



Workshop
Disability and Disaster Preparedness – Toolkit Release
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The New Union Civil Protection Mechanism

Disability inclusive disaster management

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<http://ec.europa.eu/echo>

The EU Civil Protection Mechanism (EUCPM)

- **Prevention:** Support MS in preventing risks or reducing harm to people, the environment or property resulting from emergencies
- **Preparedness:** Training, exercises, exchange of experts, modules
- **Response:** Facilitates cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions in the event of major disasters inside and outside the EU
- **32 participating countries:** 28 MS + Iceland, Norway, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro (Serbia and Turkey will join soon)
- Legal basis:
 - **Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism – 1313/2013/EU**
 - **Commission Implementing Decision No 2014/762/EU laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 1313/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism**

People with disability as EU priority

Increasing public awareness and preparedness for disasters (EUCPM)

- LV presidency priority - increasing public awareness and preparedness for disasters, particularly for persons with disabilities
- Workshop in Riga, January 2015 – "Needs of persons with disability throughout disaster management cycle" (co-organised by the EC)
- Council Conclusions on Disability Inclusive Disaster Management (adopted in March 2015)

ECHO funding

- 9 projects related to persons with disabilities co-funded under the UCPM (2.1 mio €)
<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/node/2677>
- Exercises – requirement to include disability-inclusive disaster management

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

- Puts a stronger focus on most vulnerable groups including people with disability

Civil Protection Forum: 6-7 May 2015

- Conference with the central theme of "**Partnership and Innovation**"
- Disability inclusive disaster management was also addressed

Website: <http://ec.europa.eu/cpforum2015>

Thank you!