



EU Preparedness Union Strategy

Enhances the EU's ability to anticipate, prevent, and respond to the new threats and crises.

Key Risks

- ★ **Natural disasters:**
floods, wildfires, earthquakes, and extreme weather events exacerbated by climate change.
- ★ **Human-induced disasters:**
industrial accidents, technological failures, and pandemics.
- ★ **Hybrid threats:**
cyberattacks, disinformation campaigns and FIMI (foreign information manipulation and interference), and sabotage of critical infrastructure.
- ★ **Geopolitical crises:**
armed conflicts, including the possibility of armed aggression against Member States.



Core Principles



Integrated All-Hazards Approach



Whole-of-Society Approach



Whole-of-Government Approach

Key Tools & Actions



Foresight and Anticipation:

- Strengthen operational foresight and anticipation capabilities (early warning, risk assessment).
- Develop an EU framework for risk and threat assessments.
- Ensure regular updates at EU political level.
- Strengthen the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC).
- Develop an EU catalogue for training and a platform for lessons learned.



Resilience of Vital Societal Functions:

- “Preparedness by design” into EU policies and actions.
- Design a comprehensive framework with Minimum Preparedness requirements.
- Develop/ put in place an EU stockpiling strategy.
- Climate Adaptation Plan.
- Water Resilience Strategy and other critical natural resources.



Population Preparedness:

- Enhance risk and threat awareness by the population.
- Ensure population self-sufficiency (72 hours) across EU.
- Promote preparedness in youth programmes.
- Attract talent to reinforce EU's preparedness.
- Preparedness in education curricula and skills for critical sectors.



Public-Private Cooperation:

- Establish a Public-Private Preparedness Alliance.
- Develop public-private emergency protocols.



Civil-Military Cooperation:

- Create a comprehensive civil-military preparedness framework.
- Facilitate dual-use planning and investment.
- Organize EU wide exercises for comprehensive preparedness.
- Revise the public procurement framework.



Crisis Response:

- Establish an EU crisis coordination hub.
- Boost rescEU strategic reserves of response capacities.
- Develop an EU framework for lessons learned, exercises and training.



Resilience through External Partnerships:

- Integrate preparedness and resilience into dialogues and cooperation (bilateral and multilateral).
- Integrate preparedness and resilience into EU-NATO cooperation.
- Advance resilience through Global Gateway projects.

