STRENGTHENING GLOBAL COLLECTIVE CIVIL PROTECTION CAPACITY

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OVERVIEW
EUROPEAN UNION
CIVIL PROTECTION
MECHANISM
WHY WE ACT?

“...encourage cooperation between Member States for preventing and protecting against natural or man-made disasters”

“To provide...assistance and relief and protection for people in third countries... victims of natural or man-made disasters”
EU CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM (UCPM)

When an emergency overwhelms national response capacities, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism enables a coordinated assistance by all EU Member States and 6 Participating States.
UCPM: FUNDAMENTALS

• **Responsibility:** States are responsible for the security and the safety of their citizens

• **Solidarity:** Member States have the responsibility to support other disaster-affected Member States when requested

• **Call for assistance:** Member States and third countries can call for assistance when overwhelmed by a disaster. After needs identification, they are responsible for the reception and use of foreign assistance

• **Voluntary:** The level of support is determined by the Member State providing assistance

• **Commission as facilitator:** EU supports preparation, facilitates cooperation, coordination and complements Member States
UCPM - dimensions

Prevention: Support Member and Participating States in preventing risks or reducing harm to people, the environment or property resulting from emergencies

Preparedness: Training, exercises, exchanges of experts, modules

Response: Facilitate cooperation and coordination in responding to disasters inside and outside the EU
UCPM ACTIVATION

1. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
2. DELIVERY
   • Offers of assistance
   • Deployment of experts
   • Transport co-financing
Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)

Monitors disasters
Maps disasters
Provides real-time information
Coordinates joint European response operations

around the globe
risks
EU RESPONSE SOLUTIONS

- Request for assistance through the ERCC

- rescEU

- European Civil Protection Pool or spontaneous offers

- National capacities

- Safety net

- Mutual assistance

- First responders
UCPM evolution

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Legal acts:

Main content:

- Creation of European Civil Protection Modules
- Possibility of co-financing of transport assistance
- Clarification of Presidency role on interventions outside EU
- European Emergency Response Capacity (voluntary pool)
- Simplified procedures for pooling and co-financing of transport assistance
- Simplified rules for activations of the Mechanism in third countries
- Creation of RescEU (and transitional provisions)
- European CP Pool
- Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network
- Visibility and awards
- Lo-Hi risks
- RescEU reinforcement
- Disaster Resilience Goals
- Budget with flexibility margin
European Civil Protection Pool

- ECPP is a reserve of resources committed by European states to respond to disasters inside and outside the EU.

- The Pool was established in 2013. Resources can be experts, equipment and transportation services. To date, 25 European countries contribute to the Pool.

- The Pool allows for a more predictable, pre-planned and quality-checked European response.
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2021 is catching up...

As of 20 August: 72 activations 57 COVID related
UCPM response for COVID-19

Repatriations

In-kind assistance

rescEU

Humanitarian cargo

Medical teams

Coordination
The main features of the regulation – prevention and preparedness phase

Disaster Resilience Goals
- non-binding & via COM recommendations
- limited to the area of civil protection

Disaster Scenario Planning

Disaster Loss Data

Build on linkages:

The new UCPM legislative framework
A reinforced architecture for the UCPM
The main features of the regulation - Direct procurement

**Before**

→ only MS can procure and host rescEU capacities

**Now**

also the Commission can (directly) procure rescEU capacities, under specific conditions

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**Transport and logistics capacities**

1. **always** possible (also in ‘peace time’)
2. **rent, lease or contract,** NO acquisition (and no ownership)
3. Implementing Act needed

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**(any other) rescEU capacity, existing or new**

1. **only in** duly justified cases of emergency
2. **only items or assets,** NO modules!
3. Urgent Implementing Act needed
4. in force for 6 months, CPC to confirm or reject
OTHER PROVISIONS

Environmental disasters
Financial support for the transport of assistance

ERCC
Strengthened cooperation with national CP authorities

Green recital
The UCPM contributes to the EU climate objectives

Facilitation of Experts
More technical expertise where and when needed
OTHER PROVISIONS

ECPP
Operational costs when deployed outside the EU

Galileo
Using emergency services provided by EU infrastructure

Situational awareness
Further develop analysis capability

Visibility
More visibility requirements for MS receiving funding or assistance
Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network

“We know that resilience depends on \textit{preparedness}. And preparedness depends on \textit{knowledge} – and tools that deliver that knowledge to those who need it. This is the role of the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network”.

Commissioner Janez Lenarčič, 2021
THE ADDED VALUE OF THE NETWORK APPROACH

VISION

MISSION

To **bring together** civil protection and disaster management experts and organisations, to work together to increase knowledge within the UCPM and to support the Union’s ability and capacity to deal with disasters.

To strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of civil protection and disaster management in all phases of the disaster management cycle, and to support the objectives of the UCPM.
OBJECTIVES

In close cooperation with UCPM Member States/Participating States, to create an agile and sustainable Knowledge Network with engaged and active members that addresses emerging and changing needs and creates mutual benefits for all!

OBJECTIVES
- Connecting knowledge holders
- Enhancing coordination, cooperation, compatibility and complementarity between capacities
- Improving experts’ skills and knowledge
- Collecting and sharing knowledge, good practices, lessons learnt, expertise
- Stimulating research and innovation
- Developing shared understanding and culture of prevention, preparedness and response

ACTIVITIES

Horizontal activities
Capacity Development
Science, Research & Innovation
The capacity development pillar

- UCPM Training Programme
- Exercises
- Exchange of experts
- UCPM Prevention and preparedness projects

Benefits

- UCPM Training Programme
  Prepares individual experts to work together on prevention, preparedness and response activities as part of the UCPM

- Exchange of Civil Protection Experts
  Provides an opportunity to share experiences, gain valuable knowledge and strengthen operational skills

- Civil Protection Exercises
  Improve preparedness and enhance collaboration among European civil protection authorities and teams

- Ad-hoc Training
  Responds swiftly to identified gaps in knowledge and skills by offering a more flexible set-up of ad-hoc training courses

- Thematic Workshops & Conferences
  Will provide learning and networking opportunities designed around specific existing or emerging needs and risks

- UCPM Lessons Learnt Programme
  Implements lessons and good practices drawn from deployments and horizontal activities to enhance UCPM efficiency and effectiveness
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION