

Experiences with the implementation of EU projects in ACPDR in the last 10 years

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FINANCIAL MECHANISMS

centralized and decentralized

EU financed programmes can be implemented under centralized, shared, decentralized or joint management.

MANAGEMENT WITHIN FINANCIAL MECHANISMS ≠ PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Centralized management

Centralized management programmes are administered directly by the European Commission (EC), either by Brussels, through EU Delegations or by a specially established EU agency.

Shared, decentralized or joint management

In programmes under shared, decentralised and joint management the EC delegates administration to, respectively, bodies in Member States, bodies in Non-Member States or international organizations (e.g. the United Nations).

EXAMPLE: IPA Programmes can be centralized, shared or decentralized

- Centralized: Multi-beneficiary (e.g. IPA Civil Protection Programme) and National IPA Programmes – managed by the EC (Delegations)
- Shared: IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes - shared management between the EC and the Managing Authorities of the CBC programmes
- Decentralized: National IPA Programmes (rural, regional development etc.) – managed by IPA beneficiary or an entity designated by it (the EC expects this type of programmes to become the norm)

FINANCIAL MECHANISMS – centralized and decentralized (ACPDR involvement)

Centralized

1. **Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)**, EU external action – supports reforms in the 'enlargement countries' with financial and technical assistance. Projects are financed through Country Action Programmes, Multi-Country Action Programmes and Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes.

- **IPA CP** - *European Union's IPA Programme on Civil Protection Cooperation with the Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates – Lot 2 (2010-2012) – ACPDR lead partner in Lot 2*
- **IPA CP II** - *European Union's Programme on "Civil Protection Cooperation for Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates – Phase II" (2013-2015) – ACPDR lead partner*
- **IPA FLOODS** - *European Union's Programme for Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Floods in the Western Balkans and Turkey (Lot 1 2015-2016, Lot 2 2015-2017) – ACPDR partner in Lot 1 and Lot 2*



Together to assist

IPA Civil Protection Exercise Programme
2011 - 2012



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IPA Civil Protection Cooperation Programme II
2013-2015



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2. **Union Civil Protection Mechanism.** With calls for tender and calls for proposals the Mechanism financially contributes to the actions of the Mechanism Member States and 'enlargement countries' in the prevention of, preparedness for, and response to disasters. Among others, projects such as prevention and preparedness, full scale exercises, ModEX exercises and training courses are financed under this mechanism.

- **MBC and TEC Courses** *Conduction of Technical Experts Courses (TEC) – including a Technical Experts Course for Maritime Incidents (TEC MI) – and Modules Basic Courses (MBC) – LOT 2 (2016-2020) – ACPDR lead partner*
- **MBC and TEC courses** *European Training Programme, LOT 2 - Modules Basic Courses and Technical Expert Courses (MBC, TEC courses) (2012-2016) – ACPDR subcontractor*
- **CP modules TTX** *Exercises on civil protection modules, technical assistance and support teams and EUcivil protection teams (2010-2011;2013-2014;2014-2015;2016-2017) – ACPDR partner*
- **MBC courses** *Interim Modules Basic Courses (2009) – ACPDR partner*

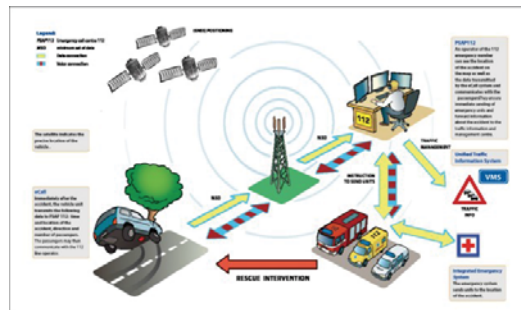
- **MATILDA** *Multinational module on Damage Assessment and Countermeasures (2015-2016) – ACPDR partner*
- **NEIFLEX** - *North Eastern Italy Flood Exercise (2016-2017) – ACPDR partner*
- **MURA 2015** – *Field Exercise (2014-2015) – ACPDR partner*
- **AlpSAR** – *Alpine Search and Rescue (2011-2013)*



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3. **Horizon 2014-2020**, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. Civil protection field is included in the section “Societal Challenges”, Chapter 14, Secure societies – Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens.

- **CIP eCall – project HeERO** (*Harmonised eCall European Pilot Project*) (2013-2014) – ACPDR as end user
- **MONET** (*Mechanisms for Optimization of hybrid ad-hoc networks and satellite NETworks*) (2010-2012) – ACPDR partner



4. **Other financial instruments and programmes from the fields such as education, environment, infrastructure, development cooperation etc.**

- **Lifelong Learning Programme (now Erasmus+ Programme) - QUESTCITY: Edutainment for Europe** (2013-2014) – ACPDR partner
- **Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) - I-HERO pan-European in-vehicle emergency call service** (2015-2017) – ACPDR partner



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Decentralized

5. **Internal Security Fund (ISF 2014-2020)**, Managed by Slovenian Ministry of the Interior. ACPDR cooperates under National Priority 6: Critical infrastructure protection.



6. **European Structural & Investment Funds 2014–2020 including European Territorial Cooperation (INTERREG)**. In Slovenia managed by the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy. ACPDR acts as a programming authority in the field of risk prevention disaster management and as the implementer of projects.
- *GOAL – managing interventions in cross-border accidents and disasters (SI-AT 2011 – 2015)*



AIMS OF ACPDR PARTICIPATION IN EU PROJECTS

1. Strengthening of the national system of protection against natural and other disasters:

- **Strengthening of preparedness and response:** gaining of new knowledge and experiences and their application in the national system (lessons learned); additional training for national units / experts without ACPDR direct costs
- **Upgrading of equipment and infrastructure:** purchase of equipment and learning resources (i.e. situation room, equipment for the training centre in Ig)
- **Effective response during real emergencies – international assistance** (sleet, floods, migrants)
- **Experience gained during the implementation of EU projects** – helpful in attaining financial means also from other sources

2. Bilateral cooperation (ETC programmes, EU Civil Protection Mechanism):

- Cross border projects, raising preparedness in cross-border regions, regional cooperation, building relationship with the neighbouring countries

3. Implementation of the EU civil protection policy – role of Slovenia

- Active participation in the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (exercises, expert missions, voluntary pool, EU modules, exchange of experts)
- Building relationships with EU countries, exchange of knowledge and experience
- Training centre in Ig as part of the EU Civil Protection training centres network
- Exceptional response of EU partners during real emergencies in Slovenia (sleet 2014, migrants 2015)

4. Assistance to the Western Balkans (enlargement) countries (through IPA programmes)

STATISTICS: ACPDR AND EU PROJECTS 2008-2016

1. IMPLEMENTATION OF EU PROJECTS: 30 projects

- CONCLUDED PROJECTS: 19 (2 times lead partner)
- ONGOING PROJECTS: 11 (1 time lead partner)

2. FOLLOWING DIFFERENT TENDERS, INFORMING IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDERS

(rescue services, municipalities, regional development agencies, education and research institutions)

- **Info Day on EU projects, February 2015, in the Ig Training Centre:**
EC representative, 60 participants

3. LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO OTHER TENDERERS FROM SLOVENIA

- 16 letters of support in 2015
- 13 letters of support already in 2016

Rejected over 20 requests for participation in different EU projects in 2015 and 2016. ACPDR can handle only limited number of projects at the same time.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION