

The European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection represent a policy measures aiming at upholding and/or guaranteeing security and public order during a crisis situation.

The Work Programme for 2005, annexed to the Commission Decision C/2005/3179, establishes in its Point 2.1 the following six themes/topics of projects:

- Projects aimed at enhancing protection measures for critical infrastructure; (e.g. evaluation and methods of improving security measures; identifying possible gaps in security solutions; identification, classification and comparison of Member State best practices in the field of critical infrastructure protection; identification and analysis of practices concerning the observation, detection and reaction to anomalous behaviour of both staff and external sources in relation to critical infrastructure);
- Projects dealing with vulnerabilities and resilience of critical infrastructure; (e.g. methodologies for the identification of vulnerabilities of key assets; classification of vulnerabilities; proposals for methods on reducing generic types of vulnerabilities);
- Projects aimed at designing mitigation strategies and risk assessments for critical infrastructure; (e.g. development of general and sector specific risk assessment methodologies);
- Projects aimed at developing contingency plans; (e.g. development of methodologies for the elaboration of contingency plans);
- Projects aimed at developing common security standards and innovative technologies for protection of critical infrastructure; (e.g. development of general or sector specific standards concerning the protection of critical infrastructure; identification and development of technologies which could be used to increase the levels of security of critical infrastructures; specific on-site and external protection measures; identification and comparison of international standards in the field of critical infrastructure protection);
- Trans-national projects which must involve partners in at least two Member States, or at least one Member State and an applicant country.