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Union Civil Protection Mechanism and Union support for health emergency preparedness and response

Amendments adopted by the European Parliament on 12 November 2026 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and Union support for health emergency preparedness and response, and repealing Decision No 1313/2013/EU (Union Civil Protection Mechanism) (COM(2025)0548 – C10-0174/2025 – 2025/0223(COD))[1]

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Amendment 1
Proposal for a regulation
Citation 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Having regard the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction — UNDRR, its platform for Europe and central Asia, and the Making Cities Resilient 2030 initiative,

Amendment 2
Proposal for a regulation
Citation 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Having regard to Sauli Niinistö's Report "Safer Together: Strengthening

[1] The matter was referred back for interinstitutional negotiations to the committees responsible, pursuant to Rule 60(4), fourth subparagraph (A10-0271/2026).

Europe's Civilian and Military Preparedness and Readiness"[1a],

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[1a] Niinistö, Sauli: Safer Together: Strengthening Europe's Civilian and Military Preparedness and Readiness, 2024.

Amendment 3
Proposal for a regulation
Citation 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Having regard to the WHO One Health Initiative,

Amendment 4
Proposal for a regulation
Citation 6 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Having regard to the framework for action of the Cross-agency One Health Task Force,

Amendment 5
Proposal for a regulation
Citation 6 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Having regard to the UN Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction,

Amendment 6
Proposal for a regulation
Citation 6 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Having regard to the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change report on 'Strengthening resilience to climate change – Recommendations for an effective EU adaptation policy framework',

Amendment 7
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(1) In view of the significant increase in the numbers and severity of natural and human-induced hazards in recent years, the strengthening of cooperation in the field of civil protection at Union level is necessary to create a resilient Union with the capabilities required to anticipate and manage those risks and threats, independently of their nature of origin, to ensure that the citizens of the Union enjoy adequate protection. The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (the 'Union Mechanism') should fulfil this role by strengthening cooperation and coordination among Member States to enhance the overall ability to prevent, prepare for, ***and*** respond to disasters and crises.	(1) In view of the significant increase in the numbers and severity of natural and human-induced hazards in recent years, the strengthening of cooperation in the field of civil protection at Union level is necessary to create a resilient Union with the capabilities required to anticipate and manage those risks and threats, independently of their nature of origin, to ensure that the citizens of the Union enjoy adequate protection. The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (the 'Union Mechanism') should fulfil this role by strengthening cooperation and coordination among Member States to enhance the overall ability to ***anticipate,*** prevent, prepare for, respond to ***and enhance readiness to recover from*** disasters and crises. ***Due to the accelerating, interacting and cumulative nature of crises and health threats, prevention measures should be prioritised in order to reduce vulnerabilities, limit the number and severity of future crises and emergencies, and support readiness to recover. Preparedness***

measures, including capacity building, health preparedness and strengthening the resilience of Member States, should also be reinforced. The addition of new tasks and objectives should not negatively impact the tasks currently performed under the Union Mechanism.

Amendment 8
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(1a) The current adaptation and preparedness efforts in the Union and within the Member States are insufficient, largely incremental and belated to adequately address and respond to future climate and environment induced crises and emergencies. Healthcare systems in Member States are underprepared, understaffed and face underinvestment to prepare for the multiple, interacting and cumulative health impacts and threats caused by accelerating climate change and an ageing population. The Union and Member States should strengthen the preparedness efforts and increase the resilience of healthcare systems and of healthcare workforce well in advance to sufficiently prepare for growing risks, threats, emergencies and pressures, including climate related risks. The Commission should ensure the harmonisation of climate risk assessments

	across Member States, using common climate scenarios and methodological standards.

Amendment 9
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(1b)Union action under this Regulation should focus on coordination, interoperability and support. The Union should act as a leader in disasters, crisis and emergency situations and in long-term preparedness measures, including capacity building.

Amendment 10
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(3) ***While*** prevention and preparedness measures are essential to enhance the resilience of the Union in facing natural and human-induced disasters, the occurrence, timing and magnitude of disasters are by nature unpredictable. Financial resources required to ensure an adequate response can vary significantly from year to year and should be made available immediately. Reconciling the budgetary principle of predictability with the necessity to react rapidly to new needs therefore means having to adapt the financial implementation of the work programmes. Consequently, it is appropriate to authorise carry-over of unused appropriations, limited to the	(3) Prevention and preparedness measures are essential to enhance the resilience of the Union in facing natural and human-induced disasters***. At the same time***, the occurrence, timing and magnitude of disasters are by nature unpredictable. ***Therefore,*** financial resources required to ensure an adequate ***and effective*** response can vary significantly from year to year and should be made available immediately. Reconciling the budgetary principle of predictability with the necessity to react rapidly to new needs therefore means having to adapt the financial implementation of the work programmes. Consequently, it is appropriate to authorise carry-over of unused

following year and solely devoted to response actions, in addition to the carry-over of appropriations authorised under Article 12(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509.

appropriations, limited to the following year and solely devoted to response actions, in addition to the carry-over of appropriations authorised under Article 12(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 ***of the European Parliament and of the Council[1a] (the 'Financial Regulation')***. ***In order to allow for effective access to and mobilisation of Union support, particular attention should be paid to ensuring clarity, coherence and predictability of funding***

[1a] Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj).

Amendment 11
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(3a)In line with the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509, the implementation of the Programme should fully respect the values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and the rights recognised in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(3b)Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1a] applies to the Programme. It establishes a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget in the event of a breach of the principles of the rule of law in Member States.
	[1a] Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget (OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2020/2092/oj).

Amendment 13
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(4) In a rapidly changing economic, social and geopolitical environment, recent experience has shown the need for ***a*** more flexible multiannual financial framework and Union spending programmes. To that effect, the funding should duly consider the evolving policy needs and Union's priorities as identified in relevant documents published by the Commission, in Council conclusions and European Parliament resolutions, while	(4) In a rapidly changing economic, social and geopolitical environment, recent experience has shown the need for ***an enhanced, more effective and*** more flexible multiannual financial framework and Union spending programmes. To that effect, the funding should duly consider the ***significantly increasing number and severity of natural and human-induced hazards, the increasing needs,*** evolving

ensuring sufficient predictability for the budget implementation.	policy needs and Union's priorities as identified in relevant documents published by the Commission, in Council conclusions and European Parliament resolutions, while ensuring sufficient predictability for the budget implementation.

Amendment 14
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(6) The protection to be ensured under the Union Mechanism should cover people, the environment and property, including housing, critical infrastructure, such as energy and transport or space infrastructure, and cultural heritage, against all kinds of natural and human-induced disasters. Reference to natural and human-induced disasters should be understood as referring to the consequences of all natural and human-induced hazards. This should include acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental disasters, climate change, marine and inland water pollution, water supply disruptions and water resilience, hydrogeological instability, health emergencies, and other undefined hybrid disasters or emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union. Those disasters require cross-sectoral coordination in situations where other Union crisis management mechanisms are also applied.	(6) The protection to be ensured under the Union Mechanism should cover people, the environment and ***biodiversity,*** property, including ***but not limited to*** housing, critical infrastructure, such as energy and transport or ***communications and*** space infrastructure, ***food systems*** and cultural heritage, against all kinds of natural and human-induced disasters. Reference to natural and human-induced disasters should be understood as referring to the consequences of all natural and human-induced hazards ***while taking into account the multiple and cumulative systemic impact of such hazards.*** This should include acts of terrorism ***and sabotage***, technological, ***Chemical, Biological,*** Radiological***, and Nuclear threats (CBRN)*** or environmental disasters, climate change, ***biodiversity loss,*** marine and inland water pollution, ***soil contamination and erosion*** water supply disruptions and water resilience, hydrogeological instability, ***disruptions of critical***

	infrastructure, essential services and supply chains, health emergencies***, cross-border threats to health***, and other undefined hybrid disasters or emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union***. Those risks should be addressed through an integrated approach, including the 'Health in All Policies' approach, thereby ensuring that the health implications of policies across sectors are systematically taken into account, and also through the One Health approach***. Those disasters require cross-sectoral coordination in situations where other Union crisis management mechanisms are also applied***, including transport, infrastructure and operations***.

Amendment 15
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(6a) To strengthen crisis prevention, preparedness and response, the Union should integrate the One Health approach across its policies, recognising the interdependence of human, animal and ecosystem health in addressing threats such as antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic and vector-borne diseases, chemical and food-safety risks, and health threats linked to climate change and environmental degradation.

Amendment 16
Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(7) The Union Mechanism should promote solidarity between the Member States through practical cooperation and coordination, without prejudice to the Member States' primary responsibility to protect people, the environment and property, ***including*** cultural heritage, on their territory against all disasters and to provide their disaster-management systems with sufficient capabilities to enable them to prevent, ***and*** cope adequately and in a consistent manner with, disasters of a nature and magnitude that can reasonably be expected and prepared for.	(7) The Union Mechanism should promote solidarity between the Member States through practical cooperation and coordination, without prejudice to the Member States' primary responsibility to protect people, the environment***, biodiversity*** and property, ***and*** cultural heritage, on their territory against all disasters and to provide their disaster-management systems with sufficient capabilities to enable them to ***anticipate,*** prevent, cope adequately and in a consistent manner with, ***and be ready to recover from*** disasters of a nature and magnitude that can reasonably be expected and prepared for***, while strengthening their resilience to such disasters***.

Amendment 17
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(7a) The Union Civil Protection Mechanism is an example of European solidarity in emergency situations and during times of disasters and crises, demonstrating EU added value. Union resilience requires the engagement of both Member States and Union citizens, highlighting the need for joint action and responsibility towards the Union's resilience.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(8a) The United Nations has repeatedly called upon the international community to recognise the full scale and urgency of the climate emergency, and successive assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) unequivocally establish that climate change is fundamentally altering the frequency, intensity and geographical distribution of natural hazards and acting as a risk multiplier that renders historical risk data increasingly unreliable as a basis for future planning. Given that evolving climate-change related threats form part of the disaster risks that the Union Civil Protection Mechanism is designed to address, the Union Mechanism should take account of these changing and more unpredictable risk patterns in its coordinated preparedness activities.

Amendment 19
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(9) In order to foster an integrated and comprehensive approach to disaster risk management, the Union action should cover all priorities for action under the Sendai framework. While structural resilience and preparedness	(9) In order to foster an integrated and comprehensive approach to disaster risk management, the Union action should cover all priorities for action under the Sendai framework***, including recovery and reconstruction according***

measures are addressed horizontally and in relevant Union programmes, the Mechanism should address them in its different phases of the disaster management cycle, namely prevention, preparedness and response, through coordinated planning and action that anticipate and mitigate risks, enhance preparedness and enable effective response ***while*** recovery and reconstruction should remain addressed in other Union instruments. The Union should promote the importance of disaster prevention and the integration of preventive measures into governance and sectoral policies, with a view to reducing risks, strengthening the resilience of population, infrastructure and essential services and minimising the impact of disasters, as well as aim to further develop the Union disaster resilience goals established by Regulation (EU) 2021/836 of the European Parliament and of the Council[8] . A stronger collective operational response at Union level, together with support for the individual capabilities of Member States through capacity-building measures, is essential to ensure the skills, resources and knowledge needed to manage risks, reduce vulnerabilities and enhance resilience to future risks and threats.

to the principle of "build back better". While structural resilience and preparedness measures are addressed horizontally and in relevant Union programmes, the ***Union*** Mechanism should address them in its different phases of the disaster management cycle, namely prevention, preparedness and response, ***and recovery readiness,*** through coordinated planning and action that anticipate and mitigate risks, enhance preparedness and enable effective response ***However, funding for*** recovery and reconstruction should remain addressed in other Union instruments. The Union should promote the importance of disaster prevention and the integration of preventive measures into governance and sectoral policies, with a view to reducing risks, strengthening the resilience of population, infrastructure and essential services and minimising the impact of disasters, ***for instance, with support provided by teams of accredited psychologists with education and experience in emergencies and crises,*** as well as aim to further develop the Union disaster resilience goals established by Regulation (EU) 2021/836 of the European Parliament and of the Council[8]. A stronger collective operational response at Union level, together with support for the individual capabilities of Member States***, including at local and regional level,*** through capacity-building measures, is essential to ensure the skills, resources and knowledge needed to manage risks, reduce vulnerabilities and

	enhance resilience to future risks and threats. ***This requires a stronger shift from reactive disaster response to anticipatory risk management, in particular for climate-related risks.***
[8] Regulation (EU) 2021/836 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 185, 26.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/836/oj).	[8] Regulation (EU) 2021/836 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 185, 26.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/836/oj).

Amendment 20
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(10) To ensure a comprehensive and up-to-date overview and understanding of the risk landscape on the national and appropriate sub-national level, Member States should regularly conduct and publish assessments of risks**,** the information on which they should share with the Commission at least once every ***5*** years, or where a significant change in the risk landscape requires the updating of such assessments. Those risk assessments, or the summaries thereof, should be used by the Commission and to produce and develop Union level disaster scenarios, plans, risks and threats assessments and ***risks*** management measures reports as necessary for a comprehensive understanding of risks affecting the Union, and the capabilities to address them. Such assessments and plans should be consistent	(10) To ensure a comprehensive and up-to-date overview and understanding of the ***vulnerability and*** risk landscape on the national and appropriate sub-national level, Member States should regularly conduct and publish assessments of ***vulnerabilities and*** risks the information on which they should share with the Commission at least once every ***3.5*** years, or where a significant change in the risk landscape requires the updating of such assessments. Those ***vulnerability and*** risk assessments, or the summaries thereof, should be used by the Commission and to produce and develop Union level disaster scenarios, plans, risks and threats assessments and ***vulnerability and risk*** management measures reports as necessary for a comprehensive understanding of risks affecting the Union, and the

and coordinated with other relevant national and Union level processes.	capabilities to address them. Such assessments and plans should be consistent and coordinated with other relevant national and Union level processes.

Amendment 21
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(10a) Identifying and addressing vulnerabilities is a key element of disaster risk prevention and preparedness. To ensure a comprehensive and up-to-date overview and understanding of material, environmental, territorial, economic and social vulnerabilities, the Commission and Member States should identify and address these vulnerabilities as part of prevention and preparedness strategies. In this perspective, they should mobilise relevant national and Union level processes and public policies including the National and regional partnership plans.

Amendment 22
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(10b) A global dimension to preparedness should be considered in light of the complex and interconnected nature of risks such as pandemics, climate change, supply chain disruptions and

	hybrid threats, which often originate and spread beyond the Union's neighbourhood. Strengthening cooperation, including with partner countries, as well as the global health infrastructure and the World Health Organisation is essential to enhance the global ability to act.

Amendment 23
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(10c) Effective health risks prevention requires international cooperation, equitable access to health technologies and knowledge and governance frameworks capable of coordinating actions across borders. The future World Health Organisation (WHO) Pandemic Agreement offers an opportunity to build on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring people worldwide are better protected in response to future pandemics.

Amendment 24
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(11) While Member States are responsible for their health policies, they should prepare for and protect against serious cross-border threats to health in a spirit of European solidarity, cooperation and coordination.	(11) While Member States are responsible for their health policies, they should prepare for and protect against ***health emergencies and*** serious cross-border threats to health in a spirit of European solidarity,

With a view to strengthening the capability in the Union in this respect, this Regulation should provide support in particular actions under Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 on serious cross-border threats to health as well as under Council Regulation (EU) 2022/2372 on a framework of measures for ensuring the supply of crisis-relevant medical countermeasures in the event of a public health emergency at Union level. This Regulation should also ensure synergies with the crisis related mandates of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ***and*** the European Medicines Agency, as well as relevant national and international organisations.

cooperation and coordination***. This Regulation should strengthen Union security by supporting crisis preparedness and continuity of life-saving operations, ensuring resilient health systems and patients' continuity of treatment, including through critical health infrastructure, essential medical supplies, rapid deployment of qualified healthcare workers coordination across Member States and, where appropriate, stress tests for hospital crisis management plans***. With a view to strengthening the capability in the Union in this respect, this Regulation should provide support in particular actions under Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 of the European Parliament and of the Council***[1a]*** of 23 November 2022 on serious cross-border threats to health as well as under Council Regulation (EU) 2022/2372***[1b]*** on a framework of measures for ensuring the supply of crisis-relevant medical countermeasures in the event of a public health emergency at Union level ***or when the WHO declares a public health emergency of international concern. This Regulation provides funding for the operations of the prevention, preparedness and response to health emergencies and serious cross-border threats to health***. This Regulation should also ensure synergies with the crisis related mandates of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)***,*** the European Medicines Agency (EMA)***, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority established in***

Decision C(2021)6712, as well as relevant national and international organisations***, notably to ensure robust and consistent Union-wide health data collection, analysis and reporting***.

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[1a] Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing Decision No 1082/2013/EU (OJ L 314, 6.12.2022, p. 26, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2371/oj).

[1b] Council Regulation (EU) 2022/2372 of 24 October 2022 on a framework of measures for ensuring the supply of crisis-relevant medical countermeasures in the event of a public health emergency at Union level (OJ L 314, 6.12.2022, p. 64, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2372/oj).

Amendment 25
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(12) The Union medical countermeasures landscape still shows a dependence of the Union on third countries in ensuring the supply of raw materials, active pharmaceutical ingredients, medicinal products, medical devices and personal protective equipment needed in the Union during health crises, in particular pandemics. The Regulation should therefore provide support	(12) The Union medical countermeasures landscape still shows a dependence of the Union on third countries in ensuring the supply of raw materials, active pharmaceutical ingredients, ***critical*** medicinal products***, key raw pharmaceutical materials, active substances***, medical devices and personal protective equipment needed in the Union during health crises, in particular

to actions that foster the procurement, management, stockpiling and deployment of crisis relevant products within the Union to strengthen the strategic autonomy of the Union and ensure better ***a*** security of supply of medical countermeasures.	pandemics. ***Moreover, the current geopolitical context highlights that risks to the supply chains of medical countermeasures arise not only from sudden surges in demand during crisis, but also from emerging threats such as trade restrictions, the weaponisation of supply chains and conflicts that disrupt key trade routes.*** The Regulation should therefore provide support to actions***, including those outlined in the Medical Countermeasures Strategy,*** that foster the procurement, management, stockpiling and deployment of crisis relevant products within the Union***, including by strengthening the resilience, diversification and security of critical supply chains, in particular for essential and critical medical products,*** to strengthen the strategic autonomy ***and production capacities*** of the Union and ensure better security of supply of medical countermeasures***, including through partnerships with international organisations, global health entities and public-interest product development entities***. ***Long-term procurement commitments and structured stockpiling programmes are essential, while predictable procurement frameworks also contribute to reducing dependencies on external supply chains.***

Amendment 26
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(13) During a public health emergency at Union level, as referred to in Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2022/2371, the demand for crisis-relevant medical countermeasures could be greater than the supply. In such a situation, surge production and manufacturing of medical countermeasures are essential. Support should be provided to actions that reserve capacity of manufacturing for crisis-relevant medical countermeasures, including the needed raw materials and ancillary supplies and components.	(13) During a public health emergency at Union level, as referred to in Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2022/2371, the demand for crisis-relevant medical countermeasures could be greater than the supply. In such a situation, surge production and manufacturing of medical countermeasures are essential. Support should be provided to actions that reserve capacity of manufacturing for crisis-relevant medical countermeasures, including the needed raw materials and ancillary supplies and components. ***Such actions should also support the strategic stockpiling, storage, rotation, deployment and cross-border distribution of crisis-relevant medical countermeasures These proposed actions should be in line with current practices and proposed developments in the EU Stockpiling Strategy.***

Amendment 27
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(13a) The Union and Member States should coordinate as necessary with relevant stakeholders to provide clarity on the type and volume of medical countermeasures that are anticipated, based on the aforementioned risk assessments. Within these assessments, Member States should define proposed stock levels through risk scenarios

	and threat-based modelling.

Amendment 28
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(14) Unlike typical procurement activities, procurement activities related to preventing possible health crisis situations from escalating to actual crisis situations require ***a certain level of*** flexibility and reactivity. Hence, the Regulation should allow adding new contracting authorities without reaching the threshold required by Regulation ***(EU, Euratom) 2024/2509*** in order to avoid that a potential serious health crisis unfolds.	(14) Unlike typical procurement activities, procurement activities related to preventing possible health crisis situations from escalating to actual crisis situations require flexibility and reactivity. Hence, the Regulation should allow adding new contracting authorities without reaching the threshold required by ***the Financial*** Regulation in order to avoid that a potential serious health crisis unfolds.

Amendment 29
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(15) Capacity building programmes as well as uptake and sharing of research and innovation are essential aspects of cooperation in the field of civil protection. To strengthen the collective capacity to prevent, prepare for ***and*** respond to disasters, to support knowledge sharing within the civil protection community and application of research in all phases of disaster risk management***,*** and to enhance the collaboration and knowledge exchange between civil protection and disaster risk management actors, civil society organisations and research community, it is necessary to maintain and further	(15) Capacity building programmes as well as uptake and sharing of research and innovation are essential aspects of cooperation in the field of civil protection. To strengthen the collective capacity to prevent, prepare for***,*** respond to ***and readiness to recover from*** disasters, to support knowledge sharing within the civil protection community and application of research in all phases of disaster risk management ***and across all levels of government*** and to enhance the collaboration and knowledge exchange between civil protection and disaster risk

reinforce the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network (the 'Knowledge Network') established by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1956[9] . The Knowledge Network should build on the work of and collaborate with existing structures including civil protection practitioners, centres of excellence, universities, researchers and other experts, young professionals and experienced volunteers in emergency management as well as all actors intervening in disaster risk management. The Knowledge Network should also be strengthened in line with the Preparedness Union Strategy[10] by incorporating dedicated actions in the areas of population preparedness ***and*** public-private cooperation***. The Network should be able to facilitate knowledge exchange and cooperation with international organisations and, in accordance with Member States' institutional and legal framework, cooperation with regional and local authorities, ensuring that their role, needs and capabilities are duly considered***.	management actors, civil society organisations and research community, it is necessary to maintain and further reinforce the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network (the 'Knowledge Network') established by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1956[9]. The Knowledge Network should build on the work of and collaborate with existing structures including civil protection practitioners, centres of excellence, universities, researchers and other experts, young professionals and experienced volunteers in emergency management as well as all actors intervening in disaster risk management***, including civil society organisations, regional and local networks***. The Knowledge Network should also be strengthened in line with the Preparedness Union Strategy[10] by incorporating dedicated actions in the areas of population preparedness ***to enhance a culture of preparedness and resilience as well as by boosting*** public-private cooperation ***and encouraging social partners to support preparedness action***.
[9] Regulation (EU) 2021/836 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 185, 26.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/836/oj).	[9] Regulation (EU) 2021/836 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 185, 26.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/836/oj).
[10] JOIN/2025/130 final	[10] JOIN/2025/130 final

Amendment 30
Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(15a) Volunteers and those engaged in voluntary work form a central pillar of civil protection and make an indispensable contribution to the prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and management of crises and disasters, including in cross-border operations under the Union Mechanism. Their efforts strengthen operational capacity, social cohesion and solidarity within the Union. This Regulation should recognise and support this commitment through appropriate legal and administrative frameworks to remove existing barriers, facilitate their participation, safety, legal protection and effective deployment, promote and strengthen their involvement in civil protection, including through insurance coverage, recognition of qualifications, access to training and equipment. In this context, the role of volunteer emergency services and voluntary organisations as a cornerstone of civil protection across the Union should be explicitly recognised and strengthened, in particular through measures to support their training, equipment, social security and cross-border integration.

Amendment 31
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(15b) When dealing with major crises, civilian helpers can support the institutional emergency services and create synergies by complementing institutional measures both during the emergency response and during the recovery phase. Farmers, forestry workers, machine operators and others can provide vital support, particularly in the event of forest and vegetation fires, by helping to ensure a continuous supply of water for firefighting. These synergies should correspond to the needs of the situation. Therefore, national crisis and resilience plans should consider the role of civilian helpers and, after a crisis, evaluate their role and the lessons learned from the support provided by them. Where civilian helpers are officially integrated into organised emergency operations and coordinated by institutional emergency services, they should have easy and quick access to reimbursement of costs associated with the operation, such as fuel, the use of machinery or any necessary equipment repairs.

Amendment 32
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(16) With a view to strengthening capabilities in the Union to	(16) With a view to strengthening capabilities in the Union to

prevent, prepare for, respond to and manage health crises, this Regulation should provide support to actions taken in the framework of complementary mechanisms and structures established under the relevant Union crisis management instruments, considering in particular European supply chain. That support should include capacity building in health crisis response, including contingency planning and preparedness, including to climate impacts on health, preventive measures such as those related to vaccination and immunisation, strengthened surveillance programmes and improved coordination and cooperation.	prevent, prepare for, respond to and manage health crises, this Regulation should provide support to actions taken in the framework of complementary mechanisms and structures established under the relevant Union crisis management instruments, considering in particular European supply chain. That support should include capacity building in health crisis response, including contingency planning and preparedness, including to climate ***and environment*** impacts on health, preventive measures such as those related to vaccination and immunisation, strengthened surveillance programmes and improved coordination and cooperation.

Amendment 33
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(17) Provisions should be put in place to ensure a framework for a continuous ongoing evolution of the Union's Disaster Resilience Goals. Those goals ***shall*** be based on current and forward-looking scenarios, including the ***impacts of*** climate ***change on disaster risks, data on past events and cross-sectoral impact analysis***, with particular attention given to vulnerable groups and communities living in coastal areas, islands or other regions particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change such as sea level rise and floods.	(17) Provisions should be put in place to ensure a framework for a continuous ongoing evolution of the Union's Disaster Resilience Goals. Those goals ***should*** be based on current and forward-looking scenarios ***taking into account the evolving risk landscape in Europe***, including the ***long-term*** climate ***projections and prevention needs, the geopolitical context, associated hybrid threats, and the potential for armed aggression, and include indicators reflecting progress in prevention and risk reduction, in addition to response capacity***, with particular attention given to

	multiple and cumulative impacts and threats, vulnerable groups and communities living in coastal areas, islands***, rural isolated areas*** or other regions particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change such as ***wildfires,*** sea level rise and floods.

Amendment 34
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(18) In response to the increasing frequency and severity of natural and human-induced disasters, enhancing intergenerational societal resilience is essential and a collective responsibility. It requires harnessing the collective resources of youth and civil society organisations, media, education, training and cultural institutions, scientific institutions and academia, public authorities, social partners, the private sector, local networks and communities, and citizens in anticipating, preventing, managing, and recovering from disasters and crises. ***Effective population*** preparedness ***for all, including women and groups in vulnerable situations, children, older persons, refugees, people with a minority racial or ethnic background***, such as ***Roma, and persons with disabilities*** as well as ***tourists and those who are temporarily present in the territory of a Member State and may be exposed to cross-border risks, strengthens societal resilience by ensuring that all people, irrespective of***	(18) In response to the increasing frequency and severity of natural and human-induced disasters, enhancing intergenerational societal resilience is essential and a collective responsibility. It requires harnessing the collective resources of youth and civil society organisations, media, education, training and cultural ***and social*** institutions, scientific institutions and academia, public authorities, social partners, the private sector, local networks and communities, ***including indigenous communities*** and citizens in anticipating, preventing***, preparing***, managing, and recovering from disasters and crises. ***Community-based partnerships to design and implement*** preparedness ***strategies, based on local knowledge and trusted networks***, such as ***the Local Actions Groups for resilience, are key for locally grounded prevention measures*** as well as ***for the effectiveness of first responders***.

their ability, possess the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to protect themselves and support others against potential risks and threats.

Amendment 35
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(18a) Preparedness and disaster risk management should adopt an inclusive approach, integrating a gender responsive approach, mapping vulnerabilities, and using disaggregated data and relevant expertise in risk assessment and planning. Such policies should be grounded in respect for human dignity, promote effective support for affected populations, and contribute to strengthened resilience against natural and human-induced disasters with a whole of society approach that ensure effective population preparedness for all, including women and groups in vulnerable situations, children, older persons, refugees, people, with a minority racial or ethnic background, such as Roma, and persons with disabilities as well as tourists and those who are temporarily present in the territory of a Member State and may be exposed to cross-border risks, strengthens societal resilience by ensuring that all people, irrespective of their ability, possess the knowledge, skills,

	and resources necessary to protect themselves and support others against potential risks and threats. Civil protection and health emergency preparedness and response under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism should therefore be people-centred and ensure non-discriminatory access to information, assistance and protection, appropriate age-protection safeguards and coordination with relevant national services.

Amendment 36
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(18b) The Mechanism should support the development of local community resilience networks, including through population preparedness programmes, community-based training, training in first aid and self-protection, evidence-based information, and operational exchanges and the structured involvement of civil society organisations in national and Union-level prevention, preparedness and response planning. Training and simulations should explicitly include vulnerable populations, ensuring that preparedness measures are equitable and leave no one behind, with particular attention to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and communities in remote or rural areas. In

	this context, the establishment of an annual European Resilience Day, in line with the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction of the United Nations and the development of a European Resilience Label, could contribute to foster an EU culture of preparedness, raising public awareness, promoting good practices to prevent and respond to disasters, and stimulating innovation in preparedness at local, regional, and Union level.

Amendment 37
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(18c) Health literacy is an essential component of effective prevention, preparedness and response to health threats. Public awareness and understanding of risks, as well as the adoption of appropriate behaviours, contribute to limiting the spread and impact of such threats. The Union should support targeted actions to enhance health literacy, training and capacity building including through evidence-based information, education on infection prevention and control, hygiene practices and basic first aid as well as the integration of the One Health approach in preparedness, risk assessment and response activities.

Amendment 38
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(18d) Building trust in disaster communication is critical to ensuring that public warnings are understood and acted upon and requires transparency, timeliness, consistency and inclusiveness in crisis communication as well as institutional coordination across all levels of governance and investment in community-level intermediaries. The deliberate or inadvertent dissemination of false or misleading information undermines public safety and effective disaster communication. Therefore measures to prevent, detect and counteract the spread of misinformation and disinformation in the context of disasters should be set up, in accordance with relevant Union programmes and strategies, including the European Democracy Action Plan, the Digital Services Act and the strengthened Code of Practice on Disinformation.

Amendment 39
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(19) As outlined in the Preparedness Union Strategy, preparedness by design integrates preventive measures, risk assessment, adaptive planning, stakeholder engagement, as well as security	(19) As outlined in the Preparedness Union Strategy, preparedness by design integrates preventive measures, risk assessment, adaptive planning, stakeholder engagement, as well as security

considerations across Union legislation, policies and programmes, including in economic and social policies coordinated under the European Semester. This approach offers a proactive framework enabling all relevant stakeholders such as organisations, communities, and authorities to anticipate, prevent, manage, and recover from crises, regardless of their origin. By promoting collaboration between public and private sectors, and the scientific community, as well as by uptake of research and innovation results, preparedness by design strengthens the capacity to prevent and manage disruptions and ensures the protection of lives, assets, environment and the integrity of critical infrastructure.	considerations across Union legislation, policies and programmes, including in economic and social policies coordinated under the European Semester. This approach offers a proactive framework enabling all relevant stakeholders such as organisations, communities, and authorities to anticipate, prevent, manage, and recover from crises, regardless of their origin. By promoting collaboration between public and private sectors, ***civil society*** and the scientific community, as well as by uptake of research and innovation results, preparedness by design strengthens the capacity to prevent and manage disruptions and ensures the protection of lives, assets, environment***,*** and the integrity of critical infrastructure.

Amendment 40
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(20) Disaster risk prevention and preparedness considerations should be systematically integrated into the relevant policies, programmes, and governance processes. The Union Mechanism should therefore advance the principle of preparedness by design, as set out in the Strategy, including by contributing to the development and dissemination of risk knowledge and operational experience to support risk-aware planning and decisions that enhance preparedness across sectors.	(20) Disaster risk prevention and preparedness considerations should be systematically integrated into the relevant policies, programmes, and governance processes. The Union Mechanism should therefore advance the principle of preparedness by design, as set out in the Strategy, including by contributing to the development and dissemination of risk knowledge and operational experience to support risk-aware planning and decisions that enhance preparedness across sectors. ***This should include coherence with climate adaptation strategies and***

	relevant Union climate policies.

Amendment 41
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(20a) Disasters may affect different groups in society and different territories in different ways due to social, economic, cultural and geographical factors. Particular attention should be paid to border regions, islands, outermost regions and rural or remote areas, which may face specific vulnerabilities in cross-border crises, including limitations in transport connectivity, emergency medical access, energy resilience, communications interoperability and surge capacity. Prevention, preparedness and response measures under the Union Mechanism should take those geographical specificities into account, in particular with a view to improving cross-border coordination, operational readiness and timely assistance to affected populations. Investment in locally led resilience structures is a necessary complement to top-down risk management frameworks and helps ensure that preparedness measures are effective, durable, inclusive, and responsive to the specific needs of people and affected communities.

Amendment 42
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(20b) The mapping of vulnerabilities constitutes an essential component of risk assessment and risk management planning, enabling competent authorities to identify and address the factors that make certain populations, territories and systems disproportionately exposed to disaster risk. In accordance with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the integration of dynamic vulnerability data into national and subnational risk plans is necessary to ensure that prevention, preparedness and response measures are appropriately targeted and equitable in their protective effect.

Amendment 43
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(20c) A robust and crisis resilient communications infrastructure can only be ensured through a wide range of different communication channels, as a diversity of information sources helps to mitigate the risk of individual channel failures caused by crises or disaster. Public confidence in reputable and verified information channels is crucial to ensuring clear, coherent and credible

	communication in crisis situations. In this context, innovative solutions, as well as strengthened resilience of satellite-based communications, should support effective risk assessment, preparedness and crisis communication.

Amendment 44
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 20 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(20d) Disaster risk prevention requires coherent coordination across all levels of public authority, in particular with regional and local authorities and meaningful engagement with local communities in recognition of their crucial role in anchoring resilience strategies in local knowledge, social trust networks and existing social cohesion and institutional arrangements.

Amendment 45
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(21) The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the ***multi-sectorial*** nature of health crises, underscoring the importance of incorporating health considerations into a crisis management framework that includes this Regulation. Combining civil protection and health emergency preparedness and response measures within	(21) The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the ***global scale and the multi-sectoral*** nature of health crises, underscoring the importance of incorporating health considerations ***and vulnerabilities*** into a crisis management framework that includes this Regulation. Combining civil protection and health emergency preparedness

civil protection ensures a comprehensive, coordinated approach to managing disasters, ultimately enhancing resilience and safeguarding the population against a wide range of potential risks and threats. Health emergencies, such as pandemics, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear threats, resistance to antimicrobial or health impacts of climate-related events related to the increase in Europe of vector-borne diseases, can have far-reaching impacts beyond the health sector, affecting social stability, environmental balance or the provision of essential services relying on critical infrastructure. The envisaged cross-cutting approach can prevent or mitigate the impact of health-related emergencies before they escalate into crises. A particular attention needs to be paid to populations living in institutions, such as persons with disabilities or older persons in need of long-term care, who are particularly exposed and affected to health emergencies, as evidenced by the COVID-19 crisis.

and response measures within civil protection ensures a comprehensive, coordinated approach to managing disasters, ultimately enhancing resilience and safeguarding the population against a wide range of potential risks and threats. Health emergencies, such as pandemics, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear threats, resistance to antimicrobial or health impacts of climate-related events related to the increase in Europe of vector-borne diseases, can have far-reaching impacts beyond the health sector, affecting social stability, environmental balance ***food systems*** or the provision of essential services relying on critical infrastructure. The envisaged cross-cutting approach can prevent or mitigate the impact of health-related emergencies before they escalate into crises. A particular attention needs to be paid to ***children and neonates, who are particularly vulnerable during health emergencies including by ensuring the continuity of care and access to essential healthcare services during disasters and crises, vulnerable*** populations living ***with chronic conditions or*** in institutions, such as persons with disabilities or older persons in need of long-term ***and uninterrupted*** care, who are particularly exposed and affected to health emergencies, as evidenced by the COVID-19 crisis***, as well as to cancer patients and people with rare, complex or non-communicable diseases***. ***This underlines the need for a preventive approach that integrates climate, environmental and public***

	health expertise in preparedness planning.

Amendment 46
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(21a) Disasters and crises increasingly demonstrate the interconnection between human health, animal health and the environment. The One Health approach is essential to strengthen prevention, preparedness and response to crises such as zoonotic disease outbreaks, environmental disasters and climate-related risks. The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that the resilience and deployment of healthcare workforce, intensive care capacity, and efficient cross-border patient transfer, constitute a strategic pillar of the Union's health security architecture. Actions under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism should therefore promote coordination across relevant sectors.

Amendment 47
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(22) While Member States are responsible for their health policies, they should protect public health in a spirit of European solidarity, cooperation and coordination. That cooperation should improve	(22) While Member States are responsible for their health policies, they should protect public health in a spirit of European solidarity, cooperation and coordination. That cooperation should improve

preparedness for, and prevention and control of serious cross-border threats to health. Preparedness is the key to improving resilience to future threats. Experience gained from the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that there is a need for further action at Union level to support cooperation and coordination among the Member States. That cooperation should improve preparedness for, and the prevention and control of, the spread of severe human infections and diseases across borders in order to combat other serious cross-border threats to health and to safeguard and improve the health and well-being of all people in the Union.	preparedness for, and prevention and control of serious cross-border threats to health. Preparedness is the key to improving resilience to future threats. ***While not all health emergencies can be anticipated, antimicrobial resistance constitutes a predictable and steadily increasing serious cross-border threat to health, requiring strengthened preparedness, prevention and response measures.*** Experience gained from the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that ***individual Member States acting alone were often unable to cope effectively with the health, economic and logistical demands, and that*** there is a need for further action at Union level to support cooperation and coordination among the Member States. That cooperation should improve preparedness for, and the prevention and control of, the spread of severe human infections and diseases***, and pollution*** across borders ***within the Union and with third countries,*** in order to combat other serious cross-border threats to health and to safeguard and improve the health and well-being of all people in the Union. ***The Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority, the Europeans Medicines Agency and the ECDC should be able to provide advice on the health emergency activities under this Regulation.***

Amendment 48
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(22a) Further action at Union level to support cooperation and coordination among the Member States requires that Union funding offer predictable and long-term support to Union-level projects and actions to strengthen health emergency preparedness and response. The purpose of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and Union support of health emergency preparedness and response instrument is to establish and reinforce these core health preparedness capacities, supporting the strengthening of intelligence, surveillance and detection and laboratory capacities, capacity reservation of medical countermeasures in case of an emergency through projects such as EU FAB, Union-level stockpiling of medical countermeasures, simulation exercises and stress tests. Acting as the main funding programme for operational health preparedness and response activities, those instruments will be complemented by actions to support innovation, research and development and supply chains of medical countermeasures under the European Competitiveness Fund and the Horizon Europe programme while ensuring coherence with Union health security objectives.

Amendment 49
Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(22b) Lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic have shown that differences in national rules regarding professional recognition, liability and insurance can delay the deployment of emergency personnel. To ensure rapid and safe cross-border assistance under the Mechanism, minimum safeguards for deployed personnel should be ensured.

Amendment 50
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(23) Amid rapidly increasing risks and uncertainty, the Union is dedicated to bolstering resilience across various areas to effectively anticipate, endure and recover from diverse challenges and crises. In that context, the political commitment to work towards the European Civil Defence Mechanism entails a firm political engagement to make available adequate and flexible arrangements to effectively and efficiently address cross-sectoral, complex and long-lasting crises. These specific arrangements should be applied to cross-sectoral crises and also but not exclusively to situations with regard to an integrated political crisis response or a Solidarity Clause activation has been made, or which the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a public health emergency of international concern, as well as	(23) Amid rapidly increasing risks and uncertainty, the Union is dedicated to bolstering resilience across various areas to effectively anticipate, endure and recover from diverse challenges and crises. In that context, the political commitment to work towards the European Civil Defence Mechanism entails a firm political engagement to make available adequate and flexible arrangements to effectively and efficiently address cross-sectoral, complex and long-lasting crises. These specific arrangements should be applied to cross-sectoral crises and also but not exclusively to situations with regard to an integrated political crisis response or a Solidarity Clause activation has been made, or which the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a public health emergency of international concern, as well as

to emergencies falling under the scope of other Union instruments that deal with sectoral emergencies, such as in internal market, consular, security**,** health and climate related emergencies, where the capabilities of the Union Mechanism can provide support in managing consequences of those crises.	to emergencies falling under the scope of other Union instruments that deal with sectoral emergencies, such as in internal market, consular, security ***or*** health***, environment, biodiversity*** and climate related emergencies, where the capabilities of the Union Mechanism can provide support in managing consequences of those crises.

Amendment 51
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(24) The Union should be prepared for large-scale, cross-sectoral incidents and crises, including the potential for armed aggression affecting one or more Member States. Typically, national civil authorities bear primary responsibility in most crisis situations. However, in an increasing number of cases, such as health emergencies, extreme weather events, and hybrid or cyber-attacks, civilian authorities require military support. In the event of armed aggression, military forces would need civilian assistance to ensure the continuous functioning of the state and society. Therefore, there is a need to improve interaction between civilian and military actors, without undermining their respective competences and in full cooperation with Member States. As follow-up to the Preparedness Union Strategy, the Commission and the High Representative should develop arrangements for civil-military preparedness. Those arrangements should clarify the	(24) The Union should be prepared for large-scale, cross-sectoral incidents and crises, including ***hybrid threats and*** the potential for armed aggression affecting one or more Member States. Typically, national civil authorities bear primary responsibility in most crisis situations. However, in an increasing number of cases, such as health emergencies, extreme weather events, and hybrid or cyber-attacks, civilian authorities require military support. In the event of armed aggression, military forces would need civilian assistance to ensure the continuous functioning of the state and society. Therefore, there is a need to improve interaction between civilian and military actors, without undermining their respective competences and in full cooperation with Member States. As follow-up to the Preparedness Union Strategy, the Commission and the High Representative should develop arrangements for civil-military preparedness. Those

roles, responsibilities, and priorities of Union institutions, bodies, agencies, and Member States in preparing for and responding to incidents and crises.	arrangements should clarify the roles, responsibilities, and priorities of Union institutions, bodies, agencies, and Member States in preparing for and responding to incidents and crises.

Amendment 52
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(25) The use of military means under civilian lead as a last resort may constitute an important contribution to disaster response. Where the use of military capacities in support of civil protection operations is considered to be appropriate, cooperation with the military should follow the modalities***,*** procedures and criteria established by the Council or its competent bodies ***for making*** available to the Union Mechanism military capacities relevant to civil protection and should ***be in line with the*** relevant international guidelines.	(25) The use of military means under civilian lead as a last resort may constitute an important contribution to disaster response. Where the use of military capacities in support of civil protection operations is considered to be appropriate, cooperation with the military should follow the modalities procedures and criteria established by the Council or its competent bodies ***to make*** available to the Union Mechanism military capacities relevant to civil protection***,*** and should ***respect*** relevant ***applicable*** international guidelines***, including the Guidelines on the Use of Foreign Military and Civil Defence Assets in Disaster Relief (Oslo Guidelines) and the Guidelines on the Use of Military and Civil Defence Assets to Support United Nations Humanitarian Activities in Complex Emergencies, the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid, and other Union tools such as the Updated European Union Guidelines on Promoting Compliance with International Humanitarian Law (2009), as***

	well as CSDP principles.

Amendment 53
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(25a) An important area for cooperation between civilian and military authorities is ensuring timely access to and availability of medical countermeasures to enhance preparedness and response to CBRN, hybrid threats and armed conflicts, including novel biological and chemical agents for which no effective treatments currently exist.

Amendment 54
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(27) The multifaceted nature of cross-sectoral crises demands a comprehensive and integrated approach to their management, necessitating close and efficient cooperation to effectively navigate the challenges they present. National civil protection authorities should remain the primary competent authorities supporting the Union Mechanism. At the same time, it is necessary to ***ensure coordination***, monitoring and ***support of*** cross-sectoral ***operation at the*** Union level***,*** in support of national efforts***.*** For this reason***,*** a Crisis ***Coordination Hub (the 'Hub***') should be established***.*** The Hub ***shall*** operate ***in synergy with*** the Emergency Response	(27) The multifaceted ***and cumulative*** nature of cross-sectoral crises demands a comprehensive and integrated approach to their management, necessitating close and efficient cooperation to effectively navigate the challenges they present. National civil protection authorities should remain the primary competent authorities supporting the Union Mechanism. At the same time, it is necessary to ***enhance Union-level capabilities for continuous anticipation***, monitoring and ***analysis of risks connected to*** cross-sectoral ***and all-hazard crises and to ensure support of response to crisis at*** Union level in support of national efforts***;*** for

Coordination Centre (ERCC) and ***complement its function, making use of the existing structures and expertise of the ERCC***. The ERCC will continue its mandate supporting the Union Mechanism, and to provide a central point for operational coordination with Member States authorities, including entities authorised by the Member States, Union institutions and bodies, as well as Commission services. To maximise these efforts, rules should be put in place allowing the scaling up of Union support to Member State action, to accurately reflect the demands and the urgency of the needs. In order to link external action with internal crisis response more effectively and avoid duplication of efforts, the Hub should cooperate with the European External Action Service (EEAS), and in particular its Crisis Response Centre, in respect to the role and competences of the High Representative.

this reason a Crisis ***Support Hub (the 'Hub***') should be established ***as part of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.*** The Hub ***should*** operate ***within*** the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) and ***use its analytical, scientific capabilities, situational awareness and 24/7 operational capacities complementing and without prejudice to the ERCC's civil protection functions***. The ERCC ***should provide the operational continuity, coordination infrastructure and communication systems necessary for the activities of the Hub and it*** will continue its mandate supporting the Union Mechanism, and to provide a central point for operational coordination with Member States ***civil protection*** authorities, including entities authorised by the Member States, Union institutions and bodies, as well as Commission services ***including relevant Union agencies such as EMA and ECDC***. To maximise these efforts, rules should be put in place allowing the scaling up of Union support to Member State action, to accurately reflect the demands and the urgency of the needs. In order to link external action with internal crisis response more effectively and avoid duplication of efforts, the Hub should cooperate with the European External Action Service (EEAS), and in particular its Crisis Response Centre, in respect to the role and competences of the High Representative.

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(27a) In order to ensure coordinated management of crises at Union level, the Hub should monitor crises and potential crises on an ongoing basis, enhance preparedness and upon activation of response, facilitate Union level operational coordination and provide support to crisis response. Following the activation of the Hub, the Commission should report back to the European Parliament and the Council. In addition, the Commission should also present an annual report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the activities of the Hub.

Amendment 56
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 27 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(27b) In carrying out the functions referred to in this Regulation, particular care should be taken to ensure the confidentiality of information provided by Member States, in compliance with applicable Union law, including the rules on confidentiality, on the protection of personal data and on the protection of sensitive and classified information, in particular Council Decision 2013/488/EU[1a] and Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444[1b].

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[1a] Council Decision 2013/488/EU of 23 September 2013 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 274, 15.10.2013, p. 1).

[1b] Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2015/444/oj).

Amendment 57
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(28) In order to ensure coherence with relevant existing structures, the ***Crisis Coordination*** Hub will also coordinate closely with the Commission's internal security architecture, including the future establishment of the Integrated Security Operations Centre (ISOC), as announced in the Commission Communication ProtectEU: a European Internal Security Strategy[11] . The activities of the Hub will, where relevant, align with the Commission's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), communication tools, and security procedures, thereby ensuring maximum interoperability, facilitating the sharing of information, and supporting security aspects in the protection of Commission assets.	(28) In order to ensure coherence with relevant existing structures, ***once it is activated,*** the Hub will also coordinate closely with the Commission's internal security architecture, including the future establishment of the Integrated Security Operations Centre (ISOC), as announced in the Commission Communication ProtectEU: a European Internal Security Strategy[11]***. Such coordination should not create parallel operational chains and should be without prejudice to the role of the ERCC under this Regulation and to the respective mandates of other Union crisis management structures***. The activities of the Hub will, where relevant, align with the Commission's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), communication tools, and security procedures, thereby ensuring maximum interoperability,

	facilitating the sharing of information, and supporting security aspects in the protection of Commission assets.
[11] COM(2025)148 final.	[11] COM(2025)148 final.

Amendment 58
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(28a) It is important to ensure coordination between existing health emergency preparedness and response structures such as the Health Security Committee, the HERA Board and the Health Crisis Board, and the Crisis Support Hub.

Amendment 59
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 28 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(28b) The Union Mechanism should promote the use of coordination structures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of crisis management by ensuring interoperability, including through secure communication systems, common operational procedures and effective data sharing, thereby supporting timely and well-informed decision-making.

Amendment 60
Proposal for a regulation

Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(29) Provisions of this Regulation which are addressed to Member States should be understood as being addressed also to associated countries. However, while this Regulation may complement the implementation of other Union risk management instruments in cases of cross-sectoral crises, countries associated to the Union Mechanism should not be involved unless they fall under the scope of the supported instrument.	(29) Provisions of this Regulation which are addressed to Member States should be understood as being addressed also to associated ***third*** countries. However, while this Regulation may complement the implementation of other Union risk management instruments in cases of cross-sectoral crises, countries associated to the Union Mechanism should not be involved unless they fall under the scope of the supported instrument.

Amendment 61
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(32) Temporary allocation of any response capacities under the Union Mechanism should be possible for situations of increased risk of disasters in a Member State or third country. It should involve the temporary deployment of resources ***and response teams*** in anticipation of natural or human-induced hazards.	(32) Temporary allocation of any response capacities under the Union Mechanism ***in accordance with this Regulation*** should be possible for situations of increased risk of disasters in a Member State or third country. It should involve the temporary deployment of ***material and human*** resources in anticipation of natural or human-induced hazards.

Amendment 62
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(33) In order to ensure operational readiness, in particular in wildfire risk areas during the summer season and	(33) In order to ensure operational readiness, in particular in wildfire risk areas during the summer season and

other areas experiencing recurring seasonal risks, the Union Mechanism should enable the pre-positioning of response capacities in Member States to address those risks. This proactive measure should enhance the Union's readiness to combat recurring disasters, mitigating their devastating impact on lives, homes**,** and the environment. At the same time, this action should facilitate the sharing of technical and operational knowledge across various scenarios and fire contexts, reinforce interoperability, and improve the concept of host nation support for response capacities. Where those capacities and intervention teams would be required to respond to a disaster during their pre-positioning, rules on response should apply, particularly as regards the cost of their operation.	other areas experiencing recurring seasonal risks, the Union Mechanism should enable the pre-positioning of response capacities in Member States to address those risks. This proactive measure should enhance the Union's readiness to combat recurring disasters, mitigating their devastating impact on lives ***and livelihoods***, homes and ***property,*** the environment ***and biodiversity and cultural heritage***. At the same time, this action should facilitate the sharing of technical and operational knowledge across various scenarios and fire contexts, reinforce interoperability, and improve the concept of host nation support for response capacities. Where those capacities and intervention teams would be required to respond to a disaster during their pre-positioning, rules on response should apply, particularly as regards the cost of their operation.

Amendment 63
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 34

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(34) With rising temperatures and prolonged periods of drought, the risk of wildfires in the Union is increasing and such fires are becoming more frequent and more intense; at the same time the limited availability of specialised response capacities, including amphibious aerial forest-fire-fighting means, remains a major concern and constitutes the Union’s principal operational challenge where multiple wildfires occur	(34) With rising temperatures and prolonged periods of drought, the risk of wildfires in the Union is increasing and such fires are becoming more frequent and more intense; at the same time the limited availability of specialised response capacities, including amphibious aerial forest-fire-fighting means, remains a major concern and constitutes the Union’s principal operational challenge where multiple wildfires occur

simultaneously. To ensure a smooth transition to the full implementation of rescEU, the Union-level reserve of capacities established by Decision (EU) 2019/420 of the European Parliament and of the Council[12] , it is essential to prolong that transitional period as laid down in Decision (EU) 2023/2671 of the European Parliament and of the Council[13] until 2034, so that the Union can continue financing national aerial fire-fighting means and make them available for response operations under the Union Mechanism while the permanent rescEU aerial forest-fire-fighting fleet is being progressively established; those new aerial-fire-fighting means, financed under rescEU, are currently under development and are expected to become progressively available starting in 2028.

simultaneously. ***Having regard to the Commission's Communication of 25 March 2026 on integrated wildfire risk management and in order*** to ensure a smooth transition to the full implementation of rescEU, the Union-level reserve of capacities established by Decision (EU) 2019/420 of the European Parliament and of the Council[12] , it is essential to prolong that transitional period as laid down in Decision (EU) 2023/2671 of the European Parliament and of the Council[13] until 2034, so that the Union can continue financing national aerial fire-fighting means and make them available for response operations under the Union Mechanism while the permanent rescEU aerial forest-fire-fighting fleet is being progressively established; those new aerial-fire-fighting means, financed under rescEU, are currently under development and are expected to become progressively available starting in 2028.

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[12] Decision (EU) 2019/420 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2019 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 77I, 20.3.2019, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2019/420/oj).

[13] Decision (EU) 2023/2671 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 November 2023 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU to extend the rescEU transitional period (OJ L, 2023/2671, 28.11.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/2671/oj).

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[12] Decision (EU) 2019/420 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2019 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 77I, 20.3.2019, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2019/420/oj).

[13] Decision (EU) 2023/2671 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 November 2023 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU to extend the rescEU transitional period (OJ L, 2023/2671, 28.11.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/2671/oj).

Amendment 64
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(36) To enhance readability, and therefore legal certainty, the financing of adaptation costs for response capacities committed to the ***European Civil Protection Pool ('ECPP')*** should be simplified. Additionally, higher financing should be ensured for operational costs incurred during deployments of ECPP capacities registered in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/704[15] , in response operations under the Union Mechanism.	(36) ***The European Civil Protection Pool (ECPP) is a key tool for strengthening the capacity of Member States to respond efficiently and effectively to disasters and crises, thereby further strengthening the capacities of Member States.*** To enhance readability, and therefore legal certainty, the financing of adaptation costs for response capacities committed to the ***ECPP*** should be simplified. Additionally, higher financing should be ensured for operational costs incurred during deployments of ECPP capacities registered in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/704[15], in response operations under the Union Mechanism. ***Those response capacities might be drawn from competent services or other relevant entities designated for civil protection purposes, including, where appropriate, non-governmental and volunteer-based organisations***.
[15] Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/704 laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism and repealing Commission Implementing Decisions 2014/762/EU and (EU)	[15] Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/704 laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism and repealing Commission Implementing Decisions 2014/762/EU and (EU)

2019/1310 (OJ L, 2025/704, 15.4.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/704/oj).

2019/1310 (OJ L, 2025/704, 15.4.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/704/oj).

Amendment 65
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(37) rescEU has consistently proven its added value in Union coordinated response operations. To ensure coherence with the Strategy and subject to availability of financial resources, the Commission should further strengthen rescEU by financing the maintenance of existing capacities and, where appropriate, scaling them up and creating additional ones. Development of rescEU capacities should include all forms of acquisition such as procurement, contracting, renting or leasing, including for medical countermeasures. In this context, and in line with Union law and international commitments, the use of solutions developed or produced in the Union should be promoted in order to reinforce the Union's strategic autonomy and the resilience of critical supply chains. Under exceptional circumstances, such as when the required medical countermeasures are not defined under rescEU, for example for active pharmaceutical ingredients or investigational products, stocks could be developed outside the Union Mechanism. Experience gained during deployments in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Union's response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and	(37) ***rescEU was established to provide additional strategic assistance in situations where the existing resources at national level and those pre-committed by Member States to the European Civil Protection Pool are insufficient to ensure an effective response or where specific risks require complementary Union level capacities.*** RescEU has consistently proven its added value in Union coordinated response operations. To ensure coherence with the ***European Preparedness Union*** Strategy and subject to availability of financial resources, the Commission should further strengthen rescEU by financing the maintenance of existing capacities and, where appropriate, scaling them up and creating additional ones. Development of rescEU capacities should include all forms of acquisition such as procurement, contracting, renting or leasing, including for medical countermeasures. In this context, and in line with Union law and international commitments, the use of solutions developed or produced in the Union should be promoted in order to reinforce the Union's strategic autonomy

the recurrent wildfire seasons shows that the rules governing the management and rapid deployment of rescEU capacities need to be further streamlined to ensure rapid response.	and the resilience of critical supply chains. Under exceptional circumstances, such as when the required medical countermeasures are not defined under rescEU, for example for active pharmaceutical ingredients or investigational products, stocks could be developed outside the Union Mechanism. Experience gained during deployments in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Union's response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the recurrent wildfire seasons shows that the rules governing the management and rapid deployment of rescEU capacities need to be further streamlined to ensure rapid response.

Amendment 66
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 37 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(37a) The rescEU medical countermeasures stockpiles serve as an safety net at Union level, complementing national capacities, to respond to health emergencies including pandemics and other biological, radiological and nuclear threats, by making critical medical countermeasures available. The establishment of these stockpiles has shown that health crises require a dedicated and tailored approach. Medical countermeasures require evidence-based decisions on composition and quantities, have strict expiration dates and storage requirements, and

	are subject to stringent regulatory frameworks that distinguish them from other emergency capacities. The strategic stockpiling of medical countermeasures at Union level referred to in this Regulation is based on the Comprehensive Health Threat Assessment and the Compendium on Stockpiling developed with rescEU Member States that allows for the identification of which medical countermeasures should be stockpiled and how. Effective health emergency preparedness requires the stockpiling not only of finished medicinal products, but also of active pharmaceutical ingredients, unfinished products and investigational or otherwise non-authorised products. A dedicated framework for medical countermeasure stockpiling is necessary to ensure coherence with Union health emergency preparedness and response objectives in a way that complements national stockpiling efforts and ensures equitable access. The synergy and complementarity between rescEU and Medical Countermeasures Strategic Stockpile would constitute a key element in ensuring the effective functioning of the system.

Amendment 67
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

(38) rescEU capacities may be deployed outside the Union in case a natural or human-induced hazard reaches a significant scale and is of international concern. Such deployment should be considered where the Union has an interest to respond to the emergency or where a crisis has the potential to impact the Union, including where the crisis threatens Union citizens, requires urgent intervention, and was notified under other Union instruments or international response mechanisms.	(38) rescEU capacities may be deployed outside the Union in case a natural or human-induced hazard reaches a significant scale and is of international concern. Such deployment should be considered where the Union has an interest to respond to the emergency or where a crisis has the potential to impact the Union, including where the crisis threatens Union citizens, requires urgent intervention, and was notified under other Union instruments or international response mechanisms. ***When such capacities are deployed in response to humanitarian crisis in third countries, the Commission should ensure complementarity and coherence with the humanitarian principles and the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.***

Amendment 68
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(40) By facilitating the continued development and enhanced integration of cross-border detection, early warning, and alert systems of significance to the Union, the Union should assist Member States in reducing the lead time required to respond to disasters and in issuing timely alerts to Union citizens. Those systems should leverage both existing and emerging information sources and infrastructures, while actively promoting the adoption of innovative technologies. Recognising that Member States hold primary responsibility for	(40) By facilitating the continued development and enhanced integration of cross-border detection, early warning, ***public warning*** and alert systems of significance to the Union, the Union should assist Member States in reducing the lead time required to respond to disasters and in issuing timely alerts to Union citizens. Those systems should leverage both existing and emerging information sources and infrastructures, while actively promoting the adoption of innovative technologies. Recognising that Member States

alerting their populations to ensure the effective dissemination of warnings and preparedness in the event of disasters, it is essential to reinforce their capabilities.

hold primary responsibility for alerting their populations to ensure the effective dissemination of ***public*** warnings and preparedness in the event of disasters, it is essential to reinforce their capabilities.

Amendment 69
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(41) To enhance the preparedness for cross-sectoral, cross-border, and Union-wide disasters, the Union , through its Mechanism and existing Union tools, should provide support to Member States in developing and implementing public warning systems. The Union Mechanism should exploit, where necessary, services provided by the Union space systems, such as Galileo, EGNOS, Copernicus and the Earth observation governmental service, IRIS^2 and GOVSATCOM as well as space situational awareness services. The early warning component of the Copernicus Emergency Management Service consisting of the European Flood Awareness System, the European Forest Fire Information System and the European Drought Observatory should contribute to minimising the lead time to respond to disasters. These assets are significant Union-level tools to effectively prepare for and respond to disasters and crises both within and beyond the Union's borders.	(41) To enhance the preparedness for cross-sectoral, cross-border, and Union-wide disasters, the Union, through its Mechanism and existing Union tools, should provide support to Member States in developing and implementing public warning systems***, including recommendations on the implementation of public warning systems in its common baseline to support prevention and preparedness action developed by the Commission in cooperation with Member States***. The Union Mechanism should exploit, where necessary, services provided by the Union space systems, such as Galileo, EGNOS, Copernicus and the Earth observation governmental service, IRIS^2 and GOVSATCOM ***as part of the European Critical Communication System (EUCCS),*** as well as space situational awareness services. The early warning component of the Copernicus Emergency Management Service consisting of the European Flood Awareness System, the European Forest Fire Information System and the European Drought Observatory

	should contribute to minimising the lead time to respond to disasters. These assets are significant Union-level tools to effectively prepare for and respond to disasters and crises both within and beyond the Union's borders.

Amendment 70
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(41a) In accordance with the obligations outlined in the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC), Member States are since 21 June 2022 obliged to implement mobile-based public warning systems. To improve their public warning systems, Member States should take note of the recommendations set out in Sauli Niinistö's report, "Safer Together: Strengthening Europe's Civilian and Military Preparedness and Readiness". Under this Regulation, the Commission should be able to support Member States to ensure that their national risk management planning includes a dedicated communication strategy based on the principles of transparency, timeliness, consistency and inclusiveness.

Amendment 71
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 41 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

	(41b) To ensure a comprehensive approach to the disaster management cycle and in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Union and the Member States should strengthen recovery readiness through preparedness actions under this Regulation. Recovery readiness should aim to achieve a faster, inclusive and sustainable recovery and, where possible, to improve recovery by integrating resilience building measures and the principles of Build Back Better without prejudice to the funding of recovery and reconstruction which remains addressed by other Union instruments.

Amendment 72
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(43) In recent years, the Union Mechanism has been activated repeatedly to conduct medical evacuations from disaster-affected third countries whose health-care systems were overwhelmed, notably in response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and, following the nightclub ***fire*** in North Macedonia, ensuring the safe transfer and treatment of patients in Member States and other countries associated to the Union Mechanism that volunteered to provide such support. Therefore, in large-scale operations, the Union should support series of actions allowing	(43) In recent years, the Union Mechanism has been activated repeatedly to conduct medical evacuations from disaster-affected third countries whose health-care systems were overwhelmed, notably in response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and, following the nightclub ***fires*** in North Macedonia ***and Crans-Montana***, ensuring the safe transfer and treatment of patients in Member States and other countries associated to the Union Mechanism that volunteered to provide such support. Therefore, in large-scale operations, the Union should support series of

to coordinate the transfer of patients from the requesting country to the treating Member State; Such actions can include deployment of an assessment team, ***and*** short term transit in a local medical facility or specifically established medical evacuation related hub; therefore, common rules should specify which activities are considered part of a medical evacuation operation and the conditions and procedures for setting up and operating hubs dedicated to facilitating medical evacuation.	actions allowing to coordinate ***and, where required, support*** the transfer of patients from the requesting country to the treating Member State; such actions can include deployment of an assessment team, short term transit in a local medical facility or specifically established medical evacuation related hub ***and where appropriate, liaison with relevant actors on the ground***; therefore, common rules should specify which activities are considered part of a medical evacuation operation and the conditions and procedures for setting up and operating hubs dedicated to facilitating medical evacuation.

Amendment 73
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(44) Recognising the importance of fostering international cooperation in the field of civil protection, and without prejudice to rules governing the association of third countries to the Union Mechanism, it is essential for the Commission to engage in coordinated efforts with third countries having similar objectives in disaster risk management and civil protection. That should allow the Commission to align policy priorities and coordinate operations with national authorities of third countries designated as strategic partner countries.	(44) Recognising the importance of fostering international cooperation in the field of civil protection ***and on prevention, preparedness and response for health emergencies and serious cross-border threats to health***, and without prejudice to rules governing the association of third countries to the Union Mechanism, it is essential for the Commission to engage in coordinated efforts with third countries ***and international organisations, notably those*** having similar objectives in disaster risk management and civil protection ***and health preparedness***. That should allow the Commission to align policy priorities and coordinate operations with national

authorities of third countries designated as strategic partner countries.

Amendment 74
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(44a) For the purposes of this Regulation, partial association can include cooperation aimed at strengthening prevention, preparedness and resilience capacities, including through the exchange of expertise and best practices, participation in trainings, capacity-building activities, joint exercises and risk assessment.

Amendment 75
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 48 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(48a) It is essential that the provisions of this Regulation, as well as its governance arrangements, be conducive to proper decision-making by the budgetary authority and to appropriate parliamentary oversight. In particular, in line with Article 47(2) of the Financial Regulation, any specification of Union Civil Protection Mechanism and Union support for health emergency preparedness and response's internal architecture should be duly reflected in the budget nomenclature through the introduction of corresponding

budget lines.

Amendment 76
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 48 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(48b) The implications of this Regulation for the Union budget have been assessed pursuant to Article 310(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Sufficient financial and human resources should be provided for its implementation, while considering the impact of the financing on other Union programmes or policies and ensuring its compatibility with the multiannual financial framework, the system of own resources and the corresponding interinstitutional agreement, as well as with the budgetary principles laid down in the Financial Regulation .

Amendment 77
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 48 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(48c) Complementarity between the Union Mechanism and other Union instruments should not come at the expense of the traceability of expenditure or of the prerogatives of the budgetary authority. The contribution of the Union Mechanism to jointly-financed operations should remain explicitly identifiable at all stages of the

	budgetary cycle and should be duly reflected in the Programme Performance Statement.

Amendment 78
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(49) Where assistance under the Union Mechanism contributes to a Union humanitarian response, particularly in complex emergencies, actions receiving financial assistance under this Regulation should adhere to the humanitarian principles and the principles on the use of civil protection and military resources set out in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid. These actions should also take into consideration other humanitarian emergency response funded by the Union, ensuring alignment with established guidelines and objectives. The Union Mechanism should replace the Union Civil Protection Mechanism established by Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council[18] .	(49) Where assistance under the Union Mechanism contributes to a Union humanitarian response, particularly in complex emergencies, actions receiving financial assistance under this Regulation should adhere to the humanitarian principles ***as codified in International Humanitarian Law (IHL),*** and the principles on the use of civil protection and military resources set out in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid. These actions should also take into consideration other humanitarian emergency response funded by the Union, ensuring alignment with established guidelines and objectives ***as well as coordination with humanitarian actors***. The Union Mechanism should replace the Union Civil Protection Mechanism established by Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council[18].
[18] Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2013/1313/oj).	[18] Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2013/1313/oj).

Amendment 79
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 49 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(49a) In order to supplement non-essential elements of this Regulation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 TFEU should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the adoption of the multiannual and annual work programmes. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

Amendment 80
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. This Regulation provides for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (the 'Union	1. This Regulation provides for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (the 'Union

Mechanism') ***and*** lays down the Union support for ***health emergency*** preparedness and response***. It*** sets out objectives, budget for the period 2028-2034, the forms of Union funding and the rules for providing such funding.	Mechanism')***. It*** lays down the Union support for ***civil protection crisis coordination and for prevention,*** preparedness and response ***related to health emergencies and serious cross border threats to health. It also*** sets out objectives, budget for the period 2028-2034, forms of Union funding and rules for providing such funding.

Amendment 81
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) rules on the functioning of the Union Mechanism including specific measures on prevention, preparedness and response,	(a) rules on the functioning of the Union Mechanism including specific measures on prevention, preparedness and response ***in an all-hazards approach***,

Amendment 82
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(c) rules on the establishment of the Crisis ***Coordination*** Hub ('the Hub') as the ***overall*** structure facilitating situational awareness and operational ***cross-sectoral*** preparedness and coordination,	(c) rules on the establishment ***and functioning*** of the ***Union*** Crisis ***Support*** Hub ('the Hub') as the structure facilitating situational awareness, operational preparedness and coordination ***in crisis situations***,

Amendment 83
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) support measures ***for health emergency*** preparedness and	(d) support measures***, including financial measures,***

response.	***on prevention,*** preparedness and response ***for health emergency and cross-border threats to health***.

Amendment 84
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	2a. This Regulation is without prejudice to the application of other Union acts, in particular Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 and Regulation (EU) 2022/2372, and is without prejudice to the roles and responsibilities of the Health Security Committee as referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2371, of the HERA Board as referred in Article 6 of the Commission Decision C(2021)6712[1a], and the Health Crisis Board as referred to in Article 5 of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/2372.
	[1a] Commission Decision of 16 September 2021 establishing the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority 2021/C 393 I/02 (C/2021/6712) (OJ C 393 I, 29.9.2021, p. 3).

Amendment 85
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. This Regulation shall aim to ensure the protection of people, environment ***and*** property,	1. This Regulation shall aim to ensure the protection of people, environment***, biodiversity,***

cultural heritage, against all kinds of natural and human-induced disasters, including serious cross-border threats to health.	property, cultural ***and natural*** heritage, ***critical infrastructure and essential services*** against ***the consequences of*** all kinds of natural and human-induced ***hazards,*** disasters, ***risks and threats,*** including ***health emergencies and*** serious cross-border threats to health ***before, during, and after disasters occurring inside or outside the Union***.

Amendment 86
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. This Regulation shall enable cross-sectoral coordination ***in*** situations where other Union crisis response or risk management mechanisms are applied. The provisions of the Regulation shall be without prejudice to the High Representative's competences in the external dimension of crises, including missions and operations conducted under the Common Security and Defence Policy.	2. This Regulation shall enable cross-sectoral coordination ***among relevant Union and national and institutions, bodies and agencies, regarding the prevention of, preparedness for and response to crisis*** situations ***or*** where other Union crisis response or risk management mechanisms are applied. The provisions of the Regulation shall be without prejudice to the High Representative's competences in the external dimension of crises, including missions and operations conducted under the Common Security and Defence Policy.

Amendment 87
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. This Regulation shall not affect obligations under existing legal acts of the Union or under existing international agreements	3. This Regulation shall not affect obligations under existing legal acts of the Union or under existing international agreements

nor the Commission competences on security of the Commission personnel, assets and information. It shall be applied without prejudice to and in complementarity with other legal acts of the Union laying down specific rules on response or risk management relating to crises, including health emergency ***preparedness and response***.	nor the Commission competences on security of the Commission personnel, assets and information. It shall be applied without prejudice to and in complementarity with other legal acts of the Union laying down specific rules on ***prevention, preparedness*** response or risk management relating to crises***.***, including ***in the area of*** health emergency ***and serious cross-border threats to health***.

Amendment 88
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. Title II of this Regulation lays down the rules for:	4. Title II of this Regulation lays down the rules for ***actions in the field of civil protection***:

Amendment 89
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
5. Title III of this Regulation lays down rules for Union support ***for*** health emergency preparedness and response, in particular for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 and of the Regulation (EU) 2022/2372.	5. Title III of this Regulation lays down rules for Union support ***actions, including financial measures, for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to*** health emergency ***and cross border threats to health*** in particular for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 and of the Regulation (EU) 2022/2372.

Amendment 90
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
6. The establishment of stockpiles referred to in Title III shall be made in accordance with Article 21**,** except for medical countermeasures that are not defined as rescEU.	6. The establishment of stockpiles referred to in Title III shall be made in accordance with Article 21 except for medical countermeasures that are not defined as rescEU. ***The establishment and management of stockpiles referred to in Title III shall be made in close cooperation and coordination between authorities in charge of civil protection and those in charge of health preparedness.***

Amendment 91
Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
7. Where applying the prevention, preparedness and response measures under this Regulation, the special needs ***of*** isolated, outermost and other regions or islands of the Union in terms of prevention, preparedness and response.	7. Where applying the prevention, preparedness and response measures under this Regulation, the special needs, ***the vulnerabilities and the exposure to risk of border-regions, or regions in the proximity of conflict zones,*** isolated regions, outermost regions**,** and other regions or islands of the Union in terms of prevention, preparedness and response ***shall be taken into account***.

Amendment 92
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(1) ‘disaster’ means a situation, regardless of its origin, which has or may have a severe impact on people, public health, environment, critical	(1) ‘disaster’ means a situation, regardless of its origin, which has or may have a severe ***or multiple and cumulative*** impact on people, public health,

infrastructure or property, including cultural heritage;	environment, ***biodiversity,*** critical infrastructure***, essential services*** or property, including cultural heritage;

Amendment 93
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(2) ‘crisis’ means any ongoing or imminent disaster which has ***an*** impact or a potential ***to*** impact multiple sectors simultaneously without prejudice to the meaning of crisis in Article 2, point (22), of Regulation ***(EU, Euratom) 2024/2509*** applicable in procurement procedures;	(2) ‘crisis’ means any ongoing or imminent disaster which has ***a cross sectoral*** impact ***which affects***, or a ***cross sectoral*** potential impact ***which could affect,*** multiple sectors simultaneously ***or which constitutes a large-scale emergency*** without prejudice to the meaning of crisis in Article 2, point (22), of ***the Financial*** Regulation applicable in procurement procedures;

Amendment 94
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(2a)'multiple and cumulative risks' mean the combined, interacting, multiplying, escalating, and often non-linear impacts on human, environmental, and economic systems resulting from multiple stressors, hazards, or exposures acting together over time.

Amendment 95
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(2b)‘border region’ means any NUTS-3 (Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics) region located along internal or external Union borders.

Amendment 96
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(3) ‘sector’ means a specific area of interlinked societal, governmental and economic activity, in particular health, environment, transport, energy, security, and other areas of activity vulnerable to disasters.	(3) ‘sector’ means a specific area of interlinked societal, governmental and economic activity, in particular health, environment, ***food security,*** transport, energy, ***space and*** security, ***water services, communications*** and other areas of activity vulnerable to disasters.

Amendment 97
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(4) ‘assistance’ means experts, modules, other response capacities or technical assistance and support teams, together with ***their*** equipment and in-kind assistance, including relief materials or supplies, as well as offers by Union institutions, agencies and bodies and other capabilities needed to mitigate the immediate consequences of a disaster or a crisis;	(4) ‘assistance’ means experts***, including qualified healthcare professionals***, modules, other response capacities or technical assistance and support teams, together with ***any required*** equipment and in-kind assistance, including relief materials or supplies***, data and information***, as well as offers by Union institutions, agencies and bodies and other capabilities needed to mitigate the immediate consequences of a disaster or a crisis;

Amendment 98
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 5

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(5) ‘preparedness’ means a state of readiness and capability of human and material means, structures, systems, communities ***and*** organisations enabling them to ensure an effective rapid response, obtained as a result of action taken in advance;	(5) ‘preparedness’ means a state of readiness***, knowledge*** and capability***, including preventive measures and actions*** of human and material means, structures, systems, communities***,*** organisations ***and governments,*** enabling them to ensure an effective ***anticipation,*** rapid response ***and readiness to recover***, obtained as a result of action taken in advance;

Amendment 99
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(5a)'anticipation' means the ability to assess the presence and impacts of risks, the likelihood and frequency of disasters and crises occurrence as well as the ability to forecast the evolution of risks;

Amendment 100
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(6) ‘prevention’ means actions aimed at reducing risks or mitigating potential adverse consequences of a disaster for people, public health, the environment ***and*** property***, including*** cultural heritage;	(6) ‘prevention’ means ***proactive*** actions aimed at reducing risks or mitigating potential adverse consequences of a disaster ***or long term and cumulative impacts*** for people, public health, the environment***, essential services,*** property ***and*** cultural heritage***, including***

through measures that strengthen resilience and in line with the One Health approach;

Amendment 101
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(6a)'response' means any action taken upon request for assistance under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism in the event of an imminent disaster or crisis, or during or after a disaster or crisis, to address its immediate adverse consequences;

Amendment 102
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(6b)‘resilience’ means the ability of a structure, system, community or organisation to prevent, resist, mitigate, absorb, accommodate, adapt to, transform and recover from, the effects of a disaster;

Amendment 103
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 6 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(6c)'vulnerability' means the conditions or processes which increase the susceptibility of an individual, a community, assets or systems to the impacts of hazards;

Amendment 104
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 7

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(7) ‘Union disaster resilience goals’ means objectives established by the Commission in cooperation with Member States in the area of civil protection to support prevention and preparedness actions for the purpose of improving the capacity of the Union and its Member States to withstand the effects of a disaster which causes or is capable of causing transboundary effects;	(7) ‘Union disaster resilience goals’ means objectives established by the Commission in cooperation with Member States in the area of civil protection to support prevention and preparedness actions for the purpose of improving the capacity of the Union and its Member States to withstand the effects of a ***public health emergency or*** disaster which causes or is capable of causing transboundary effects;

Amendment 105
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 9

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(9) ‘early warning’ means the timely and effective provision of information that allows action to be taken to avoid or reduce risks and the adverse impacts of a disaster, and to facilitate preparedness for an effective response;	(9) ‘early warning’ means the timely and effective provision of information that allows action to be taken to avoid***, mitigate*** or reduce risks and the adverse impacts of a disaster, and to facilitate preparedness for an effective response;

Amendment 106
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(9a)'public warning' means an alert issued by a competent authority and directed to all citizens in a determined geographic area with a view to

	warning those citizens of a developing, imminent or ongoing hazard or a major emergency situation and advising them on measures to protect themselves and to mitigate the impact of such a disaster or emergency situation, taking into account accessibility requirements;

Amendment 107
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 14

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(14) ‘dual-use’ means assets and capacities ***to be deployed in civil*** and military context;	(14) ‘dual-use’ means ***that an item, including goods, software and technology, and*** assets and capacities***, can be used for both civilian*** and military context ***and are deployed for civilian purposes under this Regulation***;

Amendment 108
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 15

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(15) ‘risk assessment’ means the overall cross-sectoral process of risk identification, risk analysis, and risk evaluation undertaken at national or appropriate sub-national level;	(15) ‘risk assessment’ means the overall cross-sectoral process of risk identification, risk analysis, and risk evaluation undertaken at ***Union level and*** national or appropriate sub-national level***, including both long-term and foreseeable risks, and multidimensional vulnerabilities, that takes into account the costs of inaction***;

Amendment 109
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(16) ‘risk management capability’ means the ability of a Member State ***or*** its regions to reduce, adapt to or mitigate risks (impacts and likelihood of a disaster), identified in its risk assessments to levels that are acceptable in that Member State. Risk management capability is assessed in terms of the technical, financial and administrative capacity to carry out adequate risk assessments, risk management planning for prevention and preparedness, and risk prevention and preparedness measures;	(16) ‘risk management capability’ means the ability of a Member State ***and of*** its regions to***,*** reduce, adapt to or mitigate risks (impacts and likelihood of a disaster), identified in its risk assessments to levels that are acceptable in that Member State. Risk management capability is assessed in terms of technical, financial and administrative capacity to carry out adequate risk assessments, risk management planning for prevention and preparedness, and risk prevention and preparedness measures;

Amendment 110
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 19

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(19) ‘medical evacuation’ means a series of coordinated actions allowing for organised transport of individuals in need of medical care from disaster-affected areas to appropriate medical facilities, either in a Member State and in case of Union citizens also in third countries;	(19) ‘medical evacuation’ means a series of coordinated actions allowing for organised transport of individuals in need of medical care ***and, where relevant, their companions,*** from disaster-affected ***or potentially affected*** areas to appropriate medical facilities, either in a Member State and in case of Union citizens also in third countries;

Amendment 111
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 20

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(20) ‘medical evacuation hub’ means a transit facility established under the Union Mechanism that temporarily	(20) ‘medical evacuation hub’ means a transit facility established under the Union Mechanism that temporarily

receives evacuated patients and their accompanying persons, provides medical triage, patients' stabilisation and continuous (24/7) care, and if necessary organises their transport under the coordination of the ERCC, to healthcare facilities in a Member State; the medical evacuation hub comprises the physical site, its medical and logistical personnel, the equipment and support services necessary to ensure the safe hand-over of patients from the requesting State to the country offering medical treatment;	receives evacuated patients and their accompanying persons, provides medical triage, patients' stabilisation and continuous (24/7) care, and if necessary organises their transport under the coordination of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC), to healthcare facilities in a Member State ***or in a third country***; the medical evacuation hub comprises the physical site, its medical and logistical personnel, the equipment and support services necessary to ensure the safe hand-over of patients from the requesting State to the country offering medical treatment;

Amendment 112
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(21a) 'medical surge capacity' means the ability of health systems, in particular intensive care units, to rapidly expand beyond normal service levels to manage an increased volume of patients in health emergency, including through the mobilisation of additional physical, human and logistical resources;

Amendment 113
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 24

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(24) 'medical countermeasures' means ***medical countermeasures within the***	(24) 'medical countermeasures' means ***medicinal products for human use as defined in***

meaning of Article 3, point (10), of Regulation (EU) 2022/2371;	Regulation (EU) 2022/2371***, medical devices as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1a] and other goods or services that are necessary for the purpose of preparedness for and response to serious cross-border threats to health***;
	_____
	[1a] Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017 on medical devices, amending Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 and repealing Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC (OJ L 117, 5.5.2017, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/745/oj).

Amendment 114
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(25a) 'culture of preparedness' means the taking of actions within a lifelong learning approach, encompassing education in school from an early age and life-long training and skills development in all places of society, to promote a whole of society approach to civil protection preparedness and risk literacy and health literacy, enabling individuals, communities, organisations and public authorities to develop a clear understanding of disaster risks, to recognise

and act upon public warnings, and to adopt appropriate measures to prevent, reduce, adapt to and mitigate the impacts of such risk, while ensuring civic and social cohesion;

Amendment 115
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 25 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(25b) 'pandemic preparedness' means a state of readiness and capability, including preventive actions taken, of human and material means, structures, systems, communities and organisations enabling them to ensure an effective and rapid response to epidemic and pandemic threats, including supporting research and development of medical countermeasures, enabling the rapid development and deployment of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics during emerging health emergencies;

Amendment 116
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 25 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(25c) 'final recipient' means a contractor, subcontractor, remunerated external expert or a person or entity receiving grants, prizes or funds under this Regulation and includes government ministries, agencies or other bodies that

	oversee, regulate or administer funds when where such ministries, agencies or bodies are themselves involved in the execution and direct application of the work or service and bear the associated costs;

Amendment 117
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 25 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(25d) ‘unique identifier’ means a distinct reference assigned to each action or contribution supported under this Regulation, enabling the consistent tracking of Union support across systems and sources of financing, facilitating interoperability and cross-checks to prevent double funding, and supporting audit and investigation activities, while respecting confidentiality, security and data-protection requirements.

Amendment 118
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 25 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(25e) 'public health emergency' means a public health emergency as defined in Article 23 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2371;

Amendment 119
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 25 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(25f) 'recovery readiness' means pre-disaster planning, post disaster lesson learning, and actions to enable faster, and more inclusive and sustainable, recovery following a disaster.

Amendment 120
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The general objective of this Regulation shall be to strengthen cooperation between the Union and the Member States ***to*** prevent, prepare for ***and*** respond ***to*** all kinds of natural and ***human-induced*** disasters with a view to consequence management, and serious cross-border threats to health, ***that*** may occur inside or outside the Union, as well as situations where they impact several sectors simultaneously.	1. The general objective of this Regulation shall be to strengthen ***Union resilience and*** cooperation between the Union and the Member States***, local and regional authorities, especially in cross-border situations, and all relevant actors, to anticipate,*** prevent, prepare for***,*** respond ***and enhance recovery readiness for*** all kinds of natural and ***human induced*** disasters ***and crisis ,*** with a view to consequence management***, and health emergencies***, and serious cross-border threats to health, ***which*** may occur inside or outside the Union, as well as situations where they impact several sectors simultaneously***, including complex crises with multiple, long lasting and cascading effects requiring coordinated actions***.

Amendment 121
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

(a) strengthen the understanding and anticipation of disaster risks and threats, including those linked to climate change and public health, and work proactively to prevent or mitigate their potential impacts***;*** foster prevention ***and*** preparedness***;*** and enhance collaboration between civil protection, health and other relevant authorities;	(a) strengthen the understanding and anticipation of disaster risks and threats, including those linked to climate change***,*** and public health***, including those related to serious cross-border threats to health, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss***, and work proactively to prevent or mitigate their potential impacts foster prevention***,*** preparedness***, resilience,*** and enhance collaboration between civil protection, health and other relevant authorities***, including regional and local authorities and actors, community-based organisations, academics, volunteers and frontline workers***;

Amendment 122
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) facilitate, notably through the Knowledge Network, capacity building at Union and Member State level, in particular by fostering and increasing the uptake and use of research and innovation results in disaster and crisis***,*** by providing and conducting capacity building programmes such as training and exercises, peer reviews, deployment of experts and EUCP Teams that provide advice on prevention and preparedness measures, as well as other expertise, as well as technical and financial assistance to support strategies, plans and investments, foster prevention, preparedness and resilience;	(b) facilitate, notably through the ***Union Civil Protection*** Knowledge Network ***(the 'Knowledge Network')***, ***a permanent and continuous coordination with experts in order to reinforce*** capacity building at Union and Member State***, as well as at regional and local*** level, in particular by fostering and increasing the uptake and use of research and innovation results in disaster and crisis ***as well as lessons learned from the operational deployment of new technologies*** by providing and conducting capacity building programmes such as training***, operational exchanges*** and exercises, peer reviews,

	deployment of experts and EUCP Teams that provide advice on prevention and preparedness measures, as well as other expertise, as well as technical and financial assistance to support strategies, plans and investments, foster prevention, preparedness and resilience;

Amendment 123
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(c) enhance preparedness at Member State and Union level, including all levels of society, to respond to disasters, in particular (i) with the support of the ERCC and the Hub, and their communication and information structures for coordination and situational awareness among authorities of the Member States and existing EU crisis management structures, (ii) by supporting the development and maintenance of effective early warning systems to detect and communicate imminent ***threats*** of disasters, allowing for timely action to be taken ***to*** prevent or mitigate impacts, (iii) by ***developing and maintaining*** response capacities, strengthening their interoperability and considering their potential dual use in case of crisis, (iv) by promoting the integration of disaster risk prevention and preparedness considerations into policies and financial frameworks at national and Union level, with the aim of strengthening long-term resilience, (v) by ***facilitating*** preparedness and resilience among all actors and	(c) enhance preparedness at ***local, regional,*** Member State and Union level, including all levels of society, to respond to disasters, in particular***:*** (i) with the support of the ERCC and the Hub, and their communication and information structures for coordination and situational awareness among authorities of the Member States and existing EU crisis management structures, (ii) by supporting the development and maintenance of effective early warning systems***, including through the use of innovative technologies and the Union's space capabilities,*** to detect and communicate ***long-term and*** imminent ***risks*** of disasters ***and emergencies***, allowing for timely action to be taken ***at an appropriate level to anticipate,*** prevent or mitigate impacts, ***including through public information and alert, the development of accessible and multilingual public alert protocols capable of reaching all population groups, including vulnerable groups and persons with disabilities,*** (iii) by ***supporting the***

stakeholders, including all levels of government, civil and military authorities, civil society, the private sector, and the provision of vital societal functions with a view to strengthening overall population ***preparedness and societal resilience***;	***development and maintenance of*** response capacities, ***and*** strengthening their interoperability and considering their potential dual use ***to manage the effects*** in case of crisis ***and building European sovereign capabilities***, (iv) by promoting the integration of disaster risk prevention and preparedness considerations into ***relevant*** policies and financial frameworks at national and Union level, with the aim of strengthening ***local, regional, national and Union-level*** long-term resilience, ***preparedness and societal resilience,*** (v) by ***identifying and addressing any kind of vulnerabilities that could potentially increase the impacts of disasters and crises and weaken resilience and collective capacity to tackle them, (vi) by fostering a culture of*** preparedness and resilience among all actors and stakeholders, including all levels of government, civil and military authorities, civil society, the private sector, and the provision of vital societal functions with a view to strengthening overall population ***awareness***;

Amendment 124
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ca) recognising and protecting the essential role of volunteers, including volunteer firefighters, as a first line of response in addressing natural and man-made disasters, threats and risks, by establishing a

	dedicated legal status for such volunteers, which provides for, where necessary:
	(i) clear insurance coverage;
	(ii) recognition of qualifications;
	(iii) appropriate exemptions on working time constraints to ensure their effective availability during emergencies;
	(iv) access to training, equipment and appropriate operational support;

Amendment 125
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(e) to support Member States' and Union preparedness and response to ***cross-sectoral*** crises, in particular by upscaling assistance to address their intensity and impact, as well as by supporting response to crises initiated under other Union crisis response or risk management instruments where required, including through the Hub***,*** and by supporting the cooperation and coordination between relevant civil and military actors, in particular by supporting the establishment of comprehensive ***civil-military*** preparedness arrangements***;***	(e) to support Member States' and Union preparedness and response to ***crises, including multiple and cumulative*** crises, ***hybrid and security-related crises, health and environment threats and geopolitical risks, including in crises caused by major disruptions to supply chains and critical infrastructures*** in particular by ***strengthening situational awareness capacity, managing expert team deployments, capacity building for shelters,*** upscaling assistance ***under the Union Mechanism*** to address their intensity and impact, as well as by supporting response to crises***, and long-term health impacts*** initiated under other Union crisis response or risk management instruments where required, including through the Hub and by supporting the cooperation and coordination between relevant civil and

	military actors, in particular by supporting the establishment of comprehensive ***civil military*** preparedness arrangements***, in accordance with article 5.***

Amendment 126
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ea) establishing mechanisms for advance preparedness and timely alerts and providing early clear instructions to the population before and during crises, while also working with local authorities to ensure that standards and procedures are put in place for sheltering and protective spaces;

Amendment 127
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point f – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(f) to enhance Member States' and Union efforts in health emergency ***preparedness and response*** by:	(f) to enhance Member States' and Union efforts in ***preventing, preparing for, and responding to, threats that can lead to*** health emergency ***or serious cross-border threats to health*** by:

Amendment 128
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point f – point i

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(i) strengthening the capability for prevention, preparedness and rapid response to serious cross-border threats ***to*** health, ***in***	(i) strengthening the capability for prevention, preparedness and rapid response to serious cross-border threats ***and long-term***

particular by supporting health ***security policies and solutions, improving data collection, early warning and surveillance*** systems, ***and***	***impacts on*** health, ***based on the One Health approach, including by strengthening the resilience of healthcare*** systems, ***the healthcare workforce and the continuity of critical health infrastructure and medical evacuation capacities, as well as ensuring the continuity of essential and uninterrupted medical treatment for patients during crises.***

Amendment 129
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point f – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ia) strengthening coordination with health prevention, preparedness and response planning as defined in Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 and other relevant Union law;

Amendment 130
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point f – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(ii) improving the supply of medical countermeasures by enhancing their availability and accessibility of medical countermeasures, in particular through reservation capacities, procurement, stockpiling and deployment, as well as	(ii) improving the supply of medical countermeasures ***to prepare for, and respond to health emergencies*** by enhancing their ***affordability, timely*** availability and accessibility of medical countermeasures, in particular through reservation capacities, procurement, stockpiling and deployment, as well as ***ensuring adequate medical surge capacity, including through Union level monitoring of intensive care unit capacity***

	and interoperable frameworks for cross-border deployment of intensive care personnel and equipment.

Amendment 131
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point f – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(iii) coordination actions and ***strengthening*** capacity building.	(iii) ***strengthening health security and health infrastructure,*** coordination actions and capacity building ***to manage health emergency, including through medical response capacities such as a medical evacuation hub and voluntary participation in the European medical corps***.

Amendment 132
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point f – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iiia) reducing territorial disparities in civil protection and health emergency preparedness capacities, ensuring equitable access to Union support for all Member States and regions, with particular attention to those with lower administrative and financial capacity, geographical isolation or proximity to conflict zones.

Amendment 133
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point f – point iii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

	(iiib) fostering a Union-wide culture of preparedness through the integration of disaster risk and health emergency literacy into education systems and community-based programmes, ensuring that preparedness knowledge is accessible to all citizens regardless of socioeconomic background or geographic location.

Amendment 134
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The Commission shall work jointly with the High Representative to:	The Commission***, in consultation with Member States, in full respect of the civil nature of the mechanism and international humanitarian law (IHL) and principles, and in full compliance with the principles of subsidiarity, proportionality, without prejudice to the specific nature of Member States' security and defence policies,*** shall work jointly with the High Representative to:

Amendment 135
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) contribute to the development of measures to enhance civil-military preparedness and coordination of response within the Union, in ***consultation*** with the Member	(a) contribute to the development of measures***,*** to enhance civil-military preparedness and coordination of response ***to disasters and crises*** within the Union, in ***cooperation***

States;	with the Member States***, by strengthening cooperation between civil and military authorities including through the development of a civilian and-military preparedness framework at Union level in support of civil protection objectives***;

Amendment 136
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) develop arrangements to clarify roles and responsibilities ***and lay down priorities*** for preparing and responding to disasters and crises within the Union ***as well as*** Union-wide scenarios ***to*** form the basis of Union-level training and exercises***, best practices, including*** standard operating procedures***, and*** mechanisms for effective cooperation and communication ***in*** crisis ***scenarios.***	(b) develop ***and maintain*** arrangements to clarify roles and responsibilities ***to ensure operational cooperation of civilian and military capacities*** for preparing and responding to disasters and crises within the Union***. Those arrangements shall include*** Union wide scenarios ***and shall*** form the basis of Union level ***joint*** training and exercises***. They shall also contribute to the development and dissemination of*** standard operating procedures ***and best practices, and of*** mechanisms for effective cooperation and communication ***before and during*** crisis ***situations, emphasizing societal preparedness and strengthening the population's resilience to crises;***

Amendment 137
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ba) enhance operational cooperation with external

	partners within the framework of existing procedures and agreements, in a coherent and complementary manner to support civil protection objectives and humanitarian aid and avoid unnecessary duplication.

Amendment 138
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article5a
	Preparedness for Climate-related risks
	1. This Regulation shall support Member States in strengthening prevention and preparedness for climate-related, multiple and cumulative disasters and emergencies, particularly those caused by climate change as well as those exacerbated by demographic changes. In this regard, the Commission and Member States shall:
	(a) integrate climate risk assessments and forward-looking climate projections, taking into account their systemic impacts, into national and Union disaster risk management planning;
	(b) promote the development of prevention and preparedness measures addressing climate-related risks in line with the One Health approach, including extreme weather events, wildfires, droughts, floods, heatwaves and coastal

	hazards;
	(c) support the adaptation and climate resilience of civil protection response capacities developed under this Regulation, including rescEU capacities;
	(d) enhance early warning systems, cross-border risk monitoring and information exchange related to climate induced hazards;
	(e) strengthen cooperation with relevant Union programmes and agencies contributing to climate adaptation, environmental protection and disaster risk reduction.
	2. Capacities supported under this Regulation shall, where appropriate, be designed and maintained in a manner that ensures operational effectiveness under evolving climate and other environmental conditions.
	3. The Commission shall facilitate the exchange of best practices and lessons learned on climate resilience and adaptation within the framework of the Knowledge Network.

Amendment 139
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The ***indicative financial*** envelope for the implementation of the Regulation for the period 2028-2034 is set at EUR ***10 675 000 000*** in current prices***.***	1. The ***programme*** envelope for the implementation of the Regulation for the period 2028-2034 is set at EUR ***12 416 093 000*** in current prices ***(EUR 11 000 000 000 in 2025 prices);***

Amendment 140
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. The programme envelope shall be allocated as follows:
	(a) 40% for prevention, preparedness and civil protection actions, including RescEU;
	(b) 40% to enhance health emergencies prevention, preparedness and response;
	(c) 20% of the amount referred to in paragraph 1, shall constitute a flexibility amount that shall be used to support any of the objectives set out in points (a) and (b).
	Without prejudice to the overall flexibility of the budget, a sufficient amount of the financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall support prevention and preparedness.

Amendment 141
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. The financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and the amounts of additional resources referred to in Article 7 may also be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Regulation, such as preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, corporate information technology	4. The financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and the amounts of additional resources referred to in Article 7 may also be used for technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of the Regulation, such as ***preventive,*** preparatory, monitoring, control, audit and evaluation activities, corporate

systems and platforms, information and communication activities, including corporate communication on the political priorities of the Union, and all other technical and administrative assistance or staff related expenses incurred by the Commission for the management under this Regulation.	information technology systems and platforms, information and communication activities, including corporate communication on the political priorities of the Union, and all other technical and administrative assistance or staff related expenses incurred by the Commission for the management under this Regulation.

Amendment 142
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	5a. The Commission shall ensure that all expenditures under this Regulation are properly monitored, regularly reported to ensure traceability, effectiveness, and efficient use of Union resources. Legal commitments shall require beneficiaries and entrusted entities to retain enough records to identify final recipients and support received, and to verify the underlying action and fulfilment of payment conditions, proportionate to the form of funding.
	They shall secure the necessary audit, control and investigation rights and access of the Commission, the Court of Auditors, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and, where applicable, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), within their respective competences, including under indirect management and in third countries.

Recipients and entrusted entities shall ensure equivalent obligations for third parties involved in implementation.

The Commission and, where relevant, entrusted entities shall apply proportionate, risk-based controls to prevent, detect and correct fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest, double funding and overpayment, in accordance with the Financial Regulation, reusing existing information wherever possible. Legal commitments shall require beneficial-ownership and control information, including updates, to be provided on request in accordance with applicable law.

Amendment 143
Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 5 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	5b. In addition to Article 12(4) of the Financial Regulation, unused commitment and payment appropriations under the flexibility amount referred to in article 6(1a) shall be automatically carried over and may be committed and used, respectively, up to 31 December 2034.
	The Commission shall inform the European Parliament and the Council of commitment appropriations carried-over in accordance with Article 12(6) of the Financial Regulation.

Amendment 144
Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Member States, Union institutions, bodies and agencies, third countries, international organisations, international financial institutions, or other third parties, may make additional financial or non-financial contributions under this Regulation. Additional financial contributions shall constitute external assigned revenue within the meaning of Article 21(2), points (a), (d), or (e) or Article 21(5) of Regulation ***(EU, Euratom) 2024/2509.***	1. Member States***, regional and local authorities***, Union institutions, bodies and agencies, third countries, international organisations, international financial institutions, or other third parties, may make additional financial or non-financial contributions under this Regulation. Additional financial contributions shall constitute external assigned revenue within the meaning of Article 21(2), points (a), (d), or (e) or Article 21(5) of ***Financial*** Regulation.

Amendment 145
Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. This Regulation shall be implemented in synergy with Union programmes***.*** An action that has received a Union contribution from another programme may also receive a contribution under this Regulation. The rules of the relevant Union programme shall apply to the corresponding contribution, or a single set of rules may be applied to all contributions and a single legal commitment may be concluded. If all Union contributions are provided based on eligible cost, the cumulative support from the Union budget shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the	1. This Regulation shall be implemented in synergy with ***all relevant*** Union programmes. An action that has received a Union contribution from another programme may also receive a contribution under this Regulation***. Such contributions shall not finance the same costs twice or, where financing not linked to costs or simplified cost options is used, duplicate Union financing of the same underlying activity, output, result or milestone, or lead to overcompensation. Applicants and beneficiaries shall declare all Union contributions received, requested or expected for the same action. For actions receiving combined or***

conditions for support.	***cumulative Union funding, the Commission shall ensure a unique identifier and maintain and use a cross-programme overview identifying recipients, amounts committed and paid and funding forms, for complementarity and double-funding checks, reusing existing identifiers and systems wherever possible***. The rules of the relevant Union programme shall apply to the corresponding contribution, or a single set of rules may be applied to all contributions and a single legal commitment may be concluded. If all Union contributions are provided based on eligible cost, the cumulative support from the Union budget shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the conditions for support. ***The Commission shall address synergies between the Regulation and other Union programmes in the Programme Performance Statement set out in Article 41(3)(h) of the Financial Regulation and in relevant programming and reporting documents***.

Amendment 146
Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) members of the European Free Trade Association ***which are members of the European Economic Area***, as well as European micro-states;	(a) members of the European Free Trade Association, as well as European micro-states;

Amendment 147
Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) other third countries.	(d) other third countries***, in accordance with the conditions laid down in a specific international agreement covering the participation of the third country to the Union funding under this Regulation***.

Amendment 148
Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) guarantee the rights of the Union to ensure sound financial management ***and to protect*** its financial interests;	(d) guarantee the rights of the Union to ensure sound financial management***, a full audit trail and the protection of*** its financial interests***, including effective monitoring, access to data and recovery mechanisms in case of irregularities or misuse of funds, and the audit, control and investigation rights of the Commission, the Court of Auditors, OLAF and, where applicable, the EPPO, with respect to all recipients and final recipients in the third country***;

Amendment 149
Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
For the purposes of point (d), the third country shall grant the necessary rights and access	For the purposes of point (d), the third country shall grant the necessary rights and access

required under Regulations ***(EU, Euratom) 2024/2509*** and (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013, and guarantee that enforcement decisions imposing a pecuniary obligation on the basis of Article 299 of the Treaty, as well as judgements and orders of the Court of Justice of the European Union, are enforceable.	required under ***the Financial Regulation*** and ***Regulation*** (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 ***of the European Parliament and of the Council[1a] to the European Courts of Auditors***, and guarantee that enforcement decisions imposing a pecuniary obligation on the basis of Article 299 of the Treaty, as well as judgements and orders of the Court of Justice of the European Union, are enforceable. _____ ***[1a] Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, pp. 1–22, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/883/oj).***

Amendment 150
Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
5. Where Union funding is provided in the form of a grant, funding shall be provided as financing not linked to costs or, where ***necessary***, simplified cost options, in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509. Funding may be provided in the form of actual eligible cost reimbursement only where the objectives of an action cannot be achieved otherwise.	5. Where Union funding is provided in the form of a grant, funding shall be provided as financing not linked to costs or, where ***applicable***, simplified cost options, in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509. ***The Commission shall apply a standard methodology for determining support and verifying payment conditions. The work***

	programme or award documentation shall justify the suitability of the funding form and specify in advance the methodology, measurable and verifiable payment conditions, supporting evidence, verification arrangements including risk-based ex post checks, and proportionate consequences of partial or non-fulfilment, including reductions, suspension or recovery. Funding may be provided in the form of actual eligible cost reimbursement only where the objectives of an action cannot be achieved otherwise ***or where the conditions for using those funding forms cannot be met***.

Amendment 151
Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
5. In award procedures for grants, actions shall ***not*** be eligible for funding where those actions or parts thereof, ***are already fully financed from other public or private sources, except*** contributions from the Union in the context of synergy actions referred to in Article 8.	5. In award procedures for grants, actions shall be eligible for funding where those actions or parts thereof, ***have received partial*** contributions from the Union in the context of synergy actions referred to in Article 8***, unless they are already fully financed from other public or private sources***. ***Support shall comply with the safeguards against double funding and overcompensation in Article 8.***

Amendment 152
Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

6. The work programme referred to ***in*** Article ***110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 or the documents related to the award procedure may further specify the eligibility criteria set out in*** this Regulation ***or set additional*** eligibility criteria ***for specific actions***.	6. The work programme referred to Article ***12 may supplement*** this Regulation ***as regards*** eligibility ***and funding conditions, award*** criteria***, and funding rates***.

Amendment 153
Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The Regulation shall be implemented by work programmes referred to in Article 110 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509.	***1. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 35a concerning the adoption of multiannual work programmes under this Regulation.***

Amendment 154
Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. The Commission shall adopt a multiannual work programme for civil protection and a differentiated work programme for health. No annual or multi-annual work programmes shall be required for actions falling under disaster and crisis response, which cannot be provided for in advance.

Amendment 155
Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1b. The work programmes shall set out in particular:
	(a) the intervention area addressed, namely prevention, capacity building, preparedness or response;
	(b) the specific objectives pursued in accordance with Article 4 and the measurable expected results, output and result indicators linked to those objectives, where relevant, and with targets, where relevant, baselines, and proportionate data-collection and verification arrangements, consistent with Regulation (EU) [XXX] [Performance Regulation]$^{1a+}$.
	(c) the method of implementation and their total amount, including the overall amount reserved for blending operations;
	(d) a description of the actions to be undertaken under each intervention area and the indicative allocation of financial resources to each area and action;
	(e) an indicative timetable for the implementation of the actions;
	(f) eligible actions by legal entities from a third country not associated to the Programme under the conditions laid down in Article 13(2) and (3);
	(g) the funding rates and, where relevant, a detailed justification for the use of a 100 % rate;
	(h) the rules establishing the technical and administrative

arrangements necessary for the implementation of the actions of the Programme.

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[1a] Regulation (EU) .../... of the European Parliament and of the Council of ..., ... (OJ L, ..., ELI: ...).

[+] OJ: Please insert in the text the number of the Regulation contained in document PE-CONS XX/XX (AAAA/X(COD)) and in the corresponding footnote the number, date of adoption and publication reference of that Regulation, including its ELI number.

Amendment 156
Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1c. In the work programmes, the Commission shall address possible synergies between this Regulation and other Union funding programmes.
	Work programmes adopted pursuant to this Regulation shall ***include a clear indication of other Union funding sources available as combined or cumulative funding for eligible actions under the Programme, with a clear indication of the relevant applicable rules regarding available contributions.***

Amendment 157
Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1d. Where, in case imperative grounds of urgency so require, the procedure provided for in Article ***35b shall apply to delegated acts adopted pursuant to this Article***.

Amendment 158
Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1e. The Commission shall adopt separate multiannual and annual work programmes for the Civil Protection, the crisis and the Health emergency components of this Regulation.

Amendment 159
Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1f. The Commission shall, by means of delegated acts, adopt the work programmes referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Amendment 160
Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The Commission, in cooperation with Member States, shall further develop Union disaster resilience goals in the field of civil protection, and adopt recommendations to define them as a common baseline to support	The Commission, in cooperation with Member States, shall further develop Union disaster resilience goals in the field of civil protection, and adopt recommendations to define them as a common baseline to support

prevention and preparedness actions. Those goals shall be based on current and forward-looking scenarios, including on space data from Copernicus, ***and*** those concerned with the impacts of climate change on disaster risks, data on past events and cross-sectoral impact analysis, with particular attention given to vulnerable groups. When developing Union disaster resilience goals, the Commission shall take into account ***recurrent*** disasters that hit Member States and suggest that Member States take specific measures, including any measures to be implemented with the use of Union funds, to strengthen resilience to such disasters.

prevention and preparedness actions ***also taking due account of experience and best practices at local and regional level***. Those goals shall be based on current and forward-looking scenarios, ***related to natural and human-induced hazards,*** including on space data from Copernicus, ***with the support of the European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA), and the Earth Observation Governmental Service as well as from organisations or entities dealing with health surveillance, including the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control(ECDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) particularly*** those concerned with the impacts of climate change***, ecosystem degradation and health security threats*** on disaster risks, data on past events and cross-sectoral impact analysis, with particular attention given to vulnerable groups***, gender and cultural diversity***. When developing Union disaster resilience goals, the Commission shall take into account ***the vulnerabilities identified during the vulnerability mapping exercise the transboundary effects, the seriousness of its impact and the increased recurrency of*** disasters that hit Member States***. The Commission shall include indicators reflecting progress in prevention and risk reduction, in addition to response capacity,*** and suggest that Member States take specific measures, including any measures to be implemented with the use of Union funds, to

	address vulnerabilities and strengthen resilience to such disasters ***or health threats***.

Amendment 161
Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
In order to promote an effective and coherent approach to prevention and preparedness within the Union Mechanism, Member States shall:	In order to promote an effective and coherent approach to prevention and preparedness within the Union Mechanism, Member States***, in consultation with regional and local authorities, including at cross-border level when appropriate,*** shall:

Amendment 162
Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point -a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(-a) further map, identify and assess vulnerabilities to disasters taking into account their multidimensional aspects at national and, as appropriate, at sub-national level;

Amendment 163
Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) further develop disaster risk assessments at national ***or*** appropriate sub-national level and ensure coordination and consistency with other relevant risk assessment processes as well as public availability of their non-	(a) further develop disaster risk assessments***, including long-term and foreseeable, and multiple and cumulative risks and the impacts of climate change and ecosystem degradation in disasters*** at

sensitive results to support population risk awareness and preparedness;	national ***and as*** appropriate***, at*** sub-national level and ensure coordination and consistency with other relevant risk assessment processes***,*** as well as public availability of their non-sensitive results to support population risk awareness and preparedness;

Amendment 164
Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(aa) to develop strategies in order to raise population awareness at all levels of society, build trust in disaster communication, as well as tackling the risk of disinformation in this regard;

Amendment 165
Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) further develop the assessment of disaster risk management capability at national ***or*** appropriate sub-national level;	(b) further develop the assessment of disaster risk ***prevention and*** management capability at national ***and, as*** appropriate***, at*** sub-national level***. Member States shall have due regard to evolving best practices in disaster risk management, including the mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction***;

Amendment 166
Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

(c) further develop and refine disaster risk management planning at national ***or*** appropriate subnational level, including as regards cross-border collaboration and risks with the potential for transboundary effects***,*** taking into account the Union disaster resilience goals and ensure coordination and consistency with other relevant planning processes***.***	(c) further develop and refine disaster risk ***prevention and*** management planning at national ***and, as*** appropriate ***at*** subnational level, including as regards cross-border collaboration and ***crisis communication protocols, and*** risks with the potential for transboundary ***and cumulative*** effects ***and vulnerability mapping*** taking into account the Union disaster resilience goals and ensure coordination and consistency with other relevant planning processes***;***

Amendment 167
Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ca) establish and regularly review disaster scenarios and stress testing at national and, where appropriate, sub-national level for prevention, preparedness and response;

Amendment 168
Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) in line with international commitments, improve the collection and dissemination of disaster loss data ***at*** national ***or*** appropriate sub-national level, including by better utilising space data.	(d) in line with international commitments, improve the collection and dissemination of disaster loss data***,*** national ***and, as*** appropriate, ***at*** sub-national level, including by better utilising space data.

Amendment 169
Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
To foster the development of a shared understanding of disaster risks and threats at Union level, identify common needs in disaster risk management ***capability building***, support the implementation of the Union disaster resilience goals, and facilitate the exchange of good practices, the Member States, without prejudice to national rules and procedures, shall make available to the Commission a summary in accordance with the guidelines referred to in Article 16(2), by 31 December 2028 and at least once every ***5*** years thereafter:	To foster the development of a shared understanding of disaster ***and long-term*** risks and threats at Union level, identify common needs ***to improve capability building*** in disaster risk management ***and health crisis preparedness and response***, support the implementation of the Union disaster resilience goals, and facilitate the exchange of good practices, the Member States, without prejudice to national rules and procedures, shall make available to the Commission a summary in accordance with the guidelines referred to in Article 16(2), by 31 December 2028 and at least once every ***three and a half*** years thereafter***, or whenever a significant change in the risk landscape requires the updating of such assessments***:

Amendment 170
Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point -a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(-a) vulnerability mapping at national, regional and local levels;

Amendment 171
Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) risk assessments at national ***or*** appropriate sub-national level, including assessment of risks or disasters with the potential for	(a) risk assessments***, including long-term threats and impacts,*** at national ***and, as*** appropriate***, at*** sub-national level, including assessment of risks or disasters

transboundary effects;	with the potential for transboundary effects***, and information on climate-related risks and vulnerabilities***;

Amendment 172
Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) assessment of disaster risk management capabilities and response capacities at national ***or*** appropriate sub-national level;	(b) assessment of disaster risk management capabilities and ***prevention, preparedness and*** response capacities at national ***and, as*** appropriate***, at*** sub-national level;

Amendment 173
Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) investment needs in disaster ***risk*** management that require, or could benefit from, support under the relevant Union instruments.	(d) investment needs in disaster ***and long-term risk prevention, preparedness and*** management that require, or could benefit from, support under the relevant Union instruments.

Amendment 174
Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(da) actions taken to reinforce preparedness including through financing programmes and the cooperation with other national, regional and local authorities in that regard.

Amendment 175

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. To enhance the understanding of disaster risks facing the Union and inform coordinated preparedness, and based on the summaries referred to in Article ***16*** and considering any other available cross-sectoral data, including space data, on identification of risks, including at Union level, as well as the work of the Knowledge Network, the Commission shall:	1. To enhance the understanding of disaster risks facing the Union and inform coordinated preparedness, and based on the summaries referred to in Article ***15*** and considering any other available cross-sectoral data, including space data, on identification of risks, including at Union level, as well as the work of the Knowledge Network, the Commission shall:

Amendment 176
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) produce at least once every ***5*** years a report providing a cross-sectoral overview of natural and human-induced disaster risks that the Union faces, and the progress made in the implementation of Article 14 and the Union disaster resilience goals referred to in Article 13;	(a) produce at least once every ***three and a half*** years a report providing a cross-sectoral overview of natural and human-induced disaster risks ***and threats*** that the Union faces***, including multiple and cumulative risks, and projections of climate-related risks***, and the progress made in the implementation of Article 14 and the Union disaster resilience goals referred to in Article 13;

Amendment 177
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) establish and regularly review disaster scenarios at Union level for prevention, preparedness ***and*** response;	(b) establish and regularly review disaster scenarios at Union level for ***anticipation,*** prevention, preparedness***,*** response***, readiness to recover***

	and the costs of inaction, noting particularly the way it affects citizens and communities;

Amendment 178
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(c) produce at least once every ***5*** years, a report on response capacities and relevant capabilities at Union level, and remaining gaps in relation to ***response*** capacities at national ***or*** appropriate sub-national level as referred to in Article 15, point (b), while taking into account relevant capacity goals and performance targets. The report shall also provide an overview of the budgetary and cost developments relating to response capacities ***and*** an assessment of the need for further development of those capacities.	(c) produce at least once every ***three and a half*** years, a report on ***prevention, preparedness and*** response capacities and relevant capabilities at Union level, and ***identifying*** remaining gaps in relation to ***those*** capacities at national ***and, as*** appropriate***, at*** sub-national level as referred to in Article 15, point (b), while taking into account relevant capacity goals and performance targets. The report shall also provide an overview of the budgetary and cost developments relating to response capacities***,*** an assessment of the need for further development of those capacities***, as well as an assessment of the availabilities of technologies, with a view to further enhancing rescEU capacities***.

Amendment 179
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. The Commission shall develop and update, together with the Member States, guidelines on the submission of the summary referred to in Article 15.	2. The Commission shall develop and update, together with the Member States, ***and in consultation with the Knowledge Network,*** guidelines on the submission of the summary

referred to in Article 15.

Amendment 180
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. The Commission may request that Member States provide additional information on specific prevention and preparedness measures related to risks leading to regularly occurring or particularly impactful disasters, and if appropriate:	3. The Commission may request that Member States provide additional information on specific prevention and preparedness measures related to ***vulnerabilities and*** risks leading to regularly occurring or particularly impactful disasters ***in particular in relation with climate-related risks, including environmental degradation***, and if appropriate:

Amendment 181
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	3a. The Commission shall, in cooperation with Member States, develop interoperability benchmarks, including operational performance and cost-effectiveness criteria, and, where relevant, social and economic sustainability considerations, with a view to assess the coherence, compatibility and effectiveness of response capacities at Union level.

Amendment 182
Proposal for a regulation
Title II – Chapter 2 – title

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
Capacity building and preparedness	Capacity building***, prevention*** and preparedness

Amendment 183
Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraphs 1 and 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The Commission shall support Member States to enhance their capacity in dealing with risks by providing access to tools such as training and exercises programmes, technical and financial assistance, peer reviews, deployment of experts and EUCP Teams that provide advice on prevention and preparedness measures and other provision of expertise, learning and knowledge sharing, and support to uptake of research and innovation results in disaster risk management.	The Commission shall ***strengthen Union capacity and*** support Member States ***and civil society*** to enhance their capacity in dealing with risks by providing access to tools such as training and exercises programmes, technical and financial assistance, peer reviews ***supporting peer learning and experience exchange***, deployment of experts and EUCP Teams that provide advice on prevention and preparedness measures and other provision of expertise, learning and knowledge sharing, and support to uptake of research and innovation results in disaster risk management. ***Particular attention shall be paid to the specific needs of border-regions. In delivering the support referred to in the first subparagraph, the Commission shall aim to promote a whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approach, encouraging the participation of civil society and other relevant actors.***

Amendment 184
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The Knowledge Network shall aggregate, process and disseminate knowledge and information relevant to the Union Mechanism ***and to*** support collaborative initiatives of civil protection and disaster risk management actors within the Union, including civil society organisations, local and regional authorities, private sector and the research community and based on ***a multi-hazard*** approach.	1. The ***Union Civil Protection*** Knowledge Network ***(the 'Knowledge Network')*** shall aggregate, process and disseminate knowledge and information relevant to the Union Mechanism***, including expertise in climate science, environmental protection and public health emergencies. It shall*** support collaborative initiatives of civil protection and disaster risk management actors within the Union, including civil society ***and volunteer*** organisations, local and regional authorities, private sector***,*** ***academia*** and the research community and based on ***an all-hazard*** approach***, in coordination with national civil protection authorities within whole-of-government and inclusive whole-of-society approaches***.

Amendment 185
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. The Commission and the Member States shall promote gender-balanced and inclusive participation in the establishment and the functioning of the Knowledge Network.	3. The Commission and the Member States shall promote gender-balanced and inclusive participation ***of civil society and academia*** in the establishment and the functioning of the Knowledge Network***, ensuring diverse expertise, equal representation, and meaningful participation of underrepresented groups***.

Amendment 186
Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. The Commission shall, through the Knowledge Network, support coherence of planning and decision-making processes by facilitating the continuous exchange of knowledge and information involving all areas of activity under the Union Mechanism.	4. The Commission shall, through the Knowledge Network, support ***and promote*** coherence of planning and decision-making processes by facilitating the continuous exchange of knowledge and information***,*** involving all areas of activity under the Union Mechanism.

Amendment 187
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
5. The Commission shall, through the Knowledge Network, support Member States in raising ***disaster risk*** awareness of ***the population***.	5. The Commission shall, through the Knowledge Network, support Member States in raising ***public*** awareness of ***disaster risks prevention and strengthening the population's preparedness by fostering active participation, with particular attention to cross-border regions and to facilitating the exchange of best practices among Member States***.

Amendment 188
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) strengthen the collective capacity to prevent, prepare ***and*** respond effectively to disasters and to support knowledge sharing and learning, as well as to promote investment in disaster risk management. This includes:	(a) strengthen the collective capacity to ***anticipate,*** prevent, prepare***,*** respond effectively to ***and facilitate readiness for recovery effectively from all kinds of*** disasters and to support knowledge sharing and learning, as well as to promote investment in disaster risk management. This

includes:

Amendment 189
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(i) the set-up and management of financial assistance programmes in order to enhance risk management and knowledge sharing and to encourage the development of investments and plans for prevention and preparedness;	(i) the set-up and management of ***technical and*** financial assistance programmes in order to enhance ***prevention and*** risk management and knowledge sharing and to encourage the development of investments and plans for ***anticipation,*** prevention and preparedness;

Amendment 190
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(ii) the set-up ***and*** management of a training and exercise programme, and an exchange of experts programme for civil protection and disaster and crisis management personnel covering ***the*** prevention, preparedness and response. The programmes shall focus on and encourage the exchange of best practices in the field of civil protection, disaster and crisis management, and ***include*** joint courses. The exchange of expertise in the area of disaster and crisis management shall include exchanges of professionals and experienced volunteers***.*** The training and exercises and the exchange of experts programmes ***shall*** aim to strengthen cooperation and coordination between Member States and the Commission in the field of civil	(ii) the set-up management of a training and exercise programme, ***including operational exchange programmes, peer reviews*** and an exchange of experts programme for civil protection***, qualified healthcare professionals involved in emergency management,*** and disaster and crisis management personnel covering prevention, preparedness and response. The programmes shall focus on and encourage the exchange of best practices in the field of civil protection, disaster and crisis management, and joint courses***, including, if relevant, with international organisations and entities***. The exchange of expertise in the area of disaster and crisis management shall include exchanges of professionals and experienced

protection, disaster and crisis management and to enhance the coordination, compatibility and complementarity of capacities referred to in Articles 20 and 21, and to improve the competence of experts as referred to in Article 33;	volunteers***, including firefighters*** The training and exercises and the exchange of experts programmes aim to strengthen ***knowledge sharing and increase*** cooperation and coordination between Member States and the Commission in the field of civil protection, disaster and crisis management and to enhance the coordination, compatibility and complementarity of capacities referred to in Articles 20 and 21, and to improve the competence of experts as referred to in Article 33;

Amendment 191
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point a – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iiia) the set-up and management of programmes that promote a whole-of-society approach to preparedness, in particular by identifying and mapping vulnerabilities and the promotion of a culture of preparedness.

Amendment 192
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point a – point iii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iiib) the development, support and dissemination of best practices for joint and cross-border procurement models in civil protection, including standardised technical specifications, interoperable equipment and

	common interfaces;

Amendment 193
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point a – point iii c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iiic) the set-up and management of local volunteers, including frameworks for cross-border volunteer deployment and mutual recognition of volunteer status.

Amendment 194
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) strengthen the dissemination ***and*** uptake of research and innovation results in all phases of civil protection and disaster risk management, and stimulating interaction between research and innovation results, the private sector, and Member State authorities***.***	(b) strengthen the dissemination***,*** uptake ***and sharing*** of research and innovation results in all phases of civil protection and disaster risk management, and stimulating interaction between research and innovation results, the private sector, ***civil society organisations, including non-governmental and volunteer-based organisations,*** and Member State authorities***,***

Amendment 195
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point c – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(c) Collect and manage the lessons learnt from civil protection actions conducted within the framework of the	(c) Collect and manage the lessons learnt from civil protection actions conducted within the framework of the

Union Mechanism, including aspects from the entire disaster management cycle, to provide a broad basis for learning processes and knowledge development. This shall include:	Union Mechanism, including aspects from the entire disaster ***risk*** management cycle ***and data***, to provide a broad basis for learning processes and knowledge development. This shall include:

Amendment 196
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point c – point i

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(i) monitoring, analysing and evaluating all the relevant civil protection actions ***within*** the Union Mechanism;	(i) monitoring, analysing and evaluating all the relevant civil protection ***and disaster risk management*** actions ***under*** the Union ***Civil Protection*** Mechanism;

Amendment 197
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point c – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(iii) developing methods and tools for gathering, analysing, promoting and implementing lessons learnt.	(iii) developing methods and tools for gathering, analysing, promoting and implementing lessons learnt***, including of harmonised and interoperable data***.

Amendment 198
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point c – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
This action shall include, where appropriate, lessons learnt from interventions outside the Union with regard to exploiting links and synergies between assistance provided under the Union Mechanism and humanitarian	This action shall include, where appropriate, lessons learnt from ***activities and*** interventions outside the Union with regard to exploiting links and synergies between assistance provided under the Union Mechanism and

response;	humanitarian response***, carried out in full respect of humanitarian principles and the Humanitarian Aid Regulation***;

Amendment 199
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) maintain an online platform serving the Knowledge Network to support and facilitate the implementation of the different tasks referred to in points (a), (b) and (c).	(d) ***promote, develop and*** maintain an online platform serving the Knowledge Network to support and facilitate the implementation of the different tasks referred to in points (a), (b) and (c).

Amendment 200
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	6a. Training and capacity-building activities for civil protection and health teams shall include modules on antimicrobial resistance awareness, infection prevention and control in high-risk settings, and proper management of antibiotic therapies during outbreaks, and the integration of a One Health approach, recognising the interconnection between human, animal, and environmental health in preparedness, risk assessment, and response activities;

Amendment 201
Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
7. When carrying out the tasks set out in ***paragraph 1***, the Commission shall take particular account of the needs and interests of Member States facing disaster risks of a similar nature, as well as of the need to strengthen the protection of biodiversity and cultural heritage.	7. When carrying out the tasks set out in ***this Article***, the Commission shall take particular account of the needs and interests of Member States facing disaster risks of a similar nature, as well as of the need to strengthen the protection of biodiversity and cultural heritage.

Amendment 202
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
8. The Commission shall strengthen cooperation on capacity building, uptake of research and innovation results, and shall promote the sharing of knowledge and experience, between the Network and international organisations and third countries**,** in particular in order to contribute to meeting international commitments, particularly those in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.	8. The Commission shall strengthen cooperation on ***training,*** capacity building, uptake of research and innovation results, and shall promote the sharing of knowledge and experience, between the ***Knowledge*** Network and international organisations and third countries in particular in order to contribute to ***strengthening the global health infrastructure and global ability to act and*** meeting international commitments, particularly those in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 ***and other relevant United Nations frameworks as well as crisis-specific instruments, such as the International Health Regulations***. ***The Knowledge Network shall promote reciprocal, knowledge-based partnerships, and ensure the active participation of local actors and community-based organisations in order to***

	contribute to context-specific, sustainable and inclusive capacity-building, while strengthening disaster risk management systems in partner countries.

Amendment 203
Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
9. The Network shall also promote the operational uptake of Union-funded innovative solutions, and support Member States in identifying and applying state-of-the-art technologies and approaches, including through innovation procurement and public-private partnerships.	9. The ***Knowledge*** Network shall also promote the operational uptake of Union-funded innovative solutions, and support Member States in identifying and applying state-of-the-art technologies and approaches, including through innovation procurement and***,*** public-private partnerships.

Amendment 204
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Member States shall, on a voluntary basis, develop response capacities in accordance with Articles 20 and 21.	1. Member States shall***, in collaboration with their relevant local and regional authorities***, on a voluntary basis, develop response capacities ***under the Union Mechanism*** in accordance with Articles 20 and 21***, ensuring that such capacities are designed to withstand longstanding and simultaneous disasters, and ensure the resilience and protection of first responders and critical response infrastructure with the aim of maintaining essential operational autonomy, where appropriate and proportionate***

	to identified risks.

Amendment 205
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. Modules shall be made up of resources of one or more Member States and shall:
	(a) be able to perform pre-defined tasks in the areas of response in accordance with established international guidelines and therefore be able to:
	(i) be dispatched at very short notice following a request for assistance through the ERCC; and
	(ii) work self-sufficiently and autonomously for a given period;
	(b) be interoperable with other modules;
	(c) undertake training and exercises in order to meet the interoperability requirement;
	(d) be placed under the authority of a person who is responsible for the operation of modules.

Amendment 206
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. The Commission shall support Member States ***in raising disaster risk awareness of the population***.	2. ***The Commission shall, together with Member States, promote a culture of preparedness with a whole of society approach disaster risk awareness and societal***

	preparedness of the population, including through enhancing the role of civil society organisations, volunteers, community responders and the tools available within the system, as well as building trust and countering misinformation and disinformation with particular attention to cross-border regions.
	In that regard, the Commission shall support Member ***State efforts inter alia in civil protection education and preparedness initiatives in schools, workplaces and communities, including training adapted to young people and the promotion of 72-hour strategies to prepare all households to deal with the first aftermath of crisis***.

Amendment 207
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	2a. The Commission and the Member States shall establish a Union Preparedness Day, in order to promote disaster risk prevention, civil protection preparedness and societal resilience to natural and man-made disasters, including health emergencies, and to facilitate and promote voluntary civic engagement in volunteer bodies and non-governmental associations along with a 'European Resilience Label' to be awarded at the level of the Union for good practices on disaster risk prevention,

	preparedness and societal resilience;

Amendment 208
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	2b. Member States shall reinforce local capacity to support vulnerable people and groups to improve their protection through supporting local public services and civil society organisations including by mobilising relevant Union funds.

Amendment 209
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. At the request of a Member State, the Commission may support and coordinate stand-by allocation of response capacities and intervention teams, including for training, exercises, exchange of knowledge and improving interoperability of capacities and intervention teams.	3. At the request of a Member State, the Commission may support and coordinate stand-by allocation of response capacities and intervention teams, including for training, exercises, ***operational exchanges and*** exchange of knowledge and improving interoperability of capacities and intervention teams***, and supporting multinational exercises to strengthen operational readiness and cooperation between Member States***. ***Member States are encouraged to seek coordination with relevant responders, across all levels of governance.***

Amendment 210

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. Member States may, subject to appropriate security safeguards, provide information about relevant military response capacities that could be used as part of the assistance through the Union Mechanism, such as transport and logistical or medical support.	4. Member States may, subject to appropriate security safeguards, provide ***through the Common Emergency Communication and Information system (CECIS),*** information about relevant military response capacities that could be used as part of the assistance through the Union Mechanism, such as transport and logistical or medical support ***including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) detection and decontamination***.

Amendment 211
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
6. Member States shall take the appropriate preparedness actions to facilitate host nation support.	6. Member States shall***, with the support of the Commission,*** take the appropriate preparedness actions to facilitate host nation support***, including measures to simplify and accelerate administrative procedures for the cross-border movement and deployment of civil protection modules, response capacities and intervention teams within the Union***.

Amendment 212
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

	6a. Member States, in cooperation with the Commission, shall take appropriate preparedness measures to protect civil protection personnel and first responders during disaster response operations under the Union Mechanism.

Amendment 213
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	6b. The Commission shall promote the mutual recognition of qualifications held by emergency services personnel, including volunteers, in order to enable or facilitate cross-border operations, as well as prevention and response measures in accordance with the Commission's Guidelines on EU Emergency Assistance on Cross-Border Cooperation in Healthcare related to the COVID-19 crisis.
	The Commission shall support measures to remove legal, financial or administrative barriers to cross-border cooperation between Member States, regional and local authorities or participating third countries for the prevention, preparedness and response to health threats, with special attention to the social security aspects of volunteer forces.

Amendment 214
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 6 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	6c. Member States shall encourage the voluntary participation of qualified healthcare professionals in the Union Mechanism by establishing appropriate procedures for the identification, selection, training, and deployment of such professionals, while ensuring their complementarity with staff hired for this purpose.

Amendment 215
Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
8. Without prejudice to Article 9, the Commission ***may*** coordinate policy priorities, as well as, where necessary, coordinate operational activities, with the national authorities of a third country, designated as strategic partner country, that has aligned objectives in the field of civil protection, or with which the Union has concluded security and defence agreement.	8. Without prejudice to Article 9, the Commission ***shall*** coordinate policy priorities, as well as, where necessary, coordinate operational activities, with the national authorities of a third country, designated as strategic partner country, that has aligned objectives in the field of civil protection, or with which the Union has concluded security and defence agreement.

Amendment 216
Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The European Civil Protection Pool (ECPP) ***shall consist of a pool of voluntarily committed response capacities of the Member States and include modules, other response capacities,***	1. The European Civil Protection Pool (ECPP) ***is a key tool for strengthening the capacity*** of Member States ***to respond efficiently and effectively to disasters and***

categories of experts and technical assistance and support teams (TAST). The Commission shall lay down rules for the identification of Member States ***experts, modules and other response capacities as well as operational requirements for the functioning and interoperability of modules and deployment in an implementing act adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2)***.	***crises***.

Amendment 217
Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. The ECPP shall consist of a pool of voluntarily committed response capacities of the Member States and include modules, other response capacities, categories of experts and technical assistance and support teams ('TAST'), drawn from competent services and other relevant entities, including non-governmental and volunteer-based organisations, designated by the Member States for civil protection purposes.

Amendment 218
Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1b. The Commission shall lay down rules for the

	identification of Member States experts, TAST, modules and other response capacities as well as operational requirements for the functioning and interoperability of modules and other response capacities and their deployment, in an implementing act adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2). Those operational requirements shall also include provisions ensuring the safety, security and duty of care of deployed personnel, including the application of security risk management and safe operating procedures, in particular during high-risk or cross-border operations.

Amendment 219
Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. The assistance provided by a Member State through the ECPP shall be complementary to existing capacities in the requesting Member State, without prejudice to the primary responsibility of Member States for disaster prevention and response on their territory.	2. The assistance provided by a Member State through the ECPP shall be complementary to existing capacities in the requesting Member State, without prejudice to the primary responsibility of Member States for disaster ***anticipation,*** prevention***, preparedness*** and response on their territory.

Amendment 220
Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. On the basis of identified	3. On the basis of identified

risks ***and*** any existing scenario-building as referred to in point (b) of Article 16(1), the Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, define the types and specify the number of key response capacities required for the ECPP (‘response capacity goals’). Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).	***and emerging disaster*** risks ***assessment and risk capacities management planning, taking into consideration*** any existing ***disaster*** scenario-building as referred to in ***Article 13 and*** point (b) of Article 16(1), the Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, define the types and specify the number of key response capacities required for the ECPP such as the response capacity goals. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).

Amendment 221
Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. The Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, shall monitor progress towards the response capacity goals set out in the implementing acts referred to in paragraph 3, and identify potentially significant response capacity gaps in the ECPP. Where such gaps have been identified, the Commission shall examine whether the necessary capacities are available to the Member States outside the ECPP. The Commission shall encourage Member States to address significant response capacity gaps in the ECPP, in accordance with the report referred to in ***point (c) of*** Article ***17(1)***.	4. The Commission, in cooperation with the Member States***, and, as appropriate, with the Knowledge Network***, shall monitor progress towards the response capacity goals set out in the implementing acts referred to in paragraph 3, and identify potentially significant response capacity gaps in the ECPP. Where such gaps have been identified, the Commission shall examine whether the necessary capacities are available to the Member States outside the ECPP. The Commission shall encourage ***and support*** Member States to address significant response capacity gaps in the ECPP, in ***view of the response capacity goals and in*** accordance with the report ***and guidelines*** referred to in Article ***16***.

Amendment 222
Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
6. Member States shall on a voluntary basis identify, commit and register the response capacities which they offer to the ECPP, including relevant military capacities that could be used as part of assistance. The registration of multinational modules provided by two or more Member States shall be undertaken jointly by all the Member States concerned.	6. Member States shall on a voluntary basis identify, commit and register the response capacities which they offer to the ECPP, ***in the CECIS,*** including relevant military capacities ***and specialised expertise across the full spectrum of health emergency response*** that could be used as part of assistance. The registration of multinational modules provided by two or more Member States shall be undertaken jointly by all the Member States concerned.

Amendment 223
Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
8. Response capacities that Member States make available for the ECPP shall be available for response operations under the Union Mechanism following a request for assistance through the ERCC. The ultimate decision on their deployment shall be taken by the Member States which registered the response capacity concerned. Where domestic emergencies, force majeure or, in exceptional cases, serious reasons prevent a Member State from making those response capacities available in case of a specific ***disaster***, that Member State shall inform the Commission as soon as possible by referring to this Article.	8. Response capacities that Member States make available for the ECPP shall be available for response operations under the Union Mechanism following a request for assistance through the ERCC. The ultimate decision on their deployment shall be taken by the Member States which registered the response capacity concerned. Where domestic emergencies, force majeure or, in exceptional cases, serious reasons prevent a Member State from making ***or keeping*** those response capacities available in case of a specific ***request for assistance***, that Member State shall inform the Commission as soon as possible by referring to this

Article.

Amendment 224
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. rescEU shall ***provide*** assistance to complement the overall existing response capacities at national level and those committed by Member States to the ECPP or fulfil operational needs to ensure an effective and rapid response to requests for assistance made in accordance with Article 28.	1. rescEU shall ***consist of response capacities for providing*** assistance to complement the overall existing response capacities at national level and those committed by Member States to the ECPP or ***to*** fulfil operational needs ***where necessary,*** to ensure an effective and rapid response to requests for assistance made in accordance with Article 28.

Amendment 225
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, define the response capacities rescEU shall consist of, based***, among other things,*** on Union risk assessments in accordance with Article 16(1)***,*** taking into account identified and emerging risks and overall capacities ***and gaps*** at Union level***.*** Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).	2. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, define the response capacities ***that*** rescEU shall consist of, based on Union risk assessments in accordance with Article 16(1) taking into account identified and emerging risks and ***threats, including climate-related and health-related risks and disaster scenarios, the*** overall ***response*** capacities ***available*** at Union level***, and any capacity gaps identified.*** ***The rescEU capacities defined pursuant to this paragraph may include, inter alia:*** ***(a) rescEU warehouses;*** ***(b) rapidly deployable emergency communication***

	systems to ensure a minimum level of operational communication among all relevant actors where standard communication infrastructure is unavailable or disrupted;
	(c) capacities aimed at strengthening long-term resilience. Multi-purpose rescEU capacities shall be considered wherever possible.
	The Commission may support acquisition, lease-to-own and construction of state-owned rescEU warehouses to securely host and develop rescEU capacities, ensuring permanent access to those capacities.
	Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).

Amendment 226
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. rescEU capacities shall be acquired, rented, leased, otherwise contracted by or donated to the Member States.	3. rescEU capacities shall be acquired, rented, leased, otherwise contracted by or donated to the Member States***, provided that such capacities are based on identified needs***.

Amendment 227
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
6. rescEU capacities shall be hosted by the Member States or the Commission. The Commission and the Member States shall,	6. rescEU capacities shall be hosted by the Member States or the Commission. The Commission and the Member States shall, ***as***

where appropriate, ensure an adequate geographical distribution of rescEU capacities.	appropriate, ensure an adequate geographical distribution of rescEU capacities ***based on Union risk assessments in accordance with Article 16(1) and taking into account identified and emerging risks and threats***.

Amendment 228
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
7. The Commission shall define quality requirements, by means of implementing acts, for the response capacities forming part of rescEU, in consultation with the Member States. ***The quality requirements shall be based on established international standards, where such standards already exist.*** Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the ***examination*** procedure referred to in Article 35(2).	7. The Commission shall define quality requirements, by means of implementing acts, for the response capacities forming part of rescEU, in consultation with the Member States. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the ***advisory*** procedure referred to in Article 35(2).

Amendment 229
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	7a. The quality requirements shall be based on established international standards, including sustainability standards, where such standards already exist and shall take into account the Union's goal of strategic autonomy. In this regard, new aerial capacities acquired or financed under rescEU for the purposes of firefighting and

the transport of emergency responders, or other aerial emergency response operations, shall be, where available, certified in accordance with Union law and aviation safety requirements and full civil certification from the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), enabled by the voluntary opt-in mechanism provided for in Article 2(6) of Regulation 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1a]. This requirement shall not affect capacities already acquired by the Union and Member States.

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[1a] Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1139/oj).

Amendment 230
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
9. rescEU capacities shall be used, including for deployment, national use, loaning or donations, ***including for*** managing rescEU strategic reserves, in accordance with implementing acts adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).	9. rescEU capacities shall be used, including for deployment, national use, loaning or donations, ***and*** managing rescEU strategic reserves, in accordance with implementing acts adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).

Amendment 231
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 11

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
11. Where rescEU capacities consist of equipment or consumable goods, the Commission, through the ERCC, may decide to either donate or loan the offered rescEU capacities.	11. Where rescEU capacities consist of equipment or consumable goods, the Commission, through the ERCC, ***and in consultation with the requesting Member State and the Member State hosting the response capacity,*** may decide to either donate or loan the offered rescEU capacities ***based on identified needs***.

Amendment 232
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 11 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	The rescEU capacities defined pursuant to paragraph 2 shall include a dedicated critical infrastructure rapid assessment and recovery support capability, consisting of:
	(a) multidisciplinary expert teams capable of conducting rapid structural, operational and cyber-physical damage

	assessments of critical infrastructure — including energy networks, water supply systems, transport hubs, digital infrastructure and hospital facilities — within 24 hours of deployment;
	(b) specialised technical equipment to support emergency restoration of minimum operational functionality of damaged critical infrastructure in the immediate aftermath of a disaster or deliberate attack; such support shall be limited to the immediate emergency phase and shall aim at restoring minimum civilian functionality necessary to protect the population, ensure continuity of essential services and facilitate follow-up recovery by the competent authorities;
	(c) protocols for coordination between the assessment teams referred to in point (a), national critical infrastructure protection authorities, relevant Union agencies, and civil and military authorities engaged in incident response.

Amendment 233
Proposal for a regulation
Article 21 – paragraph 16

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
16. Subject to the operational needs within Member States, rescEU capacities may be deployed in response to disasters and crises outside the Union that have a significant impact on the Union or on Member States or are of an international concern.	16. Subject to the operational needs within Member States, rescEU capacities may be deployed in response to disasters and crises outside the Union that have a significant impact on the Union or on ***one or more*** Member States or are of an

	international concern. ***Deployments outside the Union, shall be carried out in full respect of humanitarian principles and the Humanitarian Aid regulation.***

Amendment 234
Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Until 2034, Union support may be provided to cover 75 % of the costs necessary to ensure rapid access to national capacities corresponding to those defined in accordance with Article 21(2).	1. Until ***31 December*** 2034, Union support may be provided to cover 75 % of the costs necessary to ensure rapid access to national capacities corresponding to those defined in accordance with Article 21(2).

Amendment 235
Proposal for a regulation
Article 22 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. By way of derogation from Article 21, the decision on the deployment of the capacities referred to in the paragraph 1 shall be taken by the Member State that made them available as rescEU capacities. In case of domestic emergencies, force majeure or, in exceptional cases, serious reasons prevent a Member State from making those capacities available for a specific disaster, that Member State shall inform the Commission as soon as possible by referring to this Article.	3. By way of derogation from Article 21***(10)***, the decision on the deployment of the capacities referred to in the paragraph 1 shall be taken by the Member State that made them available as rescEU capacities. In case of domestic emergencies, force majeure or, in exceptional cases, serious reasons prevent a Member State from making those capacities available for a specific disaster, that Member State shall inform the Commission as soon as possible by referring to this Article.

Amendment 236
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – title

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
Anticipation and early warning	Anticipation and early warning ***measures***

Amendment 237
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The Commission, in cooperation with Member States, shall undertake the following actions to enhance anticipation and early warning capabilities, building on the Union space capabilities provided by Copernicus, Galileo and where necessary, other space services***:***	1. The Commission, in cooperation with Member States***, with the support of EUSPA***, shall undertake the following actions to enhance anticipation and early warning capabilities, building on the Union space capabilities***,*** provided by Copernicus, Galileo and where necessary, other space services***, including the Earth observation governmental service (EOGS) as a Union level capability for the pooling and sharing data of space and ground based infrastructures, as well as the expertise provided by the Knowledge Network.***

Amendment 238
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) ***F***urther improve cross-border detection and early warning systems of Union interest to mitigate the immediate effects of disasters***;***	(a) ***f***urther improve cross-border detection and early warning systems of Union interest to ***anticipate, prevent and*** mitigate the immediate effects of disasters ***and health emergencies, by ensuring timely and proactive information-sharing based on risk assessments, forecasts and models, by notifying***

	potentially affected neighbouring Member States without delay, by enabling regional and local authorities, particularly in border regions, to transmit alerts to national contact points, and by ensuring interoperability and real-time connectivity between Union and national systems.

Amendment 239
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(aa) support Member States in, monitoring changes in vulnerabilities in order to anticipate the potential impact of disasters and crises and integrating them into early warning systems ensuring that national and Union-wide anticipation and early warning systems are accessible to persons with disabilities, older persons, children, linguistically and culturally diverse populations, at-risk groups and communities in remote, outermost, or high-risk regions.

Amendment 240
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) integrate and enhance existing cross-border detection and early warning systems using a multi-hazard approach, with the objective of ***minimising lead time in*** response;	(b) integrate and enhance existing cross-border detection and early warning systems***, including, where relevant, for threats affecting the civilian population and critical infrastructure,*** using a multi-

	hazard approach, with the objective of ***improving timeliness, interoperability and operational*** response;

Amendment 241
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) monitor disasters and, where relevant, assess climate change impacts, providing advice grounded in scientific knowledge;	(d) monitor disasters ***and crises*** and, where relevant, assess ***risks related to*** climate change ***and environmental degradation*** impacts, providing advice grounded in scientific knowledge ***including dynamic risk mapping systems and multisectoral predictive models based on spatial data, operational information collected in the field, and cross-sectoral analyses, with particular attention to areas exposed to recurring risks such as wildfires, droughts, floods, seismic events, and disruptions to water supply***.

Amendment 242
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(f) create, maintain, and advance European scientific partnerships addressing all hazards, thereby promoting the interconnection between national early warning and alert systems, and potentially linking such systems with the ERCC and relevant IT systems;	(f) create, maintain, and advance European scientific partnerships addressing ***vulnerabilities and*** all hazards, thereby promoting the interconnection between national early ***warning measures with public*** warning and alert systems, and potentially linking such systems with the ERCC and relevant IT systems;

Amendment 243
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point g a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ga) ensure strong collaboration between Member States and local and regional authorities in the design, operation and maintenance of early warning systems, with clear distribution of competences and defined timelines for implementation to guarantee timely alerts and effective coordination;

Amendment 244
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point g b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(gb) strengthen research into disaster prevention, the development of tools to counteract causes, mitigate effects, and reduce the impact of crises and disasters.

Amendment 245
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. The Commission shall support Member States in ensuring that early warning systems translate into early action at national, regional and local level, including, where appropriate, in a cross-border context;

Amendment 246

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. A scientific and technical facility shall pool together existing initiatives, programmes, tools, and services, such as Copernicus Services, to contribute with scientific and technical expertise to operational preparedness, analysis and situational awareness of the Hub, the ERCC and the Member States in order to anticipate, prepare for and respond to disasters and crises following a service-oriented, all-hazards and cross-sectorial approaches.	2. A scientific and technical facility shall pool together existing initiatives, programmes, tools, and services, such as Copernicus Services, to contribute with scientific and technical expertise***, including expertise in climate science, environmental protection and public health emergencies,*** to operational preparedness, analysis and situational awareness of the Hub, the ERCC and the Member States in order to anticipate, prepare for and respond to disasters and crises following a service-oriented, all-hazards and cross-sectorial approaches.

Amendment 247
Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. Where emergency services are provided by Galileo and EGNOS, Copernicus, IRIS2 and GOVSATCOM or Space Situational Awareness, each Member State ***may decide to use them***.	3. Where emergency services are provided by Galileo and EGNOS, Copernicus, IRIS2 and GOVSATCOM or Space Situational Awareness, each Member State ***shall, where appropriate, ensure their effective use as part of their national early warning and response systems***. ***To ensure optimal cross-border coordination and interoperability, Member States shall align their systems with Union level capabilities.***

Amendment 248
Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. The Commission shall support Member States in enhancing population preparedness and awareness ***about*** ongoing alerts across the Union.	2. The Commission shall support Member States ***and competent authorities*** in enhancing population preparedness and awareness ***of*** ongoing alerts across the Union ***inter alia, by ensuring clear, accessible, inclusive and understandable communication for the population, including through resilient communication channels, digital and non-digital means and radio communications, thereby promoting a culture of preparedness and ensuring that no one is left behind***.

Amendment 249
Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. In the event of a transboundary disaster, the Hub and the ERCC may facilitate information sharing among concerned countries regarding the use of Galileo Emergency Warning Satellite Service. Based on a request by a Member State, the Hub and the ERCC may disseminate on behalf of that Member State, public warning messages via Galileo Emergency Warning Satellite Service within that Member State.	3. In the event of a transboundary disaster, the Hub and the ERCC may facilitate information sharing among concerned countries regarding the use of Galileo Emergency Warning Satellite Service. Based on a request by a Member State, the Hub and the ERCC may disseminate on behalf of that Member State, public warning messages ***through an alert sent*** via Galileo Emergency Warning Satellite Service within that Member State.

Amendment 250

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	3a. Where a Member State decides to issue a public warning to its population about an ongoing or imminent disaster within its territory, which causes or is likely to cause transboundary effects, it shall share this warning without delay with the potentially affected Member States and the Commission. Member States shall ensure that their procedures for issuing public warnings in such situations are sufficiently clear to ensure rapid dissemination and sharing with other Member States and shall include information about this capacity as part of their summary of national risk management information submitted to the Commission in accordance with Article 15.

Amendment 251
Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 24a
	Trusted communication in Disaster Risk Management
	1. The Commission shall support Member States in ensuring that their national risk management planning includes a dedicated communication strategy based on the principles of transparency, timeliness, consistency and inclusiveness, with a view to building and

maintaining public trust in public warnings and guidance before, during and after a disaster or crisis.

2. The Commission shall, in cooperation with Member States, take into account best practices to develop guidelines for the implementation of the principles set out in this Article.

3. Member States shall take effective measures to prevent, detect and counteract the spread of misinformation and disinformation related to disasters, risks and threats that may undermine the effectiveness of official emergency communication. Those measures shall be taken in accordance with existing Union programmes and instruments.

Amendment 252
Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 24b
	An integrated Union space service for the Public Warning systems
	EUSPA shall ensure an Integrated Union space service for the Public Warning systems combining the use of the services provided individually by the Union space components, including Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT), Earth Observation, Secure Connectivity and Space Situational Awareness, enabling the provision of

	coherent, sovereign and interoperable space-enabled solutions delivered to meet the civil protection needs. These services shall be delivered through interoperable user interfaces, service platforms and terminals, enabling seamless access to Union space capabilities within the crisis and disaster risk management cycles. This requirement shall not imply funding for the EUSPA under this Regulation, which is addressed in other Union instruments.

Amendment 253
Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. The ERCC shall have access to operational, analytical, monitoring, information management and communication capabilities, and shall be equipped to receive and process EU classified information, to address a broad range of disasters within and outside the Union.	4. The ERCC shall have access to operational, analytical, monitoring, information management and communication capabilities, and shall be equipped ***with all resources needed in terms of personnel and tools necessary*** to receive and process EU classified information, to address a broad range of disasters ***and emergencies*** within and outside the Union. ***The processing of classified information and security-sensitive data by the ERCC shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable Union rules, in particular Council Decision 2013/488/EU and Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444, and subject to the express consent of the transmitting Member State in accordance with the originator control principle.***

Amendment 254
Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	4a. The ERCC shall support interoperability between Union-level digital tools and national civil protection platforms, including early warnings and situational awareness tools, through guidance, common interfaces and technical support, in cooperation with Member States.

Amendment 255
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. Without prejudice to Article 25, a Crisis ***Coordination*** Hub (the Hub) is hereby established***.*** The Hub shall ***build upon the structure and the*** capabilities ***of the ERCC***, including its analytical and scientific capabilities, situational awareness, and 24/7 operational capacity for cross-sectoral crises.	1. Without prejudice to Article 25, a Crisis ***support*** Hub ('the Hub') is hereby established ***within the ERCC. It shall monitor crises and potential crises on permanent basis, enhance preparedness, and upon activation of response in accordance with Article 29, facilitates Union-level operational coordination, and provides Union support to crises response.*** The Hub shall ***operate within the ERCC and use its*** capabilities, including its analytical and scientific capabilities, situational awareness, and 24/7 operational capacity for cross-sectoral crises***, complementing and without prejudice to the civil protection functions of the***

ERCC under Article 25. The ERCC shall provide the operational continuity, coordination infrastructure and communication systems necessary for the activities of the Hub.

Amendment 256
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. The Hub shall, on a permanent basis:
	(a) maintain and periodically update the organisational framework referred to in paragraph 1b,
	(b) establish and regularly review its readiness and activation protocols,
	(c) monitor relevant risk indicators related to potential crises, for the purpose of maintaining readiness,
	(d) evaluate responses crises in accordance with Article 29 to enhance future preparedness and draw lessons learned,
	(e) establish a framework and receive notifications about crises sent through relevant Union instruments.

Amendment 257
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1b. The Hub shall maintain a pre-established organisational framework, to be mobilised

	upon activation of response in accordance with Article 29, comprising:
	(a) the capabilities of the ERCC referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article;
	(b) a roster of relevant Union structures, agencies and subject-matter experts;
	(c) the national contact points designated by Member States pursuant to paragraph 1c of this Article;
	(d) relevant external experts identified in advance.

Amendment 258
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1c. Member States shall designate national contact points for the purposes of this Article and inform the Commission accordingly. The Commission shall maintain and regularly update a register of those contact points. Member States may designate the same contact points for the purposes of this paragraph and Article 25(5). The Hub shall coordinate with its designated national contact points as appropriate.

Amendment 259
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. The Hub shall closely cooperate with the EEAS Crisis Response Centre in the external	2. The Hub shall closely cooperate with the EEAS Crisis Response Centre in the external

dimension of ***cross-sectoral*** crises, with respect to ***its*** roles and competences.	dimension of crises, with respect to ***their*** roles and competences***, and in full respect of the Humanitarian Aid Regulation and applicable rules of international humanitarian law***.

Amendment 260
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	2a. The Hub shall, where relevant, cooperate with the Union structures and agencies responsible for preparedness and response to serious cross-border threats to health, in full respect of their respective mandates and of the governance framework established under Regulation (EU) 2022/2371.

Amendment 261
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	2b. The Hub shall, where relevant, use the support and the expertise provided by the Knowledge Network referred to in Article 18.

Amendment 262
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. The Hub shall ensure coordination with relevant ***national authorities, as***	4. ***The activities of the Hub shall complement, without duplicating or replacing, the***

designated in accordance with paragraph 5, Commission services, Union institutions ***and*** bodies, and provide support in situations referred to in Article 29(1).	***activities of other crisis response or risk management mechanisms.*** The Hub shall ensure coordination with relevant Commission services, Union institutions bodies ***and agencies***, and provide support in situations referred to in Article 29(1).

Amendment 263
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	4a. Following the activation of response of the Hub, the Commission shall report back to the European Parliament and the Council.

Amendment 264
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	4b. The Commission shall also report annually to the European Parliament and the Council on the activities of the Hub, including the number and nature of crises for which the Hub was activated, the coordination measures undertaken, and the lessons learned for preparedness and response.

Amendment 265
Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 26a

	Information sharing and safeguards
	1. Upon activation of response of the Hub in accordance with Article 26, the Member States shall provide the Hub with the information necessary to support the response to the crises.
	2. In carrying out the functions referred to in Article 26 and in providing support pursuant to Article 29, the Hub shall ensure the appropriate handling and sharing of information, in compliance with applicable Union law, including rules on confidentiality, data protection and the protection of sensitive and classified information. The Hub shall take all the necessary measures to ensure the confidentiality of information provided by Member States, in particular where such information relates to national security.
	3. The Hub shall ensure the protection of trade secrets acquired in application of this Regulation in accordance with Union and national law.

Amendment 266
Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. In the event of a disaster within the Union, or of an imminent disaster, which causes or is capable of causing transboundary effects, the Member State in which the disaster occurs or is likely to	1. In the event of a disaster within the Union, or of an imminent disaster, which causes or is capable of causing transboundary effects, the Member State in which the disaster occurs or is likely to

occur shall, without delay, notify the potentially affected Member States and the Commission. The notification to the Commission shall not be required where the obligation of notification has already been addressed under other Union legislation, under the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community or under existing international agreements.	occur shall, without delay, notify the potentially affected Member States and the Commission ***and, where applicable, responsible local authorities in the border-regions expected to be affected by the disaster***. The notification to the Commission shall not be required where the obligation of notification has already been addressed under other Union legislation, under the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community or under existing international agreements.

Amendment 267
Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
3. The notifications referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall, as appropriate, be made through CECIS. The Commission shall define the components of CECIS ***as well as*** the organisation of information sharing through CECIS by means of an implementing act adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).	3. The notifications referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall, as appropriate, be made through ***the*** CECIS. The Commission shall define***,*** the components of CECIS***,*** the organisation of information sharing through CECIS***, as well as standardised notification forms*** by means of an implementing act adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).

Amendment 268
Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. The Hub shall ensure an appropriate framework for receiving the notifications about crises, received by the Commission through other	***deleted***

Union instruments.

Amendment 269
Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	4a. When the ERCC receives notification of a disaster that exhibits the characteristics of a crisis, requiring the activation and coordination of measures, procedures and sector-specific response mechanisms as provided for by other Union instruments and Union legislation governing each affected sector, it shall activate the Hub to carry out its coordination function.

Amendment 270
Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. When a disaster occurs or is imminent, the affected Member State or third country may request assistance through the ERCC. The request shall be as specific as possible. It may include in particular a request for modules, intervention teams, disaster relief items and equipment, logistical resources, transport resources, and any other resources. The Commission shall lay down the operational procedures for response to disasters by means of an implementing act adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).	1. When a disaster ***or health emergency*** occurs or is imminent, the affected Member State or third country may request assistance through the ERCC. The request shall be as specific as possible. It may include in particular a request for modules, intervention teams, disaster relief items and equipment, logistical resources, transport resources, and any other resources. The Commission shall lay down the operational procedures for response to disasters by means of an implementing act adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 35(2).

Amendment 271
Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. In regions simultaneously or recurrently affected by disasters, the Commission shall facilitate the designation of a Union coordination and staging point in a Member State, to enable faster deployment and logistical coordination. The identification of such points shall take into account existing infrastructure and the strategic geographic position of the Member State concerned.

Amendment 272
Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. In exceptional circumstances, and in the absence of a request for assistance by a third country affected by a disaster, a Member State may, on humanitarian grounds, request the activation of the Union Mechanism. Implementation of Union Mechanism shall be in accordance with the applicable rules of international law (including consent (explicit or implicit) of the affected country). The overall response shall be in coordination with the United Nations and its agencies**,** and have in place an effective acceptance of offers and delivery	2. In exceptional circumstances, and in the absence of a request for assistance by a third country affected by a disaster, a Member State may, on humanitarian grounds, request the activation of the Union Mechanism. Implementation of Union Mechanism shall be in accordance with the applicable rules of international law (including consent (explicit or implicit) of the affected country). The overall response shall be in coordination with the United Nations and its agencies and ***other relevant humanitarian actors present on the ground, such as the International Red***

of assistance.	***Cross and Red Crescent Movement, so as to avoid duplication and ensure complementarity of response. It shall also*** have in place an effective acceptance of offers and delivery of assistance***, including through cooperation with local humanitarian organisations to support last-mile delivery***.

Amendment 273
Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	2a. Where assistance is provided in situations of armed conflict, it shall be carried out in strict conformity with International Humanitarian Law and humanitarian principles. The use of military assets for providing assistance through the Union mechanism shall remain a last resort, under civilian oversight, and shall not be used to further any objective beyond the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Amendment 274
Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 6 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ea) ensure timely and structured operational coordination with the national contact points of the affected Member State or third country, where applicable, in order to facilitate emergency planning and preparation of response capacities, reduce

	delays in providing assistance after the formal requests for assistance, and prevent the loss of critical operational information during transmission through coordination channels.

Amendment 275
Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
9. Interventions outside of the Union under this Article may be conducted either as an autonomous assistance intervention or as a contribution to an intervention led by an international organisation. The Union coordination shall be fully integrated with the overall coordination provided by United Nations and its agencies and shall respect their leading role. In the case of human-induced disasters or complex emergencies**,** the Commission shall ensure consistency with the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid, and respect for humanitarian principles.	9. Interventions outside of the Union under this Article may be conducted either as an autonomous assistance intervention or as a contribution to an intervention led by an international organisation. The Union coordination shall be fully integrated with the overall coordination provided by United Nations and its agencies and shall respect their leading role. In the case of human-induced disasters or complex emergencies the Commission shall ensure consistency with the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid, ***the Humanitarian Aid Regulation*** and respect for humanitarian principles ***and international humanitarian law***.

Amendment 276
Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – title

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
Support to ***cross-sectoral*** crises	***Activation of response and*** support to crises ***through the Hub***

Amendment 277
Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The Hub may be used to provide support to ***cross-sectoral*** crises where:	1. The Hub may be used to provide support to ***response to*** crises where ***any of the following apply***:

Amendment 278
Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. In the cases referred to in paragraph 1, the Union support to response may ***cover*** up to 100% of the ***costs*** to reflect the scale and the impact of the crisis.	2. In the cases referred to in paragraph 1, the Union ***financial*** support to response may ***include:***
	(a) the procurement by the Commission or awarding of grants to Member States for the procurement of material means and any necessary enabling service needed to complement assistance under the Union Mechanism, and
	(b) increased financing of eligible costs under the Union Mechanism, including up to 100% of the ***cost in duly justified cases*** to reflect the scale and the impact of the crisis. ***Where support under this point covers 100 % of the costs, the Commission shall record in the award documentation or legal commitment a concise justification of that financing rate, taking account of available information on operational needs and financial risks, and the applicable audit, control, traceability and reporting***

	arrangements.

Amendment 279
Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
4. ***When the Union Mechanism provides*** support ***to*** response ***or the Hub facilitates the response initiated*** under other Union risk management instruments, the scope of application of those instruments shall be considered for determining the inclusion of associated countries in relation to the actions under this Chapter.	4. ***Where*** support ***under this article complements*** response ***measures taken*** under other Union risk management instruments, the scope of application of those instruments shall be considered for determining the inclusion of associated countries in relation to the actions under this Chapter.

Amendment 280
Proposal for a regulation
Article 31 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The Commission shall support response referred to in Article 32 by:	1. The Commission shall ***coordinate and*** support response referred to in Article 32 by:

Amendment 281
Proposal for a regulation
Article 31 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) providing and sharing information on equipment and on transport and logistical resources that Member States decide to make available, with a view to facilitating the pooling of such equipment or transport and logistical resources;	(a) providing and sharing information on equipment***, medical countermeasures*** and on transport and logistical resources that Member States decide to make available, with a view to facilitating the pooling of such equipment ***and products*** or transport and logistical resources;

Amendment 282
Proposal for a regulation
Article 31 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) assisting Member States ***to identify*** transport, logistical resources and equipment that may be available from other sources, including the commercial market, and facilitating their access to such resources;	(b) assisting Member States ***in identifying*** transport, logistical resources and equipment ***and medical countermeasures*** that may be available from other sources, including the commercial market, and facilitating their access to such resources;

Amendment 283
Proposal for a regulation
Article 31 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(c) financing transport and logistical resources, including military resources, as well as operational cost necessary for ensuring a rapid response, including where transport and logistical resources are requested by the affected country.	(c) financing transport and logistical resources, including military resources ***to be used for civilian purposes***, as well as operational cost necessary for ensuring a rapid response, including where transport and logistical resources are requested by the affected country ***and ensuring that supported response operations maintain operational continuity in protracted or simultaneous disasters, including those aggravated by cyber incidents or other hybrid threats***.

Amendment 284
Proposal for a regulation
Article 31 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ca) supporting the requesting state by providing the following facilities to assisting

States and other assisting actors:

(a) relief personnel, volunteers and non-regulated professions, including through expedited procedures for the temporary recognition of professional qualifications;

(b) simplified and expedited administrative procedures for equipment and goods mobilised in the context of assistance operations within the Union;

(c) legal status, recognised humanitarian and volunteer organisations, frontline workers, and volunteers to operate on their territory for the duration of the assistance operation;

(d) cash and voucher assistance, including facilitating the entry of such funds and currencies by assisting States and other assisting actors for the purposes of providing external assistance;

(e) transport, including expedited authorisations and priority passage for vehicles and aircraft operated by or on behalf of assisting actors, where necessary by way of derogation from relevant national law, for the duration of the assistance operation.

Where such measures are applied in situations of armed conflict, they shall be carried out in full conformity with applicable rules of international humanitarian law, the humanitarian principles and in accordance with the Humanitarian Aid

Regulation.

Amendment 285
Proposal for a regulation
Article 32 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. In order to promote an effective response, the Commission shall assist the Member States offering assistance by:	1. In order to promote an effective response, the Commission shall ***coordinate and*** assist the Member States offering assistance by:

Amendment 286
Proposal for a regulation
Article 32 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) identifying and accessing equipment, transport and logistical resources and services in the form of access to the commercial market or other sources through the Commission, such as transport services procured from private or other entities, and facilitating their access to such resources;	(a) identifying and accessing equipment***, medical countermeasures***, transport and logistical resources and services in the form of access to the commercial market or other sources through the Commission, such as transport services procured from private or other entities, and facilitating their access to such resources;

Amendment 287
Proposal for a regulation
Article 32 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) providing and sharing information on equipment, transport and logistical resources and services in the form of pooling with other Member States, and facilitating the establishment and maintenance of logistical hubs facilitating pooling;	(b) providing and sharing information on equipment***, medical countermeasures***, transport and logistical resources and services in the form of pooling with other Member States, and facilitating the establishment and maintenance of logistical hubs facilitating

pooling;

Amendment 288
Proposal for a regulation
Article 32 – paragraph 1 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ia) Facilitating the allocation and deployment of emergency medical response capacities to address health emergencies, including support for the establishment and operation of the actions allowing for medical evacuation hubs and the conducting of medical evacuation, including the cross-border transfer of patients between Member States in situations where national healthcare systems are overwhelmed, ensuring rapid deployment of cross-border medical teams, coordinated ambulance and air transport, and continuity of care for transferred patients.

Amendment 289
Proposal for a regulation
Article 32 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ka) providing simplified operational payment mechanisms or pre-authorised operational payment instruments managed by the Commission to enable deployed teams and response capacities to cover immediate logistical needs during deployment, including fuel, local transport and essential operational supplies.

Amendment 290
Proposal for a regulation
Article 32 – paragraph 1 – point k b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(kb)promoting interoperability and facilitating the compatibility of equipment, as well as the development of standardised procedures, in order to address practical barriers encountered in cross-border operations and enhance their effectiveness.

Amendment 291
Proposal for a regulation
Article 33 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. At the request of a Member State, a third country, the United Nations or its agencies or a relevant international organisation identified in accordance with Article 28(3), the Commission may select, appoint and provide support in the deployment of individual ***expert*** or EUCP Teams composed of experts nominated by Member States to provide advice on prevention or preparedness measures, or to support a common assessment of the situation and needs, facilitate coordination of assistance or provide technical advice.	1. At the request of a Member State, a third country, the United Nations or its agencies or a relevant international organisation identified in accordance with Article 28(3), the Commission may select, appoint and provide support in the deployment of individual ***experts, including qualified healthcare professionals*** or EUCP Teams composed of experts nominated by Member States to provide advice on prevention or preparedness measures, or to support a common assessment of the situation and needs, facilitate coordination of assistance or provide technical advice.

Amendment 292
Proposal for a regulation
Article 33 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

6a. Where there is a deployment of health care professionals, the Commission and Member States shall ensure their legal protection, professional liability cover, personal safety and recognition of the services provided.

Amendment 293
Proposal for a regulation
Article 33 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 33a
	Recovery Readiness Framework
	1. Member States may establish and regularly review a recovery readiness framework, including pre-disaster systems, policies, institutional arrangements, technical capacities and data systems, with inclusive processes, that enable timely, efficient and equitable recovery following disasters, in particular by ensuring essential services and continuity of health care in disaster-affected areas.
	2. Recovery readiness frameworks may assess, inter alia:
	(a) the clarity of institutional mandates, coordination mechanisms and responsibilities across levels of government for post-disaster recovery;
	(b) the technical and human capacities required for post-disaster needs assessments and recovery planning;

	(c) the availability of baseline data, risk information and interoperable information systems to support evidence-based recovery planning, monitoring and learning;
	d) the participation of local communities, civil society, private sector actors and at-risk groups in recovery planning, lesson learning and decision-making processes.
	3. The Commission may support Member States in developing and strengthening recovery readiness frameworks, including through knowledge exchange, technical expertise under the Knowledge Network, ensuring coherence with prevention, preparedness and response and contributing to long-term resilience.
	4. This Article shall not provide for funding of long-term recovery or reconstruction, which remains addressed by other Union instruments.

Amendment 294
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The Commission shall support Member States in strengthening capabilities for the prevention of, preparedness for, and response to ***serious-cross border*** threats to health, in particular through:	The Commission shall ***coordinate and*** support Member States in strengthening capabilities for the prevention of, preparedness for, and response to ***health emergencies and serious cross-border*** threats to health ***based on the One Health approach, in close cooperation with the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the ECDC,***

as appropriate, in particular through:

Amendment 295
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) supporting data collection, information exchange, early warning and surveillance systems***;***	(a) supporting data collection***, analysis and reporting***, information exchange, early warning and surveillance systems ***including:***
	i) epidemiological and climate-related surveillance systems, such as through enhanced risk anticipation and foresight capabilities at national, regional and local levels,
	ii) the development of a Union framework for real-time monitoring of intensive care unit capacity and workforce, including data on Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed availability, occupancy rates and equipment availability.

Amendment 296
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) enhancing the availability and accessibility of medical countermeasures, including through procurement, capacity reservations ***as well as their*** stockpiling ***and*** deployment;	(b) enhancing the availability***, affordability*** and accessibility of medical countermeasures, including***,*** through procurement, capacity reservations ***and*** stockpiling ***through cost-effective management,*** deployment ***and distribution of medical countermeasures, aiming for synergies and complementarities with national emergency stocks and***

	manufacturing capacities, as well as by strengthening the resilience of supply chains and ensuring their timely availability in times of crisis, and other relevant actions;

Amendment 297
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ba) supporting the development of national and Union level plans addressing the emergence and spread of antimicrobial-resistant pathogens, taking into account the One Health approach, including coordination between public health, veterinary, and environmental authorities.

Amendment 298
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(c) capacity building;	(c) ***supporting coordination actions and working with relevant stakeholders to improve*** capacity building ***and resilience of the Union healthcare workforce through strengthening knowledge and skills, training and exercises, including the development, modernisation and operation of digital training tools and platforms, such as online learning systems, simulation environments or other ICT-based training instruments, as well as supporting cross-***

	border medical teams through the establishment of clear deployment frameworks, as well as actions supporting the development and enhancement of information technology systems necessary for preparedness planning, monitoring, coordination and overall preparedness management, forecasting shortages, and coordinating Union-level responses;

Amendment 299
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) support actions for the development, implementation and monitoring, including through cooperation between national authorities and with stakeholders, and the development and deployment of the necessary tools and infrastructures, including IT infrastructures***.**	(d) support actions for the development, implementation and monitoring ***of health emergencies and serious cross-border threats to health***, including through cooperation between national authorities and with stakeholders, and the development and deployment of the necessary tools and infrastructures, including IT infrastructures***;***

Amendment 300
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(da) supporting cooperation with international organisations and global health initiatives in order to strengthen global health infrastructure preparedness and resilience and promote equitable and timely access to medical countermeasures,

including through collaboration with research and manufacturing partners including in low and middle income countries.

Amendment 301
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(db) ensuring effective and timely coordination between civil protection and health authorities at Union and national level, with a view to ensuring complementarity of actions, avoiding overlaps, and enabling a rapid, coherent and efficient deployment of health-related capacities;

Amendment 302
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point d c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(dc) ensuring the continuity of essential healthcare services during health emergencies, including prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and long-term care, in particular for vulnerable groups;

Amendment 303
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point d d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(dd) supporting the deployment, coordination and operational readiness of

health workforce in the context of health emergencies, including cross-border medical teams through the establishment of clear deployment frameworks and dedicated funding;

Amendment 304
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point d e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(de) adopting, where possible, public procurement methods that ensure objectives and needs are met;

Amendment 305
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point d f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(df) strengthening cross-border cooperation between specialised care centres across Member States, including through coordination frameworks, patient transfer arrangements and the mapping of available specialised capacities at Union level;

Amendment 306
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point d g (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(dg) promoting coordination, and data-sharing between Member States related to stockpiles of medical countermeasures, supporting

their efficiency, ensuring clarity on availability and facilitating the eventual deployment of medical countermeasures across the Union.

Amendment 307
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	An indicative list of eligible actions is presented under Section 6 of the Annex.

Amendment 308
Proposal for a regulation
Article 34 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 34a
	Stockpiling of medical countermeasures
	1. Activities supporting the stockpiling of medical countermeasures at Union level may cover, in particular:
	(a) actions to support the stockpiling of finished medical countermeasures, including finished dosage forms (FDFs) and personal protective equipment;
	(b) actions to support the stockpiling of unfinished products;
	(c) actions to support the stockpiling of raw materials, excipients, active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) necessary for medical countermeasures production;

(d) actions to support and facilitate stockpiling management and storage and stockpiling systems at Union level, including replenishment or rotation of stocks where relevant;

(e) actions to support identification of medical countermeasures needs for stockpiling.

Amendment 309
Proposal for a regulation
Article 35 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	4a. The Committee may meet in specific configurations depending on the matters to be discussed.

Amendment 310
Proposal for a regulation
Article 35 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 35a
	Exercise of the delegation
	1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.
	2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 12 shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of seven years from the [date of entry into force of the basic legislative act or any other date set by the co-legislators].
	3. The delegation of power

referred to in Article 12 may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016[1a].

5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 12 shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

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[1a] OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1, http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2016/512/oj .

Amendment 311
Proposal for a regulation
Article 35 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 35b
	Urgency procedure
	1. Delegated acts adopted under this Article shall enter into force without delay and shall apply as long as no objection is expressed in accordance with paragraph 3.
	2. The notification of a delegated act to the European Parliament and to the Council shall state the reasons for the use of the urgency procedure.
	3. The European Parliament or the Council may object to a delegated act in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 35a (6). In such a case, the Commission shall repeal the act without delay following the notification of the objection.

Amendment 312
Proposal for a regulation
Article 35 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	Article 35c
	The Commission shall provide the European Parliament and the Council, through existing annual reporting in line with the Financial Regulation and Regulation (EU) [XXX]

[Performance Regulation], clearly identifiable information on implementation of this Regulation in the preceding financial year, including third-country support, covering:

(a) financial implementation by specific objective, title, management mode and funding form, including the use of carried-over appropriations and additional resources, and amounts returned to source programmes;

(b) the number, amounts and justifications of direct grants without a call, exceptional procurement procedures and 100 % financing under Article 29(2)(b);

(c) main audit and control findings, including on double funding and conflicts of interest, errors, irregularities, suspected or established fraud and amounts involved, financial corrections, amounts recovered and outstanding recoveries;

(d) results against work-programme indicators and targets, performance-data reliability, reasons for significant underachievement and corrective measures.

The Commission shall publish annually, through existing Union systems in machine-readable form, the names of beneficiaries, contractors and, where applicable and available, other final recipients, their country of establishment, the actions supported and amounts committed and paid, in

accordance with the Financial Regulation and applicable confidentiality, security and data-protection rules. Publication restrictions shall be necessary, proportionate and documented; where publication is restricted, a non-confidential summary shall be published. Such restrictions shall not prejudice access under the following subparagraph.

The Commission shall ensure timely access for the European Parliament and the Court of Auditors to all information, documents and data necessary for budgetary control and discharge, including performance methodologies, underlying evidence and verification results. Legal commitments shall require the provision of that information and enable the Commission to transmit it or make it available. The Commission shall establish arrangements for access to sensitive or EU-classified information enabling effective scrutiny, audit and investigation by Parliament and the institutions and bodies referred to in Article 6(5a), within their respective competences and in accordance with applicable confidentiality, security and data-protection rules.

Amendment 313
Proposal for a regulation
Article 35 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*

Article 35d

Evaluation and Review

By ... [five years after the entry into force of this Regulation] and every five years thereafter, the Commission shall carry out an evaluation of this Regulation and shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council. That evaluation shall assess, in particular:

(a) the effectiveness, efficiency and Union-added value of the actions undertaken under this Regulation;

(b) the coherence and complementarity of the Mechanism with other relevant Union instruments;

(c) the adequacy of governance arrangements and coordination mechanisms;

(d) the sufficiency and efficiency of financial resources allocated under this Regulation.

The evaluation shall be based on qualitative and quantitative indicators and shall take into account the views of Member States, relevant Union agencies, civil society organisations, operational partners and other stakeholders. Where appropriate, it shall be accompanied by a legislative proposal to amend this Regulation.

Amendment 314
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(f) Supporting Member States in awareness-raising, public information and education, and their efforts in the provision of public information on alert systems, including on a cross-border level;	(f) Supporting Member States in ***developing a culture of preparedness,*** awareness-raising, public information and education, ***the development and the use of participatory and early detection tools*** and their efforts in the provision of public information on alert systems, including on a cross-border level;

Amendment 315
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(fa) Supporting Member States in integrating forward-looking climate projections into disaster risk mitigation and prevention and territorial planning and implementation of climate adaptation measures including nature-based solutions;

Amendment 316
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point f b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(fb) Supporting Member State targeted information campaigns to the population, supporting the establishment of local community-based partnerships for resilience to design and implement locally grounded preparedness and response activities;

Amendment 317
Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point f c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(fc) Supporting Member States on the mapping of vulnerabilities in risk assessment and risk management, with an inclusive approach taking into account relevant demographic factors and the accessibility of critical infrastructure, including essential public services and healthcare facilities;

Amendment 318
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ha)Supporting Member States in developing age sensitive prevention and preparedness measures, including age-appropriate disaster risk education and dedicated protection protocols for children or elderly persons in institutional care;

Amendment 319
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point h b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(hb) Supporting Member States in developing and improving access to volunteer and first responder training programmes;

Amendment 320
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 1 – paragraph 1 – point h c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(hc)Addressing health workforce shortages in the context of health emergencies, including by supporting training, retention and cross-border mobility of healthcare professionals, as well as recognition of qualifications;

Amendment 321
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 2 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(c) Setting up and managing training and exercises programmes for civil protection, prevention, preparedness and response planning to serious cross-border threats to health, including the management of medical countermeasures, civil – military cooperation, and an exchange of experts programme for civil protection and disaster management personnel;	(c) Setting up and managing training and exercises programmes for civil protection, prevention, preparedness and response planning to serious cross-border threats to health, including the management of medical countermeasures, civil – military cooperation, and an exchange of experts programme for civil protection and disaster management personnel***, including volunteers and expertise related to climate and public health related risks***;

Amendment 322
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 2 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) Setting up and managing a programme on uptake of research and innovation results, and encouraging the introduction and use of relevant new approaches or technologies or both for the purpose of the Union Mechanism	(d) Setting up and managing a programme on uptake of research and innovation results, and encouraging the introduction and use of relevant new approaches or technologies or both for the purpose of the Union Mechanism including their acquisition***,***

including their acquisition***;***	***including in the areas of climate adaptation, anticipatory action and environmental resilience.***

Amendment 323
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 2 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(da) Supporting to ensure adequate medical surge capacity and the development of intensive care unit capacity and workforce, including data on ICU bed availability, occupancy rates and equipment availability;

Amendment 324
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 3 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) Working with Member States to maintain and further develop situational awareness and analysis capability, including scientific and technical advisory expertise, and translate scientific information into operational information;	(d) Working with Member States to maintain and further develop situational awareness and analysis capability, including scientific and technical advisory expertise, and ***climate, environmental and health scientific and technical advisory expertise, and*** translate scientific information into operational information;

Amendment 325
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 3 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(e) Working with Member States to monitor disasters and***, where relevant,*** climate change	(e) Working with Member States to monitor disasters and ***continuously assess*** climate

impacts, and provide advice based on scientific knowledge thereof;	change ***and environment-related*** impacts ***on disaster risks***, and provide advice based on scientific knowledge thereof;

Amendment 326
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 3 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(f) Working with Member States to create, maintain and develop European scientific partnerships to cover natural and ***man-made*** hazards, promote the linkage between national early warning and alert systems and the linkage of such systems with the ERCC and other relevant IT systems;	(f) Working with Member States to create, maintain and develop European scientific partnerships to cover natural and ***human-induced*** hazards ***and risks***, promote the linkage between national early warning and alert systems and the linkage of such systems with the ERCC and other relevant IT systems;

Amendment 327
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 3 – paragraph 1 – point o a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(oa) Supporting Member States in ensuring that preparedness and response measures are fully accessible to persons with disabilities, including through inclusive early warning systems and dedicated evacuation and shelter protocols.

Amendment 328
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 4 – point 3 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(da) cross-border transfer of patients between Member States in situations of

	healthcare system overload, including coordinated ambulance and air transport, deployment of cross-border medical teams, and reception and treatment arrangements in the receiving Member State.

Amendment 329
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 4 – point 3 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(db)supporting actions that contribute to the integration of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) solutions into transport systems, in particular t the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS), as a means to enhance resilience and operational continuity of critical transport infrastructure.

Amendment 330
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
Actions meeting the objective laid down in point (e) of Article 4(2):	Actions meeting the objective laid down in point (e) of Article 4(2)***, and undertaken in accordance with Article 29 which may include***: ***(a) transport and supporting the operation of registered capacities of the ECPP referred to in Article 20;*** ***(b) transport, and where relevant, supporting the operation of spontaneously offered assistance not registered in the ECPP***

	referred to in Article 20;
	(c) facilitating transport and supporting the operation of rescEU capacities referred to in Article 21;
	(d) awarding grants for procurement by Member States of equipment, transport and logistical resources and services;
	(e) deployment of expert teams.

Amendment 331
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – Section 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	5a POSSIBLE ELIGIBLE ACTIONS ON HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST)
	Actions meeting the objectives laid down in point (f) of Article 4(2):
	(a) Strengthening the critical health infrastructure to cope with health crises by supporting the setup of tools for surveillance, forecast, prevention and management of outbreaks, as well as strengthening resilience of hospitals and other critical health facilities, including their operational continuity and resilience in complex, hybrid and security-related crisis scenarios;
	(b) Supporting actions to foster Union-wide health crisis anticipation, prevention and preparedness, and the management and response capacity of actors at Union

and national level, including voluntary stress tests, contingency planning and preparedness exercises; mechanisms for the efficient coordination of preparedness and response, and the coordination of those actions at Union level;

(c) Supporting actions for setting up an integrated cross-cutting risk communication framework covering all phases of health crisis;

(d) Supporting preventive actions to protect vulnerable groups from health threats and actions to adapt the response to and the management of health crises to their specific needs;

(e) Supporting actions to address the collateral health consequences of a health crisis, including, where appropriate and duly justified, measures to support the continuity of essential and uninterrupted medical treatment, in particular in cases where disruption would pose serious risks to patients' health or life;

(f) Supporting, in synergy with other programmes, training and educational programmes for the upskilling of healthcare and public health workforces, and programmes for temporary exchanges of staff, in particular with the aim of improving their digital skills, including support for the development and deployment of digital training platforms, online learning systems and ICT-based simulation tools;

(g) Supporting the establishment and coordination of Union Reference Laboratories, Union Reference Centres, and Centres of Excellence;

(h) Auditing Member States' preparedness and response arrangements, for example regarding health crisis management, antimicrobial resistance and vaccination;

(i) Communicating to the public in the context of risk management and health crisis preparedness;

(j) Supporting upwards convergence of national systems' performance through health indicator development, analysis and knowledge brokering and the organisation of voluntary stress tests of national healthcare systems;

(k) Supporting investigation, risk assessment and risk management work on the link between animal health, environmental factors, and human diseases, including during health crises;

(l) Supporting actions to foster whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach within health emergency preparedness and response, including civil–military cooperation under civilian leadership, in particular to ensure access to medical countermeasures, including dual use, and support a cooperation framework with industry and civil society;

(m) Supporting actions to ensure access to medical

countermeasures in times of health crises including through exchange of information and monitoring of supply chains, agreements with manufacturers in particular for the reservation of production capacity, the maintenance of 'ever-warm' production capacities, and emergency manufacturing scale-up;

(n) Supporting the cost-effective establishment, replenishment, management and deployment of strategic stockpiles of medical countermeasures, with national authorities of Member States and relevant Union bodies;

(o) Supporting actions to promote collaborative and joint procurement initiatives, and to strengthen the global health emergency preparedness and response, including civil–military cooperation under civilian leadership, in particular to ensure access to medical countermeasures, including dual use, and support a cooperation framework with industry and civil society;

(p) Supporting the participation of the population in education and training programmes on prevention and preparedness, including health emergency literacy;

(q) Supporting collaboration with third countries, United Nations and other international or national organisations fostering global health emergency preparedness and response

initiatives, contributing to the objectives of the Regulation;

(r) Supporting development, evaluation and monitoring frameworks of health emergency preparedness and response actions and policies, including through the provision of scientific advice to support evidence-based policymaking.

Amendment 332
Proposal for a regulation
Annex I a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission				
Amendment				
Annex Ia ***Budget Nomenclature***				
The nomenclature for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism will include the following budget lines:				
Title	***Chapter***	***Article***	***Item***	***Description***
XX				***EU Civil Protection - rescEU & Health preparedness (UCPM)***
XX	***01***			***Support administrative expenditure for EU Civil Protection Mechanism and health preparedness (UCPM)***
XX	***01***	***01***		***Support expenditure for UCPM***
XX	***02***			***UCPM - EU Civil Protection Mechanism***
XX	***02***	***01***		***EU Civil Protection Mechanism***
XX	***03***			***UCPM - Health preparedness***
XX	***03***	***01***		***Health preparedness***
XX	***04***			***UCPM – Flexibility amount***