

TAFF

Technical Assistance Financing Facility
for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness


Project brief



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Enhancing Policy and Investments for EU Disaster and Climate Resilience

Overview

Grant Size	€250,000
Duration	September 2024 – November 2025
Relevant DRG	Anticipate
Key hazard(s)	
Key word(s)	Smart governance; Smart policies and investments; Resilient Infrastructure; Disaster Resilience; Climate Resilience

Context

Europe faces escalating losses from climate-related disasters as the continent warms faster than any other region in the world, translating into potentially more frequent and more impactful events. For example, in 2023, Europe experienced one of its worst wildfire seasons with over [500,000 ha burnt](#), 96,000 of which were in Greece alone. Alongside climate-sensitive threats, large parts of Europe also face earthquake risks, risks exacerbated by ageing infrastructure that predates modern building codes. Countries in the EU have been taking major steps to enhance their disaster and climate resilience, guided and supported by EU policy, funding, and technical assistance instruments. With the current EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF 2021-2027) at its midpoint and preparations for the next MFF (2028-2034) intensifying, there is the opportunity to further strengthen disaster risk management and resilience efforts across the EU. This is the moment to reflect on how to refine EU policy and funding frameworks to better promote strategic, risk-informed, performance-oriented, and sustainable investments that deliver social, economic, and environmental benefits. It is also worth exploring ways to incentivise reforms that address key bottlenecks for effective risk management and investment.

Objectives

- Share good practices and provide recommendations for incentivising effective investments in disaster and climate resilience through the right framework conditions.
- Provide evidence to support a risk-informed approach to investments, particularly in wildfire and earthquake risk management, and offer guidance on potential investments.

Key Activities and Expected Results

COMPONENT 1

Incentivising impactful investments in disaster resilience – setting the right framework

This component includes EU-wide analytics which will support discussions related to existing and future policies and instruments that can foster disaster and climate resilience. These efforts consider conditions and incentives, as well as ways to track progress towards strengthened disaster and climate resilience.

COMPONENT 2

Investing in disaster resilience in the EU: identifying needs and priorities

This component includes EU-wide and country case study analytics. The results will include a high-level overview of wildfire and earthquake risks and their management at the EU-level, complemented by a series of brief case studies on wildfire and earthquake risk management in selected EU Member States.

Government Counterpart(s)

European Commission Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO); Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO); Member States of the European Union; civil protection authorities in countries selected for case studies.

Sustainability and Coordination

This project seeks to provide evidence, good practice examples, and recommendations to inform ongoing and future efforts to strengthen disaster and climate resilience in the EU. The findings aim to provide insights that can guide the refinement of policies and tools at both the EU and Member State levels in the current and forthcoming MFFs. With Component 2 focusing on earthquake and wildfire risks, the project will consider and coordinate with other ongoing academic research, technical assistance (including other TAFF projects or other EU-funded grants), as well as initiatives led by the European Commission that could be leveraged to deepen understanding of the EU's earthquake and wildfire risk profile and risk management capabilities. Overall, the activities will benefit from the knowledge generated through collaborations between government counterparts, the World Bank, and the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

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About TAFF

The **Technical Assistance Financing Facility for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness (TAFF)** is a partnership between the European Commission through its Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), the World Bank, and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) to strengthen the disaster risk knowledge and management capabilities of countries participating in the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM). The TAFF provides technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of civil protection and other relevant competent authorities under the UCPM to scale up investments in disaster and climate resilience.

