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COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION

Evaluation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism

(2017-2022)

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Alongside this Staff Working Document, a Communication to the Council and European Parliament (COM(2024) 212 final) was issued. This Communication is complementary to the SWD.

Summary:

While the UCPM has shown flexibility to adapt to unanticipated events and to evolving needs on the ground, the Evaluation, which analysed the UCPM activities in the years 2017-2022, stresses the need for increased operational coordination across sectors to foster an integrated, resilient, and effective European disaster and crisis management system fit for the future risk landscape. The Commission should further enhance an all-hazards and all of society approach to effectively support and complement the efforts of Member States in prevention, preparedness, and response actions.

Further, the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) has shown to be a crucial success factor for the UCPM and manifested itself as well-suited operational coordination platform at EU level. Moreover, the evaluation concludes that the implementation of rescEU was effective and efficient to bolster the EU's resilience.

Moreover, synergies with other Union policies, programmes and funds should be intensified as civil protection remains a key pillar in the EU's prevention, preparedness and response activities to face more frequent, intense, and complex disasters of the future.

Concluding, despite limitations identified in the Evaluation, taking into consideration the baseline of the evaluation period and the unforeseen and evolving risks and disasters, the Commission overall concludes that the implementation of UCPM activities has fully met the expectations.