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# European Union Disaster Resilience Goals

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## CHANGING RISK LANDSCAPE

Europe is facing simultaneous and cross-border risks, including the effects of



climate change



pandemics



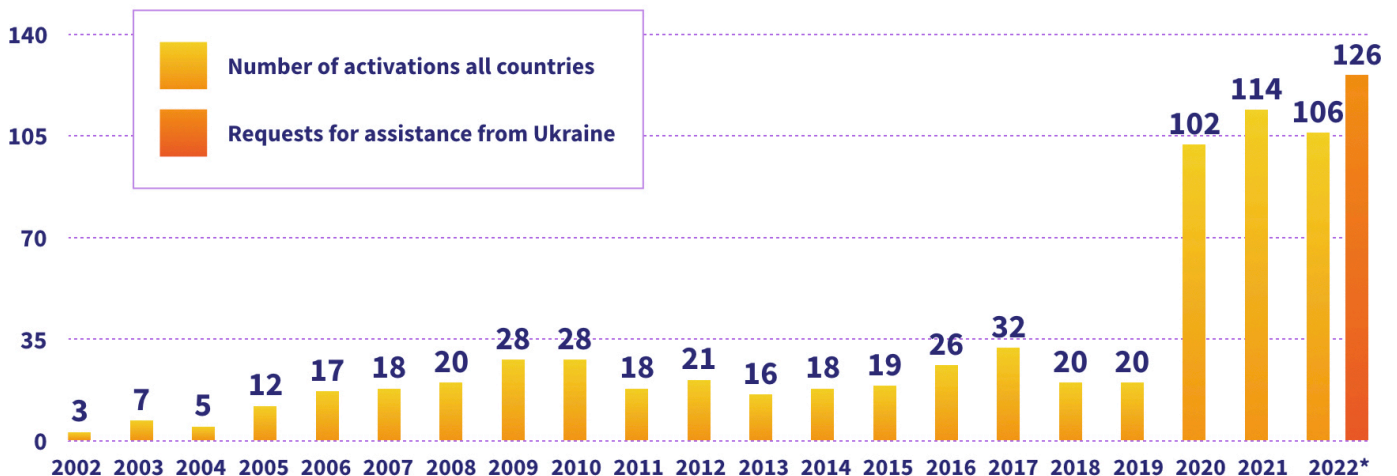
conflict



natural hazards

The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) is at the forefront of Europe's response to disasters and crises. Demand for assistance has been particularly high in recent years. Between 2020 and 2022, the UCPM was activated **over 320 times** inside and outside the European Union, including 104 times by the Member States. This is **five times** more than the average of the previous 10 years.

## UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM ACTIVATIONS 2002 - 2022



\* In 2022, 1 of the 106 activations is from Ukraine, comprising of 126 requests for assistance.

## UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM: EU SOLIDARITY IN ACTION

When an emergency overwhelms the response capabilities of a country in Europe and beyond, that country can **request assistance** through the **UCPM**, which coordinates the assistance provided by other countries or from the EU strategic capacities. With the changing risk landscape, such emergencies are clearly on the rise.

The UCPM aims also to strengthen civil protection cooperation between the EU countries and currently 8 participating states to improve **prevention**, **preparedness**, and **response** to disasters in Europe.

To enhance prevention and preparedness, the UCPM offers a variety of **civil protection exercises** and **trainings** across Europe. For example, since 2010, close to 170 field, table-top, and full scale exercises have been conducted, which included more than 50,000 participants. Additionally, since 2010, the UCPM has offered over 600 UCPM training programmes and other courses to support UCPM operations and activities.

### THE UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM

All EU Member States  
+ 8 Participating States



## REINFORCING COLLECTIVE DISASTER PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS

To cope with the changing disaster risk landscape, we must work together to increase the disaster resilience of Europe.

The European Commission and the EU Member States have jointly identified **five key areas** where we must work together to do more to prevent and prepare for disasters.

The five common goals and their corresponding flagship initiatives are as follows:

	<b>Anticipate</b> Improving risk assessment, anticipation and disaster risk management planning			<u><a href="#">Flagship initiative</a></u> Europe-wide disaster scenarios
	<b>Prepare</b> Increasing risk awareness and preparedness of the population			<u><a href="#">Flagship initiative</a></u> preparEU: A pan-European awareness programme for disaster resilience
	<b>Alert</b> Enhancing early warning			<u><a href="#">Flagship initiative</a></u> Linking early global warning with local action in Europe
	<b>Respond</b> Enhancing the Union Civil Protection Mechanism response capacity			<u><a href="#">Flagship initiative</a></u> Scaling-up rescEU strategic reserve
	<b>Secure</b> Ensuring a robust civil protection system			<u><a href="#">Flagship initiative</a></u> Stress-testing the emergency operation centres across Europe

The disaster resilience goals will help authorities across European countries to make **better-informed decisions** and **protect citizens, livelihoods, and the environment**. They will enable full use of the tools available under the UCPM: peer reviews, technical and financial assistance, science-based disaster scenarios and a Knowledge Network to provide access to a wealth of best practices and experts.