UCPM and rescEU

The Upgraded and Updated Union Civil Protection Mechanism

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No country is immune to natural disasters. To protect our citizens and support our Member States we are working on a better, faster and stronger mechanism of emergency response to better match more intense, complex and widespread disasters. We cannot afford more loss of lives and livelihood.

Commissioner Christos Stylianides

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Union Civil Protection Mechanism

EU Civil Protection Mechanism

When the scale of an emergency overwhelms national response capacities, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism enables a coordinated assistance from the Participating States.

Since its creation in 2001 until 2019, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism has been activated for more than 300 emergencies.

Participating countries include:

EU Member States + Iceland, Norway, Serbia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, and Turkey
UCPM Activation

Natural or man-made disaster inside or outside the EU

Affected country requests assistance from the Mechanism through the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)

Once the affected country has accepted the offers...

Participating states offer assistance, such as personnel and equipment

...ERCC coordinates the deployment and delivery of assistance

ERCC may deploy a team of EU Civil Protection experts

Assistance delivered, experts return

End of the emergency response
The Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)
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- Monitors disasters around the globe 24/7
- Maps disaster risks
- Provides real-time information
- Coordinates joint European response operations
17 participating states have contributed to 20 emergencies

**Assets and expertise**
- 500+ firefighters
- 30 EUCPM experts
- 9 ERCC liaison officers
- 11 firefighting planes
- 6 firefighting helicopters
- 2 water purification modules
- 2 isolation shuttles for Ebola

**Material assistance**
- 1,728 shelter kits
- Tents/shelter for 8,500 people
- 2.2 million water purification tablets
- 24 million litres of water dropped
- 76 power generators
- 2 million litres of purified water
- 13 containers and modules
EU Civil Protection Mechanism - Requests for Assistance in 2018

Total number of activations: 20

- Sweden (2) - June, July
- Latvia (1) - July
- Portugal (2) - April, August
- Romania (1) - March
- Bulgaria (1) - August
- Bangladesh (1) - November
- Guatemala (1) - June
- Colombia (2) - April, May
- Nigeria (1) - September
- Democratic Republic of the Congo (3) - May, May, August
- Greece (1) - July
- India (1) - November
- Indonesia (1) - October
- Papua New Guinea (1) - February

Disaster types:
- Preparedness and prevention
- Medical
- Environmental accident
- Marine pollution
- Floods
- Earthquake
- Forest fire
- Volcano

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rescEU: the updated UCPM

- Solidarity and Responsibility
- Comprehensive support through the Disaster Management Cycle
- Enhanced Prevention, Preparedness and Response
2019 rescEU

With rescEU the EU developed a stronger collective response to disasters at European level, funded by the EU and managed by the European Commission in close coordination with Member States

to help

EU countries +
States participating in the Union Civil Protection Mechanism

..if they are hit by disasters
Legislative adoption Timeline

23 Nov 2017
COM proposal

31 May 2018
EP mandate

25 July 2018
Council mandate

Sept-Dec 2018
Trilogues -> political agreement

March 2019
Adoption & entry into force
- Reporting
- Specific Consultation Mechanism
- Balancing Mechanism
- Knowledge Network

Less bureaucracy
Comprehensive support during the whole Disaster Management Cycle

Advisory Missions
Peer Reviews
EU funding

Prevention
Preparedness
Response (24/7)

Experts
Trainings
Exercises
CECIS registration
European Civil Protection Pool
rescEU

ERCC
EUCP Team
UCPM Deployments

(Scientific) Analysis and Expert Support
# Prevention

## Disaster Risk Management Cycle

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COM to further develop guidelines by 22/12/2019

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### The ‘Balancing Mechanism’

For MS **prone to similar type** of disasters, the Commission **may**

- Establish **Specific Consultation Mechanisms**, including for cross-border and Low Probability risks with High impact (Lo Hi)

For MS **frequently requesting** assistance for the same type of disaster, the Commission **may**

- Request **additional information** on prevention/ preparedness measures
  - If appropriate
- Propose deployment of **expert team**
- Make **recommendations**

For MS requesting assistance **3 times within 3 consecutive years**, the Commission **shall**

- Request **additional information** on prevention/ preparedness measures
  - If appropriate
- Propose deployment of **expert team**
- Make **recommendations**

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Preparedness and Response: architecture

- National means/Spontaneous offers
  - New financing rules
  - Renamed

- European Civil Protection Pool
  - New financing rules

- rescEU capacities
  - Last resort
    - Owned by MS, co-financed by EU that will decide on deployment

- rescEU transition
  - Until 01/01/2025

- Knowledge Network
  - Starting in October 2020

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## Preparedness: rescEU architecture

### Summary overview

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<td>• All-hazard (pre-defined modules)</td>
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<td>[To be defined in Implementing Act]. Special focus: • Aerial FF means, • CBRN • Medical emergencies</td>
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| **Financing**        | • 75% Adaptation costs  
*Commitment to the Pool ranging from 3 to 10 years depending on the amount received through the adaptation grant.* | • 75% of stand-by costs | • From 80% to 90% of total estimated costs  
• **100% for capacities addressing Lo Hi** |
| **Procedure**        | • Certification                 | • Direct Grants to Member States | • Direct Grants to Member States  
• Joint Procurement |
Response:

Operational Costs: Final compromise package - Overview

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Art. 23

Art. 15/16

Request for Assistance to be closed automatically after 90 days unless otherwise justified
rescEU capacities

Transition capacities in place:
• Forest fire fighting aerial means (planes and helicopters)

New and additional rescEU capacities under discussion and for future development:
• CBRN capacities (stockpiling, detection, surveillance and decontamination)
• Health (medical evacuation, stockpiling)
Visibility:

Reinforcing the visibility dimension: making the UCPM more tangible for EU citizens

Art. 20(a)

EU emblem in rescEU capacities (also in transition phase)

Communication strategy to be developed

Recognition for long-standing commitment
Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network

Network of civil protection and disaster management actors and institutions – based on existing structures

- Facilitates training, exchange of good practice and expertise among civil protection and emergency management personnel
- Stimulates research and innovation
- Strengthens cooperation with international organisations in training
### Key priorities and timeline

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| **1. rescEU transition**            | Completed before the forest fire season 2019 | **Legal basis:** 1st Implementing Decision  
**Earmarked budget:** revised AWP/revised response Decision  
**Agreements** with Member States |
| Ensure that the national capacities are operational as rescEU before the next forest fire season | | |
| **2. rescEU Aerial Fire Fighting (AFF) capacities** | 2019 and onwards | **Legal basis:** 1st and 2nd Implementing Decision  
**Earmarked budget:** revised AWP/revised response Decision  
**EU plan on needs EU wide** |
| Ensure that additional AFF means are available in the medium to long-term as rescEU. | | |
| **3. other rescEU capacities**      | 2019 and onwards       | **Legal basis:** 2nd/3rd Implementing Decision  
**Earmarked budget:** revised AWP/revised response Decision  
**Policy discussions** on further rescEU capacities needed EU wide |
| Define other capacities (other than AFF) that are needed as rescEU: medical response/CBRN | | |
First rescEU activation

- August 2019
- Forest fires in Evia, Greece
- rescEU aerial firefighting assets deployed
Conclusions

• rescEU: the updated and upgraded UCPM
• Fit for current and upcoming challenges
• New financial scheme
• Less bureaucracy
• Introduction of the Lo-Hi concept
• rescEU capacities
• Already put to the test
Questions?
Thank you

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