

Reforming, developing and enhancing the civil protection system from the climate change adaptation perspective

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The project

“Reforming, Developing and Enhancing the Civil Protection System in Cyprus”, implemented with the support of SG REFORM, European Commission.

Objectives

- Support the establishment of an efficient, coordinated national civil protection mechanism, and therefore,
- Enhance the country’s preparedness and response capabilities.

Context

- Links between the outputs of the of the SG REFORM (TSI) projects “***Reforming, Developing and Enhancing the Civil Protection System in Cyprus***” of the Cyprus Civil Defence with the measures included in the “***Cyprus National Climate Adaptation Strategy developed***” of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment, specifically concerning measures included in the “Cyprus National Climate Adaptation Strategy”.

Method for linking the two projects

- **Review of measures included in the National Adaptation Strategy (NAS)** to identify how the Project of Cyprus Civil Defence can support the achievement of the strategy's targets included.
- **Consultations and exchanges** between the two teams as well as between the teams and the respective beneficiary organizations.
- **Participation** of Cyprus Civil Defence and Expertise France's project team in the stakeholder consultation process.

Overview of the linkages of the two projects

- **Policy areas linking the two projects**

- Disaster Risk Management.
- Civil Protection.
- Critical Infrastructure.

- **Common goals of the two projects**

- Strengthen national disaster risk governance.
- Enhance and promote preparedness, prevention, and therefore, resilience.

Links of the two projects by measure (1/4)

NAS measure	24CY07 link	24CY07 drivers
DRM 1n Develop and regularly update (wildfire/storm/heat) hazard maps	• Risk Assessment Methodology, NPDRR	• NRA 2025-CY
DRM 2n Review Cyprus' national DRM and civil protection system with updated climate change projections and scenarios	• Unified civil protection mechanism • NPDRR	• NRA 2025-CY, CER
DRM 3n Secure financial resources for adapting essential networks and critical infrastructure providing basic services	• Critical entities framework	• Aligned with EU CER Directive

Links of the two projects by measure (2/4)

NAS measure	24CY07 link	24CY07 drivers
DRM 4n DRM 4n Support and reinforce disaster risk preparedness: Observation, early warning, communication and education with climate change adaptation criteria	• Early Warning & Communication Protocols	• Improved preparedness and awareness

Links of the two projects by measure (3/4)

NAS measure	24CY07 link	24CY07 – Drivers
DRM 5n Encourage the consideration of risk analyses associated with climate change in the study, analysis and definition of self-protection measures and promote self-protection for the different disaster risks related to climate change. Review post-disaster recovery action plans to incorporate climate change adaptation considerations	• Awareness campaigns with climate crisis focus	• Enhanced community resilience

Links of the two projects by measure (4/4)

NAS measure	24CY07 link	24CY07 drivers
DRM 6n Review post-disaster recovery action plans to incorporate climate change adaptation considerations	• Post-Disaster Recovery Insights - Hazard life cycle	• Indirect input via needs assessment
DRM 8n Endow Civil Defence with authority to provide input on the full disaster risk management cycle, including prevention and recovery	• Support the legal reform	• Enhanced CCD mandate

Contribution of the Cyprus Civil Defence project to the climate adaptation strategy

- **Promotes institutional reform** aligning with international practices.
- **Strengthens a risk-informed, decision-making** framework.
- **Lays the grounds for integrating climate change data** into disaster risk management (DRM) processes.
- **Creates foundation for future adaptation** and prevention policies.
- **Supports enhancing national and regional resilience** capacities.

Conclusions

- The Cyprus Civil Defence project is a key enabler for implementing several DRM measures under the NAS.
- There is strong complementarity between the two initiatives in specific policy areas.
- The two projects contribute in paving the way for a climate change-resilient Cyprus.

Thank you!