Prepare to Respond II is a programme of affordable training courses, free placements, study visits and tailor-made consultancy services offered to aid workers and humanitarian civil society organisations in the new EU member states and candidate countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey. The programme aims to strengthen the response and preparedness capacities of humanitarian organisations based in these target countries.

Participants are required to pay a registration fee of:

- **EUR 5** per participant per day for staff from humanitarian organisations in new EU member states and candidate countries.
- **EUR 20** per participant per day from organisations based outside these areas.

Participants must cover their travel costs.

*Fees are non-refundable however participants can request to transfer it to another course.*
This programme includes 3 skill-sharing components, designed to strengthen the capacities of humanitarian workers and organisations in these countries and building critical competencies for their work in the humanitarian aid sector by sharing the expertise of the Austrian Red Cross (AutRC) and RedR UK. All three of these components are available to key staff of humanitarian organizations based in the new EU member states: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

**Skill-sharing opportunities**

**Placements**

Placements are intended to be professional development opportunities for participants. The programme will allow participants to work in the offices of established humanitarian organisations, including in the Austrian Red Cross head office. Participants will gain firsthand knowledge and experience, as well as a broader understanding of structures, rules, procedures and day-to-day work in the humanitarian and development sector.

**Study Visits**

Study visits offer in-depth, professional support for cross-organisational sharing and learning on crucial management topics. Each study visit will complement the target organisation's existing programmes and strategies to establish the foundations for sustainable and effective disaster response. Participants will be mentored by a technical expert who will share learning on best practice on crucial management topics. Participants are expected to implement their learning once back in their roles.

**Consultancies**

The programme will allow organisations to apply for specific consultancy services free of charge in a range of topics including, but not limited to: funding and proposal writing, financing and accounting, security in the field, leadership, and monitoring and evaluation. Consultancies will offer opportunities for cross-organisational sharing and learning on crucial management topics. Consultancies will support the organisation's existing projects and strategies to build the foundations for sustainable and effective aid responses.

For registration details and further information visit:

Austrian Red Cross
www.redcross.at/prepare2respond

RedR UK
www.redr.org.uk/preparespond