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Dear Colleague,

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS: CIVIL PROTECTION FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT
– PREVENTION AND OTHER ACTIONS**

In previous years the Civil Contingencies Secretariat has notified you about funding opportunities in the field of civil protection under the Directorate General for Environment – the Community Action Programme. Under a new financial framework the previous funding programme has been replaced with a new annual programme.

Each year there will be a thematic priority covering the programme. In 2007 the thematic priority is climate change, in particular in relation to natural disasters.

Under the thematic priority there are four operational objectives:

1. Enhancing the preparedness of the professional and volunteer civil protection services operating in the Member States;
2. Enhancing the preparedness of the public in case of emergencies in the Member States;
3. Prevention;
4. Dissemination, promotion and implementation of project results (for completed EU funded projects).

Project proposals must focus on one of the objectives and must demonstrate European added-value (including involving organisations in more than one Member State). Funding is available for up to 75% of the eligible costs or a maximum of €500,000.

The deadline for applications is 1st August 2007.

All the information on the funding programme, the eligibility criteria and financing is available at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/finance.htm>. Further questions on the funding programme should be addressed to the Civil Protection Unit at the Commission: env-a3@ec.europa.eu.



Potential applicants with sufficiently scoped projects are asked to contact the Civil Contingencies Secretariat, which is the lead authority for UK civil protection matters in Europe, to ensure that there is a consistency with UK national and European policies: pnc-ccs@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk. This email address can also be used for any general enquires.

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