



REGIONE
LAZIO



Workshop: 30.09.2026

Strengthening Civil Protection in Europe: Bridging EU Policy and Regional Action

Place: Lazio Region - Eu Liaison Office, Logo Room - 8th Floor, Rond Point 14 Schuman 1040 Brussels

AGENDA

<i>Local Time</i> 9:30 – 10:00	Participants Registration and Welcome Coffee
10:00 – 10:15	Institutional greetings: • Francesco Rocca, <i>President of Lazio Region</i> (video message) • Pasquale Ciacciarelli, <i>Minister for Civil Protection of Lazio Region</i> • Antonello Aurigemma, <i>President of the Regional Council of Lazio, Member of the European Committee of the Regions</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Introduction and opening remarks • Paolo Giuntarelli, <i>Director of the regional Department for Presidency Affairs, Tourism, Cinema, Audiovisual, and Sport of Lazio Region</i> • Massimo La Pietra, <i>Director of the regional Department for Civil Protection of Lazio Region</i> • Amb. Dionysios Kalamvrezos, <i>Director of EPLO office in Brussels</i>
10:30 – 11:00	PANEL 1: EU Civil Protection Framework and State of Play – Moderator: <i>Amb. Dionysios Kalamvrezos, Director of EPLO office in Brussels</i> • Francesco Pontiroli Gobbi, <i>Deputy Head of the Unit of Civil Protection Emergency Response Capabilities, DG ECHO, European Commission. Overview of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism</i> • Giovanni De Siervo, <i>Italian Presidency of Council of Ministers - Civil Protection Department. Co-ordinator of Service Relation with UE and International Organisations</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Questions & Answers



11:15 – 12:45	PANEL 2: Regional Realities Challenges in Civil Protection – Moderator: <i>Roberta Pascolini, Co-ordinator of Lazio Region Brussels Office</i> • Zuzana Stanton - Geddes, <i>Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank. EU Case Studies</i> • George Alexakis, <i>Vice-President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) for Transport and Accessibility, Vice-Governor for European and International Affairs, Region of Crete. Experiences from Greece</i> • Representative of Lower Austria Province, <i>Experiences from Austria (and transboundary co-operation) (tbc)</i> • Ariel Carpanini, <i>Head of the EU Representation Région Sud – Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. Experiences from France</i> • Giuliano Tallone, <i>Head of Training, Communication and Public Awareness, Dept. Emergencies, Civil Protection and 112 of Lazio Region. Experiences from Italy</i> • Davide Strangis, <i>Secretary General of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPRM). From experiences to policies: civil protection and regions in Europe</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Questions & Answers
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break and Networking
14:00 – 15:30	European Mechanism on Civil Protection, States, Regions. How to co-operate for a better answer to emergencies in Europe Introductory speech: on <i>Antonella Sberna, Vice President of the EU Parliament</i> Roundtable. <i>Discussion with EU officials and regional leaders on the issues of the seminar - Moderator: Jorge Núñez Ferrer, Director for Cohesion Policy and EU Budget of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)</i> • Francesco Pontiroli Gobbi, <i>Deputy Head of the Unit of Civil Protection Emergency Response Capabilities, DG ECHO, European Commission</i> • Giovanni De Siervo, <i>Italian Presidency of Council of Ministers, Civil Protection Department</i> • Raquel Aguado Muñoz, <i>Director General for Representation to the EU, the Spanish Autonomous Regions and External Action, Generalitat Valenciana, Spain</i> • George Alexakis, <i>Regional Councillor for European and International Affairs, Region of Crete, Greece</i> • Pasquale Ciacciarelli, <i>Minister for Civil Protection of Lazio Region, Italy</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Questions & Answers
16:00- 16:15	Conclusions: <i>Antonello Aurigemma, President of the Regional Council of Lazio, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, Italy</i> Summary of Key Takeaways
	Please register HERE before 28 September 2026

Italiano

Concept note

L'iniziativa intende promuovere un momento di confronto sul rafforzamento dei sistemi di protezione civile in Europa, con particolare attenzione al ruolo delle Regioni nella prevenzione, preparazione e gestione delle emergenze e al confronto con i Centri di Competenza nazionali, al fine di formulare suggerimenti per migliorarne l'efficacia in diverse realtà europee.

L'evento offrirà inoltre l'opportunità di condividere esperienze, approcci organizzativi e buone pratiche tra diversi livelli di governance, valorizzando il contributo delle strutture territoriali e tecnico-scientifiche nella gestione del rischio e delle crisi.

L'obiettivo è favorire un dialogo strutturato tra istituzioni, esperti e operatori del settore, con l'intento di individuare elementi utili a rafforzare la cooperazione, la capacità di coordinamento e l'adeguatezza degli strumenti di risposta nelle diverse fasi dell'emergenza.

English

Concept note

The initiative aims to foster an exchange on strengthening civil protection systems in Europe, with particular attention to the role of regions in the prevention, preparedness and management of emergencies, and to the comparison with national centres of competence, with a view to developing recommendations to improve their effectiveness across different European contexts

The event will also provide an opportunity to share experiences, organizational approaches and good practices across different levels of governance, highlighting the contribution of territorial and technical-scientific structures to risk and crisis management.

The objective is to foster a structured dialogue among institutions, experts and practitioners, with the aim of identifying useful elements to strengthen cooperation, coordination capacity and the adequacy of response tools across the various phases of an emergency.