



HELCOM Response 2020

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Revision of the Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism

Proposed amendment to **Article 23: Eligible actions linked to equipment and operations**

6a. *[Without prejudice to paragraphs 2 and 3,]* Union **financial support for the transport of assistance** *[, as referred to in paragraph 1a,]* needed in environmental disasters in which the ‘polluter pays principle’ applies may cover a maximum of 100% of the total eligible costs.

The following **conditions** shall apply:

(a) the assistance is requested by the affected Member State based on a duly justified needs assessment;

(b) the affected Member State takes all **necessary steps to request and obtain compensation** from the polluter, in accordance with all the applicable international, Union or national legal provisions;

(c) upon receiving compensation from the polluter, the affected Member State shall immediately **reimburse the Union**.

Proposal - the scope

”**Affected Member State**” is to make a request and reimburse the Union.

This implies:

1. Geographical scope is limited to incidents in MS

No assistance in case of incidents in:

- the Neighbourhood and other countries sharing a sea basin with MS (EU interest)
- other 3rd countries (possible EU interest re Overseas Countries and Territories)

2. No support to the Member State offering assistance

Assisting MS may cover the cost due to bilateral agreements or a political decision

Assisting country can also claim the costs to the polluter (separately or jointly with the affected country)

Common Assessment Framework for Lessons Learned: response during major oil pollution incidents at sea, 2012

1. Incident information (general)
 2. The Contingency Plan
 3. Initial notification and first response
 4. Monitoring and surveillance
 5. Choice of response strategy
 6. Salvage operations
 7. Mechanical recovery
 8. Chemical dispersants
 9. Shoreline clean-up
 10. Waste Management
 11. Environmental Impacts
 12. Health and safety
 13. Management and coordination
 14. Communications and information
 15. Cost recovery and claims management
 16. General Conclusions and Recommendations
- Overall Conclusions and Recommendations**

Lesson(s) Identified:

1. ...

2. ...

Reference: [incident or exercise]

**Suggested follow-up
(adjustments, new elements, etc.)**

**Level and
authority**

Policy

Systems

Procedures

Trainings

Exercises

R&D

National

**(Inter-)
Regional**

EU

Priority identification process

- Identification of regional strategic priorities that may require external funding
- Can those actions/priorities benefit from inter-regional cooperation?
– is it an inter-regional/EU priority?
- Follow-up to LL
- New/emerging challenges
 - > regional agreement meetings - Inter-Secretariat meeting – CTG MPPR: to identify and develop priorities/actions and to find partners.

Priority needs for external funding

Priority area	Preventive measures Preparedness, detection and response Cooperation and coordination
Is it short term or long term?	Targeted year of the call
What is needed? / What is to be achieved? (Outcome)	<i>Example:</i> System(s) for detection and response (oil/hns) developed or improved
Regional or inter-regional priority?	Cooperation with other regional agreements is preferred / not necessary Sub-regional / regional / inter-regional / EU-wide
Lead Partner / Consortium	To be invited and identified during the year (RA meetings, CTG, other fora)
Which funding source is available and best suited?	Horizon Europe INTERREG Prevention and Preparedness (DG ECHO)
Any other known project proposals under preparation?	

EU funding opportunities

New programming period 2021-2027

Funding & Tenders Portal

- <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Find calls for funding by topic

- https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/funding-opportunities/find-calls-funding-topic_en

Environment, climate, disaster management

Prevention & Preparedness	HORIZON Europe	Interreg Europe	LIFE programme
Disaster prevention, preparedness and response	Research and Innovation	Regional Development, Economic and social cohesion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overcome cross-border obstacles and develop joint services - Interregional Innovative Investments 	Environment and Climate action
Prevention & preparedness Full scale exercises	Five areas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Adaptation to climate change including societal transformation</u> - <u>Healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters</u> 	Five main objectives (focus on 1 and 2): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Smarter Europe: innovation, digitalisation, economic transformation 2. Greener, carbon free Europe: implementing the Paris Agreement, investing in energy transition, renewables and the fight against climate change 3. A more Connected Europe 4. A more Social Europe: 5. A Europe closer to citizens <i>Projects in line with <u>operational programmes</u> in your region</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Traditional projects</u> - <u>Integrated projects</u> (strategies or Action Plans required by the EU environmental and climate legislation) - <u>Preparatory projects</u> (development and implementation of EU env policy and law) - <u>Technical assistance</u> (to prepare <u>integrated projects</u>)

Different budget and duration

Prevention & Preparedness	HORIZON Europe	Interreg Europe	LIFE programme
project duration up to 2 years	project duration not specified	3-5 years	project duration not specified (average 3–5 years)
project budget up to 1 M Call 2021 is expected to have a separate lot for marine pollution.	project budget not specified	1-2 M	project budget not specified
https://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding-evaluations/financing-civil-protection/calls-for-proposal_en	https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme_en	https://www.interregeurope.eu/	https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/life

Next call

- Expected publication of the next P&P call: December 2020
 - InfoDay in early January 2021
 - Prevention and preparedness for cross-border risks and for marine pollution at-sea and on shore
 - No distinction between internal and external budget line

Peer Review Programme

https://ec.europa.eu/echo/what-we-do/civil-protection/peer-review_en

Webinar on the Civil Protection Peer Review Programme 2020-2022 (11 September 2020): introduction to the programme and panel discussion:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3xTi8eO-wutr023R-GDc8NI0TQSeqsnx>

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