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Preventing, preparing for and responding to disasters requires strong cooperation, coordination at many levels and a combination of skills and expertise. The **Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network**, established through Decision No 1313/2013/EU, aims to strengthen the Union Civil Protection Mechanism in all of these aspects. It brings together civil protection and disaster management actors to collaborate and learn from each other with the objective of strengthening the EU's overall ability and capacity to deal with disasters.

As a **knowledge broker**, the Knowledge Network is a tool to make relevant knowledge more accessible to the civil protection and disaster management actors, offering them a space to learn, work and grow together.

As a **partnership facilitator**, it connects a variety of stakeholders active at different levels, from local to international, governmental to non-governmental, and from the political to the scientific and operational, organising virtual and face-to-face events and financing joint and cross-sector initiatives.

It also acts as an **innovation catalyst** by stimulating research and facilitating the introduction and uptake of new technologies and processes in the field of civil protection and disaster management.

By harnessing and disseminating knowledge and expertise, the Network acts as a:



Knowledge broker



Partnership facilitator



Innovation catalyst

Activities

The Knowledge Network will initially focus on implementing well-known and successful existing activities, strengthening them and making them more inclusive. At a later stage, it will introduce new initiatives to further support the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) and its Member and Participating States.

The activities of the Knowledge Network are structured along two pillars – **capacity development** and **science**, and are supplemented by a set of transversal, network-wide activities that link the pillars, ensuring coherence and synergies.



UCPM Training Programme

Training for experts to work together on prevention, preparedness and response activities as part of the UCPM.



Awareness-raising activities

Initiatives improving public awareness of disaster risks and civil protection activities in prevention, preparedness and response.



Exchange of Civil Protection Experts

Exchange programme that allows experts to spend a period abroad to share experiences and gain new operational skills.



Community engagement

Regular dialogue with Member and Participating States and other stakeholders on all aspects of the Knowledge Network.



UCPM Lessons Learnt Programme

Lessons and good practices drawn from deployments and other activities to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of the UCPM.



Partnerships facilitation opportunities

Funding of initiatives to bring the civil protection and disaster management communities closer together and foster their collaboration.



Scientific advice & innovation

Connection with scientific networks to provide the UCPM with specific expertise and stimulate research and innovation.



Civil protection exercises

Exercises such as EU MODEX improving preparedness and enhancing collaboration among European civil protection authorities and teams.



Thematic workshops & conferences

Learning and networking opportunities designed around specific existing or emerging needs and risks.



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