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Dear Colleague,

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL PROTECTION

I am writing to make you aware of the new arrangements for EU support for civil protection projects. Under the new (Recast) Civil Protection Mechanism there will be annual calls for proposals for projects on Preparedness and Prevention in the field of civil protection. This replaces the Civil Protection Action Programme and the Cross Border Cooperation in the Fight Against Natural Disasters funding.

The call for proposals will be issued in May 2008 and will be published on the EU Civil Protection website:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/grants_en.htm.

In summary the funding will cover:

Preparedness

1. Actions aimed at improving the quality and operating conditions of the human and technical resources operating in the field of civil protection;
2. Warning and informing the public;
3. Dissemination, promotion and implementation of the results of completed projects – projects completed under previous funding programmes are listed on the web pages.

Prevention

Studying, designing, developing, testing and implementing:

1. New prevention approaches or evaluating/approving existing prevention approaches/actions;
2. Innovative approaches and tools to consistently link prevention measures to preparedness and response needs.

Further information can be found on the EU Directorate-General website:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/grants_en.htm



The Civil Contingencies Secretariat is the 'National Competent Authority' and can provide assistance and advice on the rules and criteria. If you have any questions please email: pnc-ccs@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk. This is an EU tender process and CCS is not involved in the selection of projects.

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