Recent developments in Community Civil Protection Policy

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Improving the EU’s response capacity

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- Integrated approach
  - Link all actors and actions in the area of disaster management
  - Further develop the EU’s approach to disaster prevention

- Reinforcing the Community Civil protection Mechanism
  - Further develop the MIC
  - Improve the overall response capacity

- Launching a new initiative for European disaster management training

  → Council support - focus on responsibility/solidarity balance

  → EP support and demand for legislation
An increasing recourse to the Mechanism

![Graph showing the number of activations from 2002 to 2008. The bars represent the number of activations in each year, with separate colors for Third country and EU activations. The number of activations increases from 2002 to 2008, with a sharp increase in 2008.](chart.png)
Pre-alert was issued in the following emergencies: China – cold wave (21 Feb), Albania – ammunition blast (15 Mar), Sweden – forest fire (2 Jun), Norway – forest fire (13 Jun), Cyprus – forest fire (18 Jun), India/Nepal – floods (5 Sept) The MIC was activated on 06/10 in relation to the earthquake in Kyrgyzstan but other assistance channels/instruments were applied. The MIC was also activated regarding Honduras (30/10), Yemen (31/10) and Guatemala (04/10) but no assistance could be provided.
2 studies: Gaps identified

Stakeholder consultation

Ongoing review process
- European society
- Businesses
- Public Sector

Impact Assessment

February 2009 prevention initiative
Upcoming Communication on disaster prevention

- Creating the conditions for the development of knowledge based disaster prevention policies at all levels of government
- Linking the actors and policies throughout the disaster management cycle
- Making existing instruments perform better for disaster prevention
Proposed Strategy identifies objectives, priority areas for intervention, implementation priorities and ways for the EU to work better together.

Overall objective is to "contribute to sustainable development and poverty eradication by reducing the burden of disasters on the poor and the most vulnerable countries and population groups, by means of improved DRR."

Strategic objectives link to the need for integration of DRR, both in developing countries and within the EU, and specific targeted action on disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness.
Upcoming Communication on disaster risk reduction in developing countries

Five priority areas for intervention - in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action:

- Ensure that DRR is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation,
- Identify, assess, and monitor disaster risks - and enhance early warning,
- Use knowledge, innovation, and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels,
- Reduce the underlying risk factors,
- Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels.
**Upcoming Communication on adaptation to climate change**

**MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION COMPLEMENTARY EFFORTS**

**MITIGATION**
- EU Goal: to maintain global warming at +2°C (pre-industrial times)
- This Goal will limit the risks and magnitude of climate change but will not avoid all impacts
- Adaptation will be a necessary and complementary effort to mitigation
- The more Mitigation the less Adaptation will be required and vice versa

**ADAPTATION**
Upcoming Communication on adaptation to climate change

The EU Adaptation Framework will:

- Strengthen the Knowledge/Evidence Base
- Mainstream climate Adaptation into key policy areas (such as agriculture)
- Work in partnership with the EU Member States
- Advance work internationally on Adaptation
Thank you

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