

Public consultation – EU funding for civil protection, preparedness and response to crises

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Introduction

The current multiannual financial framework (MFF) – the European Union’s (EU) long-term budget – runs until the end of 2027. In 2025, the Commission will put forth comprehensive proposals for the post-2027 long-term budget and for the next generation of funding programmes. These programmes will provide financial support to hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries, including regions, towns, non-governmental organisations, businesses, farmers, students and scientists.

Following President von der Leyen’s [Political Guidelines](#) for the 2024-2029 European Commission, the Commission will work towards a simpler, more focused and responsive long-term budget that reflects the European strategic priorities with the ambition to be an investment Commission. The long-term budget for the period after 2027 must reflect this.

The next long-term budget should deliver on the things that matter the most, in areas where it can achieve more than Member States acting alone. This requires a careful assessment of both what has worked well in the past and what could be improved in the future. The next EU budget will draw lessons from the current one – especially in terms of simplicity, flexibility, speed, strategic focus and impact.

As an integral part of the process, the Commission is launching a series of public consultations to gather views from all interested parties on how to make the most of every euro of the EU budget.

To deliver on these objectives, this public consultation aims to gather the public’s views related to funding on civil protection, preparedness and response to crises (for the purposes of this questionnaire, “crises” is understood in a broad sense, including all types of crises and phases of crisis management, anticipation, assessment, prevention, preparedness, response, recovery). The decision to cluster issues serves to support the preparatory work and does not pre-empt the architecture of future programmes.

The EU has experienced a wide range of challenges throughout its history and is constantly learning from these experiences to manage risks and threats and improve its ability to prepare for and manage future crises. Crises in recent years have ranged from conflict and disasters caused by climate change and environmental degradation to health crises and security threats, and they have shown how vulnerable and interdependent our societies have become.

The causes and consequences of crises are increasingly interconnected. This has led to a dynamic and complex landscape of risks and threats, with cascading and compounding effects, that often transcend national land and sea borders. Their political, social and economic impacts are felt across all sectors of European societies.

To tackle these challenges, the EU has put in place collaboration mechanisms to prevent, prepare for, manage and recover from crises. This is crucial to safeguard the EU population, essential services, and economic resources and assets. However, given the ever-evolving risk landscape, the EU’s preparedness

for crises will need to be further strengthened (Niinistö report on strengthening Europe's Civilian and Military Preparedness and Readiness).

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- Trade union
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- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
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- Ghana
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- Greece
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- Malaysia
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- Slovenia
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- Somalia
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- Sri Lanka
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- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
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- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
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- Ireland
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- Poland
- Portugal
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- Qatar
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- Russia
- Rwanda
- Saint Barthélemy
- Saint Helena
Ascension and
Tristan da Cunha
- Saint Kitts and
Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- United States
Minor Outlying
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- Uruguay
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Overall risk and threat landscape

Which risks and threats do you perceive as the most threatening to your personal life and/or economic situation (or your organisation's performance and objectives)?

Please select three answers

Maximum 3 selection(s)

- Armed conflict
- Cyberattacks and hybrid threats
- Disasters caused by climate change and environmental degradation (e.g. floods, heatwaves, droughts, forest fires, hurricanes, snowstorms)
- Disinformation
- Disruption of essential services
- Disruption of critical supply chains
- Economic and trade instability
- Health emergencies (e.g. epidemics and pandemics)
- Maritime security threats and maritime disasters
- Migratory pressure and pressure on the EU's borders
- Misuses of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear materials
- Natural and human-made threats in space
- Non-climate-related natural disasters (e.g. earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, volcanic eruptions)

- Shortage of workers
- Threats to biodiversity and animal/plant health
- Violence and social unrest
- other

Which risks from outside the EU do you believe are most likely to have a spill-over effect on the EU? Please select three answers.

Maximum 3 selection(s)

- Cyberthreats resulting from weak cybersecurity standards in interconnected in non-EU countries with whom the EU works
- Disruption of essential services (e.g. underwater cables for energy or data)
- Disruption of global supply chains due to natural and human-made causes
- Infectious disease outbreaks
- Irregular migration
- Local conflicts or political instability in neighbouring regions
- Terrorism and cross-border organised crime, such as drug trafficking
- Other

Which policy areas should the EU prioritise when working with non-EU countries to strengthen their resilience to crises that may also affect the EU (a concept called 'mutual resilience')? Please select three answers.

Maximum 3 selection(s)

- Assistance for a coordinated response to crises, including at land and sea
- Conflict early warning, conflict prevention, stabilisation and peacebuilding
- Coordinated responses to the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation
- Cybersecurity and protection of essential services
- Economic security and protection of global supply chains
- Health systems: strengthening and supporting responses to health emergencies (e.g. infectious disease outbreaks)
- Using of space-based services and applications for crisis management (including prevention, public alerts, preparedness and recovery efforts)
- Strengthening non-EU countries' border controls
- other

EU activities on civil protection, preparedness and crisis response

In your view, how important are the objectives below?

| | Very important | Important | Moderately important | Not at all important | Don't know/ not applicable |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Support conflict early warning, conflict prevention and peacebuilding beyond the EU's borders so the EU can act in solidarity in its neighbourhood and beyond | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Support preparedness and ensure the EU can react to unexpected events to act in solidarity with its citizens and beyond | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Ensure that all policy sectors and all government levels (local, regional, national, EU) work seamlessly together to prevent, prepare for and respond to crises | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Include all parts of society (general public, civil society organisations, private sector etc.) in preparedness and crisis management efforts | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Focus on the most exposed and vulnerable EU regions | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Take into account all types of hazards in proactive, anticipatory and evidence-based approach to threats and risks | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

In the following areas/risks/threats, to what extent would EU investments have more added value than individual Member State investments?

| | To a large extent | Somewhat | Very little | Not at all | Don't know/ not applicable |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Armed conflict | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Cyber and hybrid threats | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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| Disasters caused by climate change and environmental degradation (e.g. floods, heatwaves, droughts, forest fires, hurricanes snowstorms) | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Disruptions of essential services, including space systems | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Disruptions of supply chains, including supply chains of critical materials | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Economic and trade instability | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Health emergencies (e.g. epidemics and pandemics) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Maritime security threats | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Migratory pressure and pressure on the EU's external borders | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Misuse of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear substances | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Natural and human-made threats in space | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Non-climate-related natural disasters (e.g. earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, volcanic eruptions) | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Threats to biodiversity and animal/plant health | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Violence and social unrest | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Other | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

In which of the following areas would strategic reserves/stockpiles at both EU and national level have the most added value? Please select three answers.

Maximum 3 selection(s)

- Civil protection equipment
- Countermeasures for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats
- Critical raw materials
- Energy and energy equipment
- Food and drinking water
- Industrial products, information and communication technology (ICT) components
- Medical equipment, vaccines, diagnostics and medicines
- Shelter
- Other

To what extent do you agree that the EU budget should support the following objectives?

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Do not know /no opinion |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Assist people and businesses in the EU affected by crises | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Assist people and businesses outside the EU affected by crises | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Preparedness for crises in the EU | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Preparedness for crises outside the EU | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Minimise risks and threats and prevent crises in the EU | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Minimise risks and threats and prevent crises outside the EU | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Support Member States' recovery efforts after a major crisis | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Communicate and share information on civil protection activities (UCPM Knowledge Network) | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Support community-driven and citizen-led preparedness initiatives in Member States | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

If you wish to reply to questions that require a certain familiarity with EU civil protection, preparedness and response to crises, please answer the following questions:

Do you think that civil-military cooperation (to prepare for and respond to crises) is beneficial and should be intensified at EU level?

Maximum 1 selection(s)

- To a large extent
- Somewhat
- Very little
- Not at all
- Don't know/Not applicable

To what extent do you agree that the private sector can contribute to the EU's civil protection, preparedness and crisis response activities?

Maximum 1 selection(s)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Do not know/no opinion

In your view, in which areas is cooperation with the private sector necessary for the success of EU civil protection, preparedness and response to crises? Please select all that apply.

- Agriculture and food production, processing and distribution
- Banking
- Digital infrastructure
- Drinking water
- Energy
- Financial markets
- Health
- Industry
- Insurance
- Outer space
- Public administration
- Research and innovation
- Security of supply chains, including critical supply chains and availability of goods and services needed in a crisis
- Transport
- Wastewater
- Other

To what extent do you agree with the following statement: 'EU civil protection, preparedness and response to crises sufficiently use strategic foresight, anticipation and early warning systems.'

Maximum 1 selection(s)

- Strongly agree

- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Do not know/no opinion

What improvements could strengthen EU risk anticipation, forecasting and early warning systems? Please select all that apply.

- Better accessibility and use of EU space-based data (including Earth observation)
- Better coordination among national governments and EU institutions
- Better information sharing, including between civil and military authorities and in the maritime area
- An EU-wide risk assessment to complement national risk assessments
- More citizen engagement
- More scientific research
- Better services and applications for disaster management
- Stronger cooperation with the private sector
- Other

In your view, to what extent are the needs of vulnerable populations currently met by EU crisis preparedness policies (e.g. young people, older people, persons with disabilities, people in low-income communities, migrants and refugees)?

Maximum 1 selection(s)

- To a large extent
- Somewhat
- Very little
- Not at all
- Don't know//not applicable

Do you have any feedback or comments EU's work on civil protection, preparedness and crisis response?

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