

UCPM PEER REVIEW OF DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL PROTECTION SYSTEMS



A Peer Review of disaster risk management provides a country or a region with an opportunity to reflect on its readiness to cope with natural and human induced hazard-related disasters and to identify ways of improving prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.

The European Commission's Directorate General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), under the framework of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM), supports the Member States, the Participating States, eligible Third Countries and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries to review their disaster risk management (DRM) policies and practices by taking stock of strengths and weaknesses and putting forward recommendations to increase effectiveness.

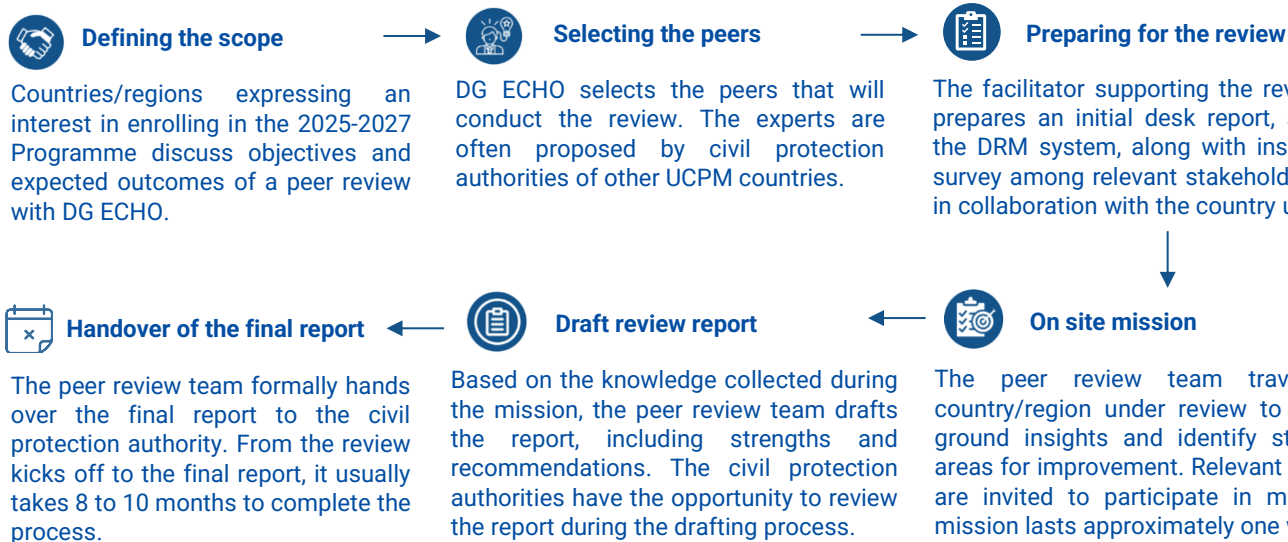
The UCPM Peer Review Programme promotes an integrated approach to disaster risk management by taking a comprehensive look at prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery actions.

Peer reviews also support a wider policy dialogue across Europe and beyond, improving policy coherence and facilitating the exchange of good practices on civil protection and DRM. Participating countries form a network of practitioners sharing experiences and lessons learned. To date, 18 countries and one region have benefited from a peer review, most recently Romania, Republic of Moldova, Greece, Italy and Land Brandenburg. Reports of all reviews can be found at: https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/peer-review-programme_en.



How is a peer review conducted?

- ▶ The Peer Review Programme operates on the basis of a strong, transparent partnership between DG ECHO and the civil protection authorities of the country/region under review. The peer review team includes a group of independent experts (the 'peers'), the national or regional contact point, representatives of DG ECHO, and a facilitator team.



What are the benefits of a peer review?

Based on an independent review, a peer review assists civil protection authorities in improving their DRM capabilities, and

- ▶ identifies better approaches to policy and operations,
- ▶ facilitates mutual learning and exchange of good practice,
- ▶ raises awareness among stakeholders in the reviewed country,
- ▶ proposes concrete recommendations.

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