



DRR RELATED ISSUES IN EU CIVIL PROTECTION POLICY

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The EU Civil Protection Policy in a Nutshell

- Framework for cooperation in disaster response, preparedness and prevention
- Natural and manmade disasters, inside and outside EU
- European Commission + 31 Participating States (27EU+NO, LI, IS, CR)



Covering a wide range of disasters

■ Natural disasters

- Floods, earthquakes, forest fires, cyclones

■ Manmade disasters

- Environmental disasters (Deepwater Horizon, HU alkali sludge accident 2010)

■ Health emergencies

- H1N1 crisis (medical support Bulgaria, Ukraine)

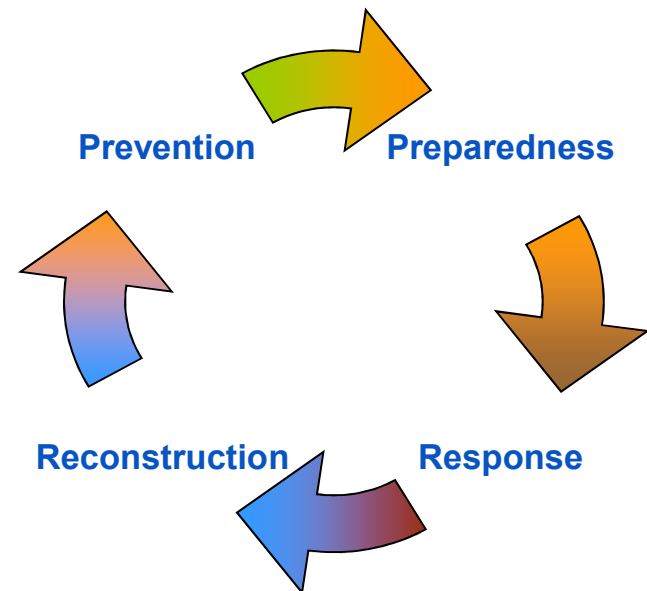
■ Consular support

- Evacuation EU citizens (after Mumbai terrorist attack)



EU Prevention and Preparedness (DRR) policy priorities

- Linking the actors and policies throughout the disaster management cycle
- Create the conditions for knowledge-based disaster prevention and preparedness policies
- Making existing instruments perform better for disaster prevention and preparedness
- Political dialogue and mainstreaming of DRR
- Development of a risk management policy



Improving the knowledge base

Key issues : information gaps, comparability, lack of spatial information

EU report on natural and technological hazards

- For some hazards no comprehensive overview
- Inclusion of more events and impacts
- Further spatial information (spatial resolution, GIS-data)
- Improved and standardized definitions and terminology for economic losses and/or damage costs, affected people, etc.
- Making more data publicly accessible
- More comparable and harmonized methodologies, data and data models



Risk assessment and disaster management

- Guidelines for national (and cross border) Risk Assessments
- Focus on process and methods and encourage multi-risk assessments
- Building on Member States and (inter-)regional good practice plus R&D results
- Next steps : Member States to produce own risk assessments 2011
- EU overview of risks 2012
- Minimum standards for prevention and risk management planning



Financing DRR and policy integration

- Effective use of EU funding
- Prevention conditionality in EU funding
- Increased use of disaster insurance policies
- Actions to support Climate Change Adaptation
- Integration of DRR in EU policies



Strengthening disaster preparedness

- Broadening the scope of Training
- Promotion of DRR practices that build the capacity of communities to identify, prevent, mitigate and prepare for disasters
- Advocacy, coordination, capacity-building and dissemination of best practices



Policy Development

■ 2011 Proposal to revise legislation:

■ Response: Need to shift from *ad hoc* coordination to a pre-planned, pre-arranged and predictable system:

- Better planning (reference scenarios, mapping of MS assets, contingency plans)
- Ensuring availability of key assets (through Voluntary pool of MS' assets on standby for EU operations)
- Possibility of EU-funded assets fill gaps
- Strengthening transport-related provisions

■ Prevention and Preparedness (DRR):

- Enhanced Risk Management Planning
- Broader scope of preparedness training
- Increased networking





More information :

- On **Humanitarian aid and civil protection**

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/index_en.htm

- On **Development Cooperation**

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm