on a thorough needs and cost-benefit analysis per type of capacity, taking into account the probability and impact of the relevant risks. The Union financial contribution for the actions under this point shall not exceed 85% of the total eligible costs;</p>	<p>(h) identifying and filling gaps in the European Emergency Response Capacity in accordance with Article 12.</p> <p>Actions taken in accordance with this point shall be based on a thorough needs and cost-benefit analysis per type of capacity, taking into account <u>its horizontal nature and its possible benefit in different disaster situations, its highly specialised nature and cost, and</u> the probability and impact of the relevant risks. The Union financial contribution for the actions under this point shall not exceed 85% of the total eligible costs;</p>	<p>(h)(j) <u>identifying and filling gaps in the European Emergency Response Capacity in accordance with Article 12 and supporting Member States in addressing these gaps by co-financing new response capacities, up to a maximum of 20% of the eligible costs, provided that:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>the need for new capacities is confirmed by risk assessments,</u></p> <p>(2) <u>the gap identification process set out in Article 12 demonstrates that these capacities are not available to Member States,</u></p> <p>(3) <u>these capacities are developed by Member States, either acting individually or through a consortium,</u></p> <p>(4) <u>these capacities are committed to the voluntary pool for a minimum period of two years, and</u></p> <p>(5) <u>this approach is cost-effective.</u></p>	

		<p><u>Where appropriate, preference shall be given to consortia of Member States cooperating on a common risk</u></p> <p>Actions taken in accordance with this point shall be based on a thorough needs and cost-benefit analysis per type of capacity, taking into account the probability and impact of the relevant risks. The Union financial contribution for the actions under this point shall not exceed 85% of the total eligible costs;</p>	
<p>(i) ensuring the availability of necessary logistical capacities to provide technical assistance and support to the European Emergency Response Capacity, expert teams, other modules and response capacities dispatched under the Mechanism, as well as other actors on the ground;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(i)(k)ensuring the availability of necessary logistical <u>support</u> capacities to provide technical assistance and support to the European Emergency Response Capacity, <u>for the</u> expert teams, other modules and response capacities dispatched under the Mechanism, as well as other actors on the ground referred to in <u>Article 17(1)</u>;</p>	
<p>(j) assisting Member States in prepositioning emergency aid assets in logistical hubs inside the Union.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(j)(l) <u>assisting facilitating the coordination of Member States' in prepositioning of disaster response capacities in accordance with Article 7(g) emergency aid assets in logistical hubs</u> inside the Union;</p>	

		<u>(m) support the provision of advice on prevention and preparedness measures through the deployment of an expert team on site, upon request of a Member State, third country, the United Nations or its agencies, as referred to in Articles 5(2) and 13(7).</u>	
	<u>(k) supporting a training programme and an EU training network, involving civil protection schools, training centres and other emergency management personnel on disaster prevention, preparedness and response in Member States.</u>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 22</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eligible response actions</p> <p>The following response actions shall be eligible for financial assistance:</p> <p>(a) dispatching expert teams together with the necessary equipment, in accordance with Article 17;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 22</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eligible response actions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 22</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eligible response actions</p> <p>The following response actions shall be eligible for financial assistance:</p> <p>(a) dispatching expert teams referred to in Article 17(1) together with <u>logistical support and dispatching experts referred to in Article 7(f) the necessary equipment, in accordance with Article 17;</u></p>	
(b) deploying the capacities referred to in points (g), (h) and (i) of Article 21 in the event of major disasters, at the request of the Commission through	<i>No change</i>	(b) deploying the capacities referred to in points (g), (h) and (i) of Article 21 in the event of major disasters, at the request of the	

the ERC;		Commission through the ERC;	
(c) supporting Member States in obtaining access to equipment, transport resources and related logistics as specified in Article 23;	<i>No change</i>	(e) (b) supporting Member States in obtaining access to equipment, <u>and</u> transport resources and related logistics as specified in Article 23 <u>in the event of a disaster</u> ;	
(d) any other supporting and complementary action necessary in the framework of the Mechanism to achieve the objective specified in point (c) of Article 3(1).	<i>No change</i>	(d) (c) when receiving a request for assistance, taking additional necessary any other supporting and complementary action necessary in the framework of the Mechanism in order to facilitate the coordination of response in the most effective way to achieve the objective specified in point (c) of Article 3(1).	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 23</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eligible actions linked to equipment, transport resources and related logistics</p> <p>1. The following actions shall be eligible for financial assistance in order to allow access to equipment, transport resources and related logistics under the Mechanism:</p> <p>(a) providing and sharing information on equipment and transport resources that can be made available by Member States, with a view to facilitating the pooling of such equipment or transport resources;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 23</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eligible actions linked to equipment, transport resources and related logistics</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 23</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eligible actions linked to equipment, <u>and</u> transport resources and related logistics</p> <p>1. The following actions shall be eligible for financial assistance in order to allow access to equipment, <u>and</u> transport resources and related logistics under the <u>Union</u> Mechanism:</p> <p>(a) providing and sharing information on equipment and transport resources that <u>Member States decide to make available</u> can be made available by Member States, with a view to facilitating the pooling of such equipment or transport resources;</p>	
<p>(b) assisting Member States to identify, and facilitating their access to, transport resources that may be available from other sources, including the commercial market;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>(c) assisting Member States to identify equipment that may be available from other sources, including the commercial market;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	

<p>(d) financing transport resources and related logistics necessary for ensuring a rapid response to major disasters. Such actions shall be eligible for financial support only if the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a request for assistance has been made under the Mechanism in accordance with Articles 15 and 16; • the additional transport resources are necessary for ensuring the effectiveness of emergency response under the Mechanism; • the assistance corresponds to the needs identified by the ERC and is delivered in accordance with the recommendations given by the ERC on the technical specifications, quality, timing and modalities for delivery, • the assistance has been accepted by a requesting country, the United Nations or its agencies, or a relevant international organisation, under 	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>(d) financing transport resources and related logistics necessary for ensuring a rapid response to major disasters. Such actions shall be eligible for financial support only if the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a request for assistance has been made under the <u>Union Mechanism</u> in accordance with Articles 15 and 16; • the additional transport resources are necessary for ensuring the effectiveness of emergency response under the <u>Union Mechanism</u>; • the assistance corresponds to the needs identified by the ERC <u>ERCC</u> and is delivered in accordance with the recommendations given by the ERC <u>ERCC</u> on the technical specifications, quality, timing and modalities for delivery; • the assistance has been accepted by a requesting country, <u>directly or through</u> the United Nations or its agencies, or a relevant international organisation, under the <u>Union</u> 	
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<p>the Mechanism;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the assistance complements, for disasters in third countries, the overall Union humanitarian response, where present. 		<p>Mechanism;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the assistance complements, for disasters in third countries, the overall Union humanitarian response, where present. 	
<p>2. The amount of Union financial support for transport resources and related logistics shall not exceed 85% of the total eligible cost. The Union financial support for transport resources and related logistics may cover a maximum of 100% of the total eligible cost when one of the following criteria is met:</p> <p>(a) the costs relate to logistical operations in transport hubs (including among others cargo loading or off-loading and warehousing rental),</p> <p>(b) the costs relate to the local transportation and are necessary to facilitate the pooling of capacities or a coordinated delivery of assistance,</p> <p>(c) the costs relate to the transport of the capacities mentioned in points (g), (h) and (i) of Article 21.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>2. The amount of Union financial support for transport resources and related logistics shall not exceed 85% <u>50%</u> of the total eligible cost.</p> <p><u>3.</u> The Union financial support for transport resources and related logistics may <u>in addition</u> cover a maximum of 100% of the total eligible cost <u>described under litera (i), (ii) and (iii) when one of the following criteria is met: if this is necessary to make the pooling of Member States' assistance operationally effective and the costs relate to one of the following:</u></p> <p>(a) the costs relate to logistical operations in transport hubs (including among others cargo loading or off loading and warehousing rental),</p> <p>(b) the costs relate to the local transportation and are necessary to facilitate the pooling of capacities or a coordinated delivery of assistance,</p> <p><u>(i) the short-term rental of</u></p>	

		<p><u>warehousing capacity to temporarily store the assistance from Member States with a view to facilitating their coordinated transport;</u></p> <p><u>(ii) the repackaging of Member States' assistance to make maximum use of available transport capacities or to meet specific operational requirements;</u></p> <p><u>(iii) the local transport of pooled assistance with a view to ensuring a coordinated delivery at the final destination in the requesting country;</u></p> <p><u>The Union financial support under this paragraph shall not exceed 50000 € in current prices per activation of the Union Mechanism. In exceptional cases, this threshold may be increased in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 31.</u></p> <p><u>4. The Union financial support for transport may in addition cover a maximum of 70% of the total eligible cost in the following situations:</u></p> <p><u>(a)(e) the costs relate to the transport of the capacities pre-committed to the voluntary pool in accordance with Article 11; mentioned in points (g), (h) and (i) of Article 21.</u></p>	
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		<u>(b) the assistance is necessary to address a critical need and the assistance is not, or not sufficiently, available in the voluntary pool.</u>	
3. In case of transport and related logistics operations involving several Member States, a Member State may take the lead in requesting Union financial support for the entire operation.	<i>No change</i>	3-5. In case of <u>pooling of</u> transport and related logistics operations involving several Member States, a Member State may take the lead in requesting Union financial support for the entire operation.	
4. When a Member State requests assistance through the Mechanism, it may also request Union financial support for transporting capacities located outside its territory.	<i>No change</i>	4. When a Member State requests assistance through the Mechanism, it may also request Union financial support for transporting capacities located outside its territory.	
5. When a Member State requests the Commission to contract transport and related logistics services, the Commission may request partial reimbursement of the costs according to the funding rates set out in the previous paragraphs.	<i>No change</i>	5-6. When a Member State requests the Commission to contract transport and related logistics services, the Commission <u>shall</u> may request partial reimbursement of the costs according to the funding rates set out in the previous paragraphs.	
		<u>7. The following costs shall be eligible for Union financial support for transport resources under this Article: all costs related to the movement of the transport resources, including the costs of all services, fees, logistical and handling costs, fuel and possible accommodation costs as well as other indirect costs such as taxes, duties in general and transit costs.</u>	

	<p><u>5a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to specify further details, in accordance with this Article, of the procedure for requesting and deciding on granting Union financial support for transport.</u></p>		
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 24</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beneficiaries</p> <p>Grants awarded under this Decision may be awarded to legal persons, whether governed by private or public law.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 24</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beneficiaries</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 24</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beneficiaries</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 25</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Types of financial intervention and implementing procedures</p> <p>1. The Commission shall implement the Union's financial assistance in accordance with the Financial Regulation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 25</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Types of financial intervention and implementing procedures</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 25</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Types of financial intervention and implementing procedures</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>2. Financial assistance under this Decision may take any of the forms provided by the Financial Regulation, in particular grants, reimbursement of expenses, public procurement, or contributions to trust funds.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	

<p>3. In order to implement this Decision, the Commission shall adopt annual work programmes in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 31(2), except for actions falling under the emergency response of Chapter IV, which may not be foreseen in advance. They shall set out the objectives pursued, the expected results, the method of implementation and their total amount. They shall also contain the description of actions to be financed, an indication of the amount allocated to each action and an indicative implementation timetable. For grants, they shall include the priorities, the essential evaluation criteria and the maximum rate of co-financing.</p>	<p>3. In order to implement this Decision, the Commission shall adopt <u>be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a concerning the adoption of the annual work programmes in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 31(2)</u>, except for actions falling under the emergency response of Chapter IV, which may not be foreseen in advance. They shall set out the objectives pursued, the expected results, the method of implementation and their total amount. They shall also contain the description of actions to be financed, an indication of the amount allocated to each action and an indicative implementation timetable. For grants, they shall include the priorities, the essential evaluation criteria and the maximum rate of co-financing.</p>	<p>3. In order to implement this Decision, the Commission shall adopt annual work programmes in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 31(2), except for actions falling under the emergency response of Chapter IV, which may not be foreseen in advance. They shall set out the objectives pursued, the expected results, the method of implementation and their total amount. They shall also contain the description of actions to be financed, an indication of the amount allocated to each action and an indicative implementation timetable. <u>For the actions envisaged in Article 28(2), they shall describe the actions foreseen with each country.</u> For grants, they shall include the priorities, the essential evaluation criteria and the maximum rate of co-financing.</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 26</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complementarity and consistency of the Union action</p> <p>1. Actions receiving financial assistance under this Decision shall not receive assistance from other Union financial instruments.</p> <p>The Commission shall ensure that the applicants for financial assistance under this Decision and beneficiaries of such assistance provide it with information about financial assistance received from other sources, including the general budget of the Union, and about ongoing applications for receiving such assistance.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 26</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complementarity and consistency of the Union action</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 26</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complementarity and consistency of the Union action</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>2. Synergies and complementarity shall be sought with other instruments of the Union. In the case of a response in third countries, the Commission shall ensure the complementarity and coherence of actions financed under this Decision and actions financed under Regulation (EC) No 1257/96.</p>	<p>2. Synergies and complementarity shall be sought with other instruments of the Union. In the case of a response in third countries <u>to tackle a humanitarian crisis</u>, the Commission shall ensure the complementarity and coherence of actions financed under this Decision and actions financed under Regulation (EC) No 1257/96.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>3. When assistance under the Mechanism contributes to a wider Union humanitarian response, actions receiving financial assistance under this Decision shall be consistent with the humanitarian principles referred to in the</p>	<p>3. When assistance under the Mechanism contributes to a wider Union humanitarian response, <u>particularly in complex emergencies</u>, actions receiving financial assistance under this Decision shall be consistent with the humanitarian principles</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	

European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.	referred to in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid. <u>Use of European Emergency Response Capacity resources shall be based on the needs identified and shall comply with the principles on the use of civil protection and military resources and equipment as formulated in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.</u>		
	3a. <u>The Union and the Member States shall coordinate their respective support programmes with the aim of increasing the effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of support and policy dialogue in line with the established principles for strengthening operational coordination, and for harmonizing policies and procedures. Coordination shall involve regular consultations and frequent exchanges of relevant information and best practices during the different phases of the support cycle.</u>		

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 27</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Protection of the financial interests of the Union</p> <p>1. The Commission shall take appropriate measures ensuring that, when actions financed under this Decision are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and deterrent penalties.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 27</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Protection of the financial interests of the Union</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 27</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Protection of the financial interests of the Union</p> <p>1. The Commission shall take appropriate measures ensuring that, when actions financed under this Decision are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and deterrent <u>dissuasive administrative and financial</u> penalties.</p>	
<p>2. The Commission or its representatives and the Court of Auditors shall have the power of audit, on the basis of documents and on the spot, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors, who have received Union funds under this Decision.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>The European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections on economic operators concerned directly or indirectly by such funding in accordance with the procedures laid down in Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant agreement, grant decision or a contract concerning Union</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p><u>3.</u> The European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out <u>investigations, including</u> on-the-spot checks and inspections, on economic operators concerned directly or indirectly by such funding in accordance with the procedures laid down <u>in accordance with the provisions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 1999 concerning investigations</u></p>	

funding.		<u>conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)⁴³ and Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud or other irregularities⁴⁴ with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant agreement; <u>or grant decision or a contract funded under this Decision concerning Union funding.</u></u>	
<p>Without prejudice to paragraphs 1 and 2, cooperation agreements with third countries and international organisations, grant agreements, grant decisions and contracts resulting from the implementation of this Decision shall expressly empower the Commission, the Court of Auditors and OLAF to conduct such audits, on-the-spot checks and inspections.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p><u>4.</u> Without prejudice to paragraphs 1, and 2 and 3, cooperation agreements with third countries and <u>with</u> international organisations, <u>contracts</u>, grant agreements; <u>and</u> grant decisions, and contracts resulting from the implementation of this Decision shall <u>contain provisions</u> expressly empowering the Commission, the Court of Auditors and OLAF to conduct such audits <u>and investigations, according to their respective competences</u> on the spot checks and inspections.</p>	

⁴³ OJ L 136, 31.5.1999, p. 1.

⁴⁴ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER VI</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>General provisions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 28</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third countries participation and international organisations</p> <p>1. The Mechanism shall be open to the participation of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA), in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA Agreement, and other European countries when agreements and procedures so provide;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER VI</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>General provisions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 28</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third countries participation and international organisations</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER VI</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>General provisions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 28</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third countries participation and international organisations</p> <p>1. The <u>Union</u> Mechanism shall be open to the participation of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA), in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA Agreement, and other European countries when agreements and procedures so provide;</p>	
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<p>(b) Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation of those countries in Union's programmes established in the respective Framework Agreements and Association Council Decisions, or similar arrangements;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>2. Financial Assistance referred to in Articles 20 and Article 21 (a) to (f) may also be granted to countries coming under the European Neighbourhood Policy as well as potential candidate countries not participating in the Mechanism.</p>	<p>2. Financial Assistance referred to in Articles 20 and Article 21 (a) to (f) may also be granted to <u>candidate countries and potential candidate countries not participating in the Mechanism</u> and to countries coming under the European Neighbourhood Policy, as well as potential candidate countries not participating in the Mechanism in so far as it complements <u>funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) and the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).</u></p>	<p>2. Financial Assistance referred to in Articles 20 and Article 21 (f) and (h) (a) to (f) may also be granted to <u>candidate countries and countries coming under the European Neighbourhood Policy</u> as well as potential candidate countries not participating in the <u>Union Mechanism</u>, as well as to countries coming under the <u>European Neighbourhood Policy</u>, to the extent that it complements <u>funding available from the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) and the European Neighbourhood Instruments.</u></p>	

<p>3. International or regional organisations may cooperate in activities under the Mechanism where relevant bilateral or multilateral agreements between these organisations and the Union so allow.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>3. International or regional organisations may cooperate in activities under the <u>Union</u> Mechanism where relevant bilateral or multilateral agreements between these organisations and the Union so allow.</p>	
	<p><u>3a. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning applications for funding from third countries. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 31(2).</u></p>		

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 29</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Competent authorities</p> <p>For the purposes of applying this Decision, Member States shall appoint the competent authorities and inform the Commission accordingly.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 29</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Competent authorities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 29</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Competent authorities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 29a</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Exercise of the delegation</u></p> <p><u>1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.</u></p> <p><u>2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 7(1a) and (1b), Article 8(3a), Article 9(8a), Article 11(4a), Article 12(7), Article 13(1b), Article 15(6a), Article 16(13a), Article 17(5a), Article 18(2a), Article 23(5a) and Article 25(3) shall be conferred on the Commission until 31 December 2020.</u></p> <p><u>3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 7(1a) and (1b), Article 8(3a), Article 9(8a), Article 11(4a), Article 12(7), Article 13(1b), Article 15(6a), Article 16(13a), Article 17(5a), Article 18(2a), Article 23(5a) and Article 25(3) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision of revocation shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision</u></p>		

	<p><u>in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of delegated acts already in force.</u></p> <p><u>4. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.</u></p> <p><u>5. A delegated act pursuant to Article 7(1a) and (1b), Article 8(3a), Article 9(8a), Article 11(4a), Article 12(7), Article 13(1b), Article 15(6a), Article 16(13a), Article 17(5a), Article 18(2a), Article 23(5a) and Article 25(3) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council.</u></p>		
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 30</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Implementing acts</p> <p>1. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts on the following matters:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) functioning of the ERC, as provided for in point (a) of Article 7;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 30</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Implementing acts</p> <p>1. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts on the following matters:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) functioning of the ERC, as provided for in point (a) of Article 7;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 30</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Implementing acts</p> <p>1. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts on the following matters:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) functioning of the ERC ERCC, as provided for in point (a) of Article 7;</p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) functioning of the CECIS, as provided for in point (b) of Article 7;</p>	<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) functioning of the CECIS, as provided for in point (b) of Article 7;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) modalities for the expert teams, as provided for in Article 17, including conditions for the selection of experts;</p>	<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) modalities for the expert teams, as provided for in Article 17, including conditions for the selection of experts;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(d) conditions for identifying the modules, as provided for in Article 8;</p>	<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(d) conditions for identifying the modules, as provided for in Article 8;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(e) conditions for resources available for assistance intervention, as provided for in Article 9;</p>	<p style="padding-left: 40px;">(e) conditions for resources available for assistance intervention, as provided for in Article 9;</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	

<p>(f) functioning of the Emergency Response Capacity in the form of the voluntary pool, as provided for in Article 11;</p>	<p>(f) functioning of the Emergency Response Capacity in the form of the voluntary pool, as provided for in Article 11;</p>	<p>(f) functioning of the <u>European</u> Emergency Response Capacity in the form of the voluntary pool, <u>including its capacity goals, quality requirements, certification and registration criteria</u>, as provided for in <u>Articles 11 and 21 (i) and (j)</u>;</p>	
<p>(g) modalities on identifying and filling gaps in the European Emergency Response Capacity, as provided for in Article 12;</p>	<p>(g) modalities on identifying and filling gaps in the European Emergency Response Capacity, as provided for in Article 12;</p>	<p>(g) modalities on identifying and filling gaps in the European Emergency Response Capacity, as provided for in <u>Articles 12 and 21 (i) and (j)</u>;</p>	
<p>(h) modalities for the training programme, as provided for in Article 13;</p>	<p>(h) modalities for the training programme, as provided for in Article 13;</p>	<p>(h) modalities for the training programme, <u>exercise framework and lessons learnt programme</u>, as provided for in Article 13;</p>	
<p>(i) modalities applicable to interventions inside the Union, as provided for in Article 15 as well as for the interventions outside the Union, as provided for in Article 16;</p>	<p>(i) modalities applicable to interventions inside the Union, as provided for in Article 15 as well as for the interventions outside the Union, as provided for in Article 16;</p>	<p>(i) modalities applicable to interventions inside the Union, as provided for in Article 15 as well as for the interventions outside the Union, as provided for in Article 16, <u>including a list of relevant international organisations</u>;</p>	

(j) modalities on transport, as provided for in Articles 18 and 23.	(j) modalities on transport, as provided for in Articles 18 and 23.	<i>No change</i>	
2. These implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 31(2).	2. These implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 31(2).	<i>No change</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 31</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Committee procedure</p> <p>1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 31</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Committee procedure</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 31</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Committee procedure</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply. Where the Committee delivers no opinion, the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and the third subparagraph of Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.	2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply. Where the Committee delivers no opinion, <u>including on national security issues</u> , the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and the third subparagraph of Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.	<i>No change</i>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 32</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evaluation</p> <p>1. Actions receiving financial assistance shall be monitored regularly in order to follow their implementation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 32</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evaluation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 32</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evaluation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p>2. The Commission shall evaluate the application of this Decision and submit to the European Parliament and to the Council:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) an interim evaluation report on the results obtained and the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the implementation of this Decision no later than by 30 June 2017;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) a communication on the continued implementation of this Decision no later than by 31 December 2018,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) an ex post evaluation report no later than by 31 December 2021.</p> <p>The conclusions shall be accompanied, if appropriate, by proposals for amendments to this Decision.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER VII</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Final provisions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 33</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transitional provision</p> <p>1. Actions which are initiated before 1 January 2014 on the basis of Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom⁴⁵ shall continue to be administered, whether relevant, in conformity with that Decision.</p> <p>2. Member States shall ensure at national level the uninhibited transition between the actions carried out in the context of the previous Civil Protection Financial Instrument and those to be implemented under the new provisions set out in this Decision.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER VII</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Final provisions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 33</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transitional provision</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CHAPTER VII</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Final provisions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 33</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transitional provision</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
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⁴⁵ OJ L71, 10.03.2007, p.9-17

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 34</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Repeal</p> <p>Decisions 2007/162/EC, Euratom 2007/779/EC, Euratom are repealed. Articles 1 to 14 of Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom shall continue to apply until 31 December 2013 inclusive, without prejudice to article 33 (1). References to the repealed Decisions shall be construed as references to this Decision and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in the Annex.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 34</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Repeal</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 34</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Repeal</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 35</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Entry into force</p> <p>This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i>. However Articles 19 to 27 (financial provisions) shall only apply from 1 January 2014.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 35</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Entry into force</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 35</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Entry into force</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 36</i></p> <p>Addressees</p> <p>This Decision is addressed to the Member States in accordance with the Treaties.</p> <p>Done at Brussels,</p> <p><i>For the European Parliament</i></p> <p>The President</p> <p><i>For the Council</i></p> <p>The President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 36</i></p> <p>Addressees</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Article 36</i></p> <p>Addressees</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change</i></p>	
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