



Disaster resilience or... Towards the Preparedness Union

A perspective from the EU civil protection

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EU INSTRUMENTS FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (EXAMPLES)



**FLOOD
RISK**

**FLOODS
DIRECTIVE**



**INDUSTRIAL
ACCIDENTS**

**SEVESO
DIRECTIVE**



**CLIMATE
CHANGE
ADAPTATION**

**CLIMATE
LAW**



**EARTHQUAKE
SAFETY**

EUROCODES



**CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**CRITICAL
ENTITIES
RESILIENCE
DIRECTIVE**



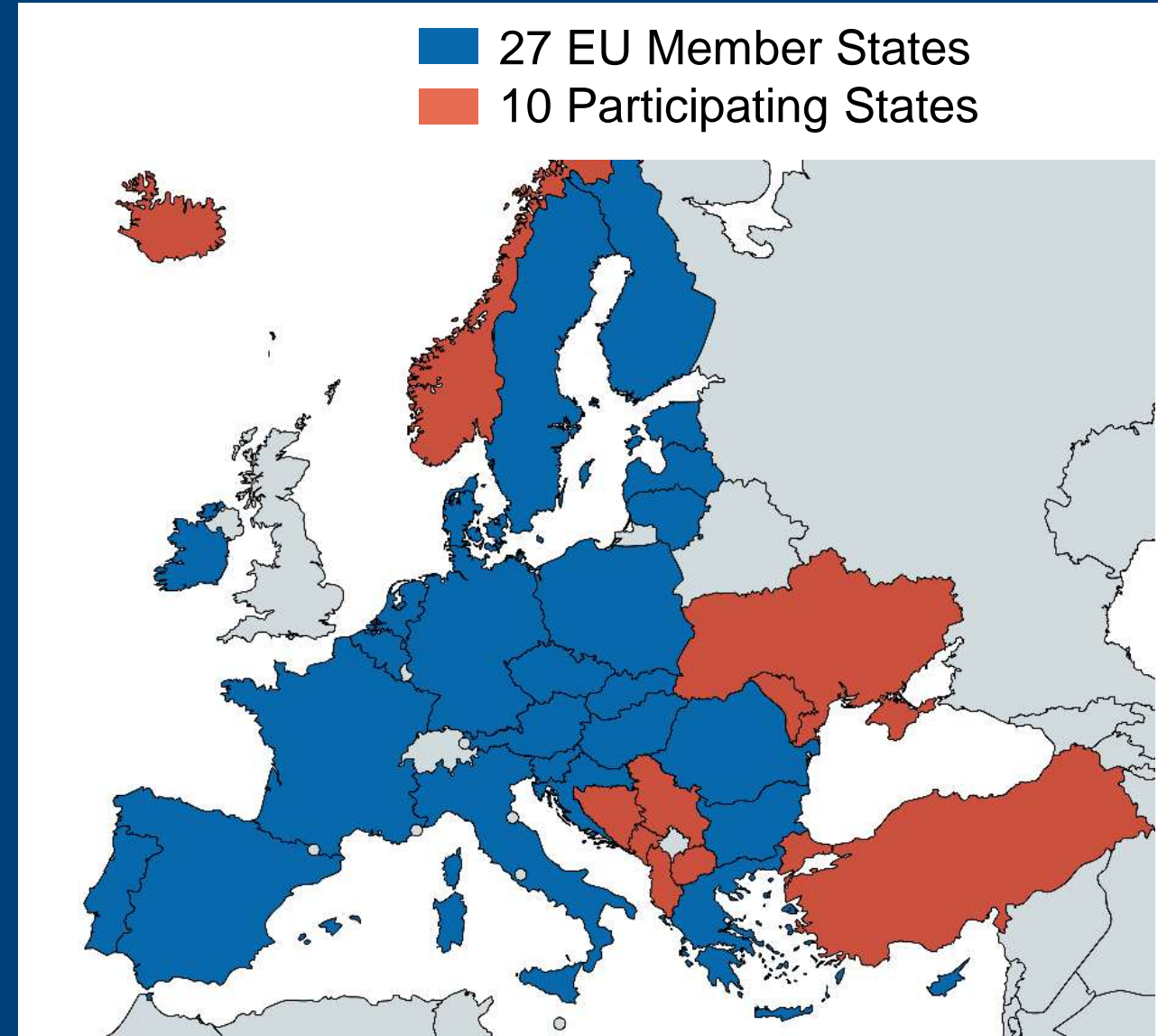
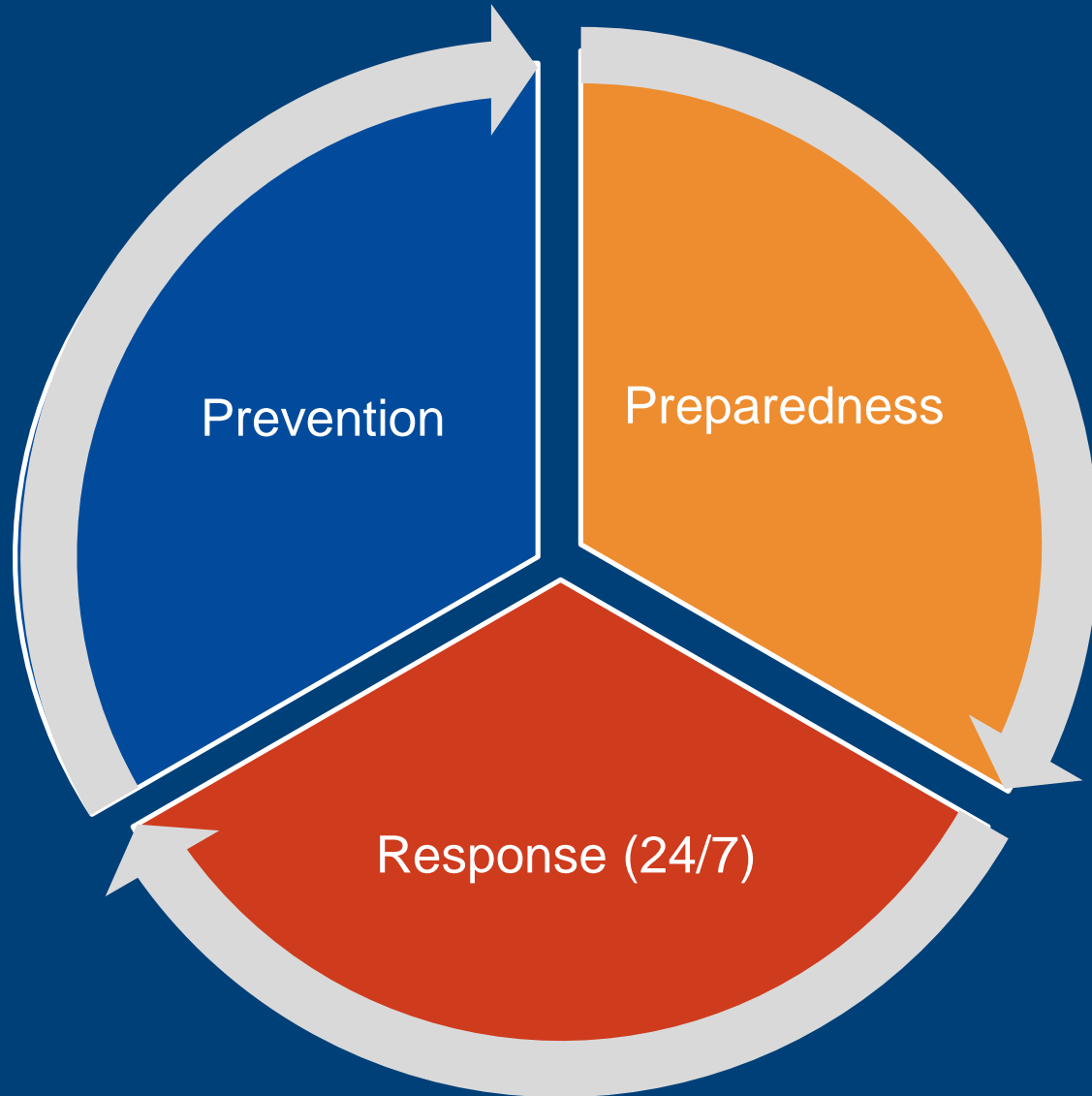
**HEALTH
SECURITY**

**SERIOUS
CROSS-
BORDER
THREATS TO
HEALTH**



CIVIL PROTECTION

The Union Civil Protection Mechanism - UCPM



UCPM Decision 1313/2013

MEMBER STATES SHALL DEVELOP:



DISASTER RISK
ASSESSMENTS



DISASTER RISK
MANAGEMENT
CAPABILITY
ASSESSMENTS



DISASTER RISK
MANAGEMENT
PLANNING



COLLECTION
OF DISASTER
LOSS DATA

Deteriorating risk landscape



EU PREPAREDNESS UNION STRATEGY

adopted on 26 March 2025



**All-Hazards
Approach**



**Whole-of-Government
Approach**



**Whole-of-Society
Approach**

7 KEY AREAS OF ACTION



**1
FORESIGHT
&
ANTICIPATION**



**2
RESILIENCE
OF VITAL
SOCIETAL
FUNCTIONS**



**3
POPULATION
PREPA-
REDNESS**



**4
PUBLIC-
PRIVATE
COOPERATION**



**5
CIVIL-
MILITARY
COOPERATION**



**6
EU CRISIS
RESPONSE**



**7
INTERNATIONAL
PARTNERSHIPS**

Population Preparedness in the Strategy

SELECTED ACTIONS:

- Develop guidelines to reach a **population self-sufficiency** of minimum 72 hours
- Improve **early warning** systems
- Increase **awareness** about risks and threats
- Include preparedness in **school education** curricula and training of educational staff
- Promote preparedness in **youth programmes**



Population preparedness: The current state of play



SPECIAL EUROBAROMETER 547

Disaster risk awareness and preparedness of the EU population

EUROBAROMETER REPORT

FIELDWORK: February 7th - March 3rd,
2024



‘To which risks do you personally feel exposed?’

EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS

Violent storms, droughts, heatwaves, cold waves



CYBERSECURITY THREATS

Cyberattacks, cybercrimes



WILDFIRE, FOREST FIRES



POLITICAL OR GEO-POLITICAL TENSIONS

Civil unrest, social divisions



FLOODS

River or coastal flood, heavy rain event



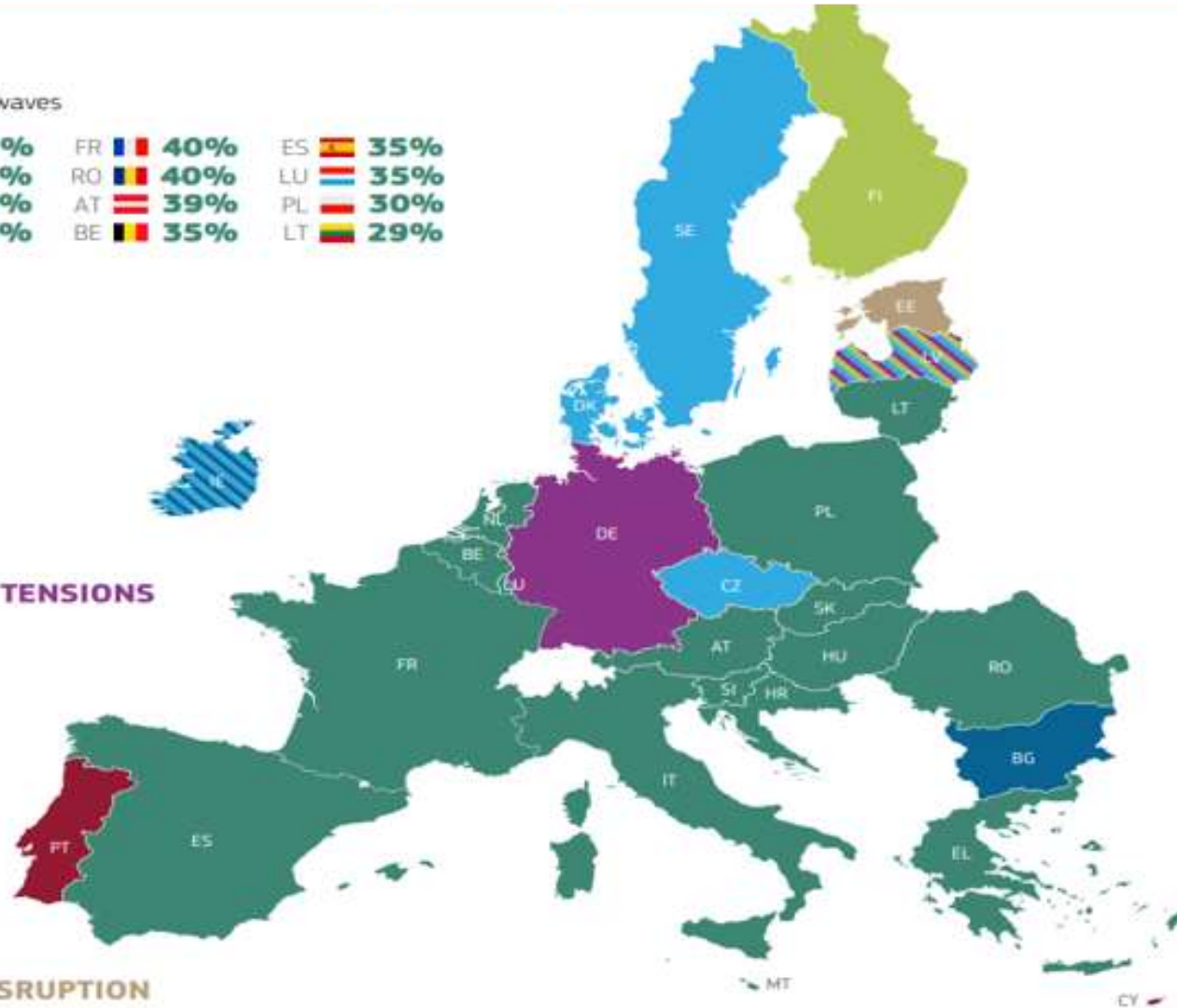
HUMAN HEALTH EMERGENCY

Highly contagious disease outbreak



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DISRUPTION

Electricity black-outs, disruption to gas or drinking water



Not well informed about risks that could affect them **49%**

Not well prepared for disasters **58%**

Do not know where to find information
when travelling within the EU **47%**

Informed about local, regional or national response plans **9%**

Could not manage more than a day without electricity **48%**

Are involved in volunteering **7%**

Bringing the EU's preparedness agenda to life at local level



RISK- INFORMED PLANNING

Incorporate climate and non-climate risk assessments into planning processes



PROTECTING VITAL FUNCTIONS

Prioritise the continuity of essential services in all-hazard scenarios



STRENGTHENING LOCAL EMERGENCY CAPACITY

Develop public alerting, emergency response planning, and community-based risk management



ENGAGING CITIZENS AND COMMUNITIES

Raise awareness and promote action through campaigns, initiatives, and drills



MOBILISING EU AND NATIONAL FUNDS

Leverage funding instruments to support dual-benefit investments



Thank you