



Implementing the framework for disaster prevention in the EU – State of Play

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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)

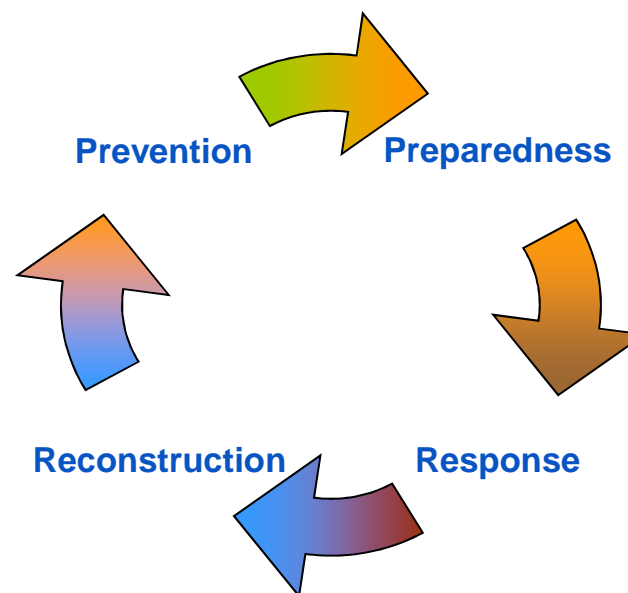
Consular support

- 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



Risk assessment guidelines

1. Process
2. Definition of terms
3. Methods Risk Assessment
 1. Risk identification
 2. Risk analysis
 3. Risk evaluation
 4. Uncertainty: Sensitivity Analysis, Precautionary Principle
 5. Cross-border dimension
4. Methods of Risk Mapping
5. Annexes with good-practice examples per hazard etc.

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







European Civil Protection

- News and emergencies
- Civil Protection
- Marine Pollution
- Chemical Accidents
- Links
- Funding opportunities

What's on...



EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION

Together in the face of disaster

Civil Protection Forum: Together in the face of disaster, Brussels, 22-23 November 2007
In times where natural and manmade disasters are on the increase, the debate on how to prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters never seems to cease. Moreover the adoption of new laws adds flavour to the subject. The Second Civil Protection Forum aims to bring together some 500 people involved or interested in civil protection. The forum will provide participants with a platform for the exchange of ideas and an opportunity to meet other people sharing the same interest or profession. REGISTRATION NOW OPEN !
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14/09/2007
Commission Decision of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument.
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Greek fires: Commission reiterates its sadness and welcomes European solidarity
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Europe steps up efforts to combat forest fires in Greece
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Greek forest fires: further assistance on its way
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Current emergencies

None

Major recent emergencies

- [Greece forest fires](#)
- [Albania forest fires](#)
- [Bulgaria forest fires](#)