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Dear Colleague,

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: PILOT PROJECTS ON CIVIL PROTECTION CROSS BORDER CO-OPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NATURAL DISASTERS

In April I sent you advance notice of the Community Action Programme, a European Union funding opportunity for civil protection projects. I am now writing to make you aware of a further scheme which aims to support relevant and innovative projects devoted to combating natural disasters. It aims to foster collaboration on civil protection between European countries. This is the meaning of the term *cross border* in the title above – it does not mean that the funding proposal is limited to preparations for natural disasters which have cross-border implications. All organisations in EU Member States and Accession States are eligible to apply.

The Call for Proposals for pilot projects on civil protection cross border co-operation in the fight against natural disasters has now been published in the Official Journal of the European Communities. This is available on the European Union website at <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/index.htm>. Full supporting documents and a grant application pack are available from this site.

It is a condition of application that projects have the support of a central civil protection authority. Potential applicants are therefore advised to approach the Civil Contingencies Secretariat at Cabinet Office, which is the lead authority for UK civil protection matters in Europe, when their proposals have been sufficiently scoped. Where appropriate, proposals will be considered in conjunction with the relevant devolved administration.



While all relevant information about the scheme can be found on the EU website, we will attempt to satisfy any general queries that colleagues may have. These can be emailed to the International Team at the Civil Contingencies Secretariat at pnc-ccs@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk . You should also use this address if you wish to submit a project proposal for Cabinet Office approval.

I hope you will give full consideration to this new funding source. Civil protection in the United Kingdom is world class and it would be good to see an increase in the number of applications for EU awards being made from here.

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