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DG Humanitarian Aid and
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The **European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO)** was created in 1992.

In 2004, ECHO became the **Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid**.

In 2010, **Civil Protection** was integrated for a better coordination and disaster response inside and outside Europe.



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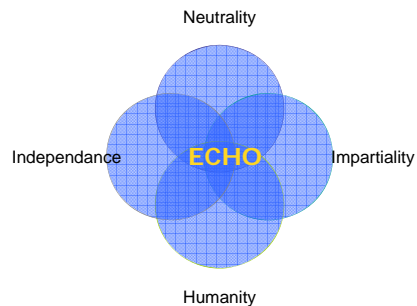
- to **save and preserve life** during emergencies and their immediate aftermath in man-made or natural disasters outside the EU;
- to **provide assistance and relief** to people affected by longer-lasting crises such as civil wars;
- to finance the delivery of aid, working to ensure that aid is accessible to those for whom it is intended;
- to **assist refugees or displaced people** wherever they find sanctuary and to help them resettle if they return home;
- to **support short-term rehabilitation and reconstruction** work to help victims regain a minimum level of self-sufficiency, taking long-term development objectives into account where possible;
- to **ensure preparedness** for natural disasters, in particular by setting up early-warning systems and financing disaster prevention projects in high-risk regions.



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Principles

In charge of humanitarian aid and disaster response.





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In 20 years, ECHO has channelled around **€14 billion** to victims of conflict and disasters in over **140 countries** around the globe.



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Since 2007, an average of €1 billion has been provided annually, helping nearly **150 million** of the world's most vulnerable populations each year.

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EU a core partner...



in ASEAN Region

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***ASEAN and the EU share a multilateral "DNA".
27/10 MSs, Economical/trade/security/crisis
response/etc. cooperation.***

***EU is ASEAN's oldest Dialogue Partner and
supporter.***

EU is major donor and major mutual market.

***In addition to political and economical, Disaster
Management is key area of cooperation:***

- ASEAN's AADMER (although unique) similar to EU legislation
- ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Centre (AHA) similar to EU's ECHO Emergency Response Centre and EEAS Situation Room
- EU's Civil Protection Mechanism similar to AHA centre and planned ASEAN MSs network set-up
- EU's CP Training, Exercises and UN cooperation model similar to ASEAN's envisaged model of cooperation

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**Integrating humanitarian aid and
civil protection**

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Integrating humanitarian aid and civil protection

	Humanitarian Aid	Civil Protection
What?	Active donor: programming and policy development in the field of humanitarian aid. Funding from EC budget: €980 million in 2011.	Voluntary contributions of assistance in kind from Member States (experts, specialised teams, equipment, other material assistance). Budget of Civil Protection Financial Instrument: €189 million over seven years.
To whom?	Implementing partners (UN specialised agencies / Red Cross/Crescent movement/ NGOs / international organisations).	Government of affected country, upon request from them.
Experts?	ECHO's personnel, living in the field.	Member States national experts deployed to the field.
Geographical scope?	The most vulnerable population(s) outside the European Union , mainly in developing countries.	Inside and outside the European Union.
Type of disaster?	Natural and man-made disasters (wars, conflicts, etc.).	Natural and man-made disasters (complex emergencies rather the exception).
Timescale?	Immediate aftermath of crisis and beyond (presence of humanitarian needs - LRRD).	Acute stage only (normally max. 2-3 weeks).

How are humanitarian operations implemented?

The Commission is an active donor.

Aid is provided by our partners :

- 191 European NGOs
- 14 United Nations Agencies
- 3 International Organizations (ICRC, IFRC, OIM)





Strengths ECHO's Humanitarian Aid

Needs based and Principled approach

Needs-based interventions – no pre-conditions,

No official request required.

EU Humanitarian Consensus

Operational efficiency and rapidity:

Key partner for many relief agencies - has helped to save millions of lives

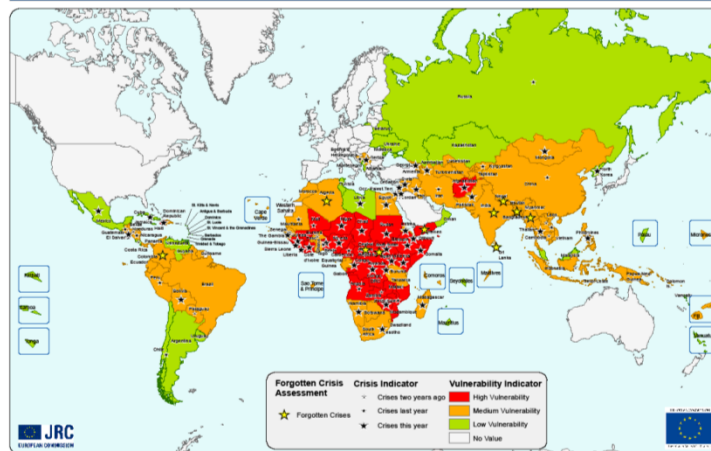
Rapid deployment of funds

Technical expertise + quality control on the spot

*Commitment to '**forgotten crises**'*



ECHO Global Needs Assessment and Forgotten Crises 2011-12



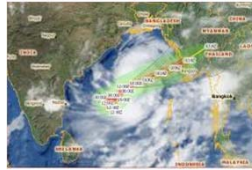


DG ECHO's Rapid Response capacity

How does it work?...



Surveillance



Monitoring



Disaster



Mission to the disaster site

ECHO CRISIS REPORT		EU Area Profile
Period covered by report	17/01/17	17/01/17
Type of crisis	Humanitarian	Humanitarian
Country/Region	South East Asia	South East Asia
Number of people affected (approx.)	170 000 000 (170 million)	170 000 000 (170 million)
Number of displaced people (approx.)	170 000 000 (170 million)	170 000 000 (170 million)
Number of deaths (approx.)	170 000 000 (170 million)	170 000 000 (170 million)
Number of injured (approx.)	170 000 000 (170 million)	170 000 000 (170 million)

Recommendations for ECHO Brussels



Emergency Humanitarian Aid Decision

Title: Commission implementing Decision on the financing of emergency humanitarian actions in South East Asia from the general budget of the European Union

Description: Humanitarian emergency assistance for the victims of typhoon and other hydro-meteorological disasters in South East Asia

Location of action: SOUTH EAST ASIA

Amount of Decision: EUR 10,000,000

Decision reference number: ECHO-AS-9129-2011-01000

Decision on release of funds to assist victims of the disaster

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What kind of humanitarian operations does ECHO fund?



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Water and sanitation

(New wells and boreholes, Water piping, Latrines, Sewage treatment, Hygiene education, etc.)

Medical assistance

(Vaccination campaigns, Essential drugs, Hospital equipment, Primary health clinics, Local staff trainings, etc.)

Food and nutritional support

(Basic food supplies, Supplementary feeding for infants, Special rations for malnourished people, Seeds for farmers, etc.)

Shelter

(Tents, Plastic sheeting, Building materials, etc.)



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Support for **humanitarian mine clearing**

Support for **psychosocial assistance**, technical assistance to partner organisations

Disaster preparedness (DIPECHO)

ECHO flight
Thematic funding to support humanitarian reform and **capacity building**
Support network and **training** initiatives (NOHA)
Raise public awareness



Civil Protection (CP)

The key instrument for European civil protection is the **Civil Protection Mechanism (CPM)** which was established in 2001.

The EU Civil Protection Mechanism is made up of **32 states** (27 EU Member States plus Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) which co-operate in the field of civil protection.





Civil Protection



The operational heart of CPM is the European Commission's **Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC)** accessible *24 hours a day, seven days a week*.

It is currently being transformed into the **European Emergency Response Centre (ERC)**.

Any country inside or outside EU affected by a **natural or man-made disaster** can make an appeal for assistance through the MIC/ERC.

Types of **assistance** – in-kind, CP modules and teams, technical experts

In support of the **central role of the UN** for emergencies outside the EU

MIC/ERC

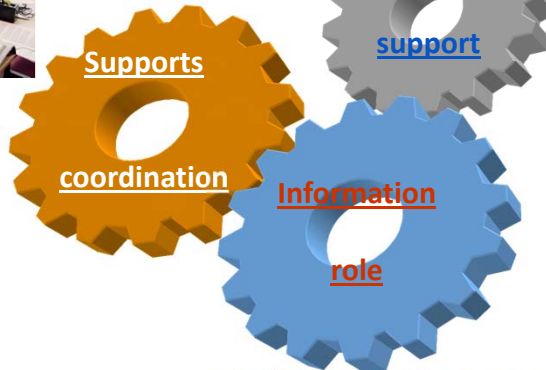


e.g. satellite images and access to other community resources



e.g.

- despatching expert EU teams
- matching requests for aid to offers from participating states
- assists in providing transport options for assistance



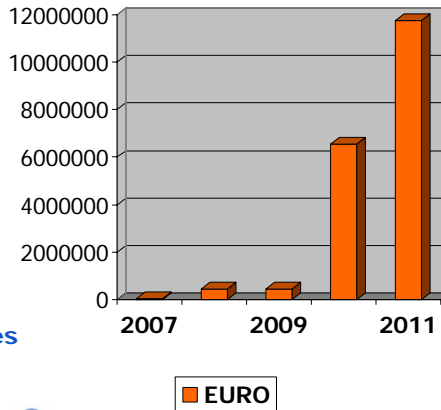
e.g. analysing and sharing info to participating states during disasters
Training Exercises

A one-stop shop for civil protection assistance



EU Transport co-financing

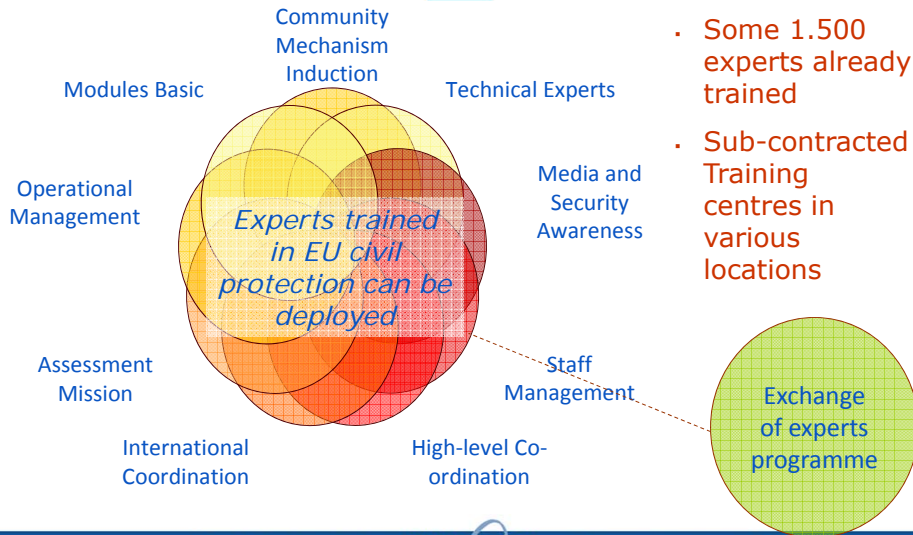
- 2007: 1 operation - 30.418 €
- 2008: 2 operations - 424 000 €
- 2009: 5 operations - 435 000 €
- 2010: 6.5 Mio euros
55 Grants +5 Transport services
- 2011. 11,7 Mio euros
55 Grants incl. 5 Transport services



CP- training



courses



- Some 1.500 experts already trained
- Sub-contracted Training centres in various locations

Simulation



exercises

What kind of exercises?

- 30 exercises financed since 2002
Large-scale pan-European simulation exercises
- 2012 → €1.9 million



Aims

- Accelerate response decision-making procedures
- Enhance interoperability
- Identify further training needs

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Cooperation



with UN

Mechanism ensures operational co-ordination fully integrated in UN OCHA overall co-ordination

Integrate the cluster system

Respect for Oslo and MCDA Guidelines

Further enhance cooperation:

- exercises
- emergency assessments & response



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Types coop. with UN



Training and Exercises

- SweNorEx 2009
- Armenia 2009
- OPM-R course on flood management
- NATO EADRCC Exercise – 1 associated expert to the UNDAC team
- OPCW Exercise – 1 associated expert to the UNDAC team
- Exchange of places in training courses



Emergencies

- Associated member to UNDAC: Benin, Burkina Faso, Philippines, Samoa, Brazzaville 2012
- Joint assessment missions: Namibia, Indonesia
- Associated member to EU CPT: Albania 2010
- Full integration: Haiti 2010

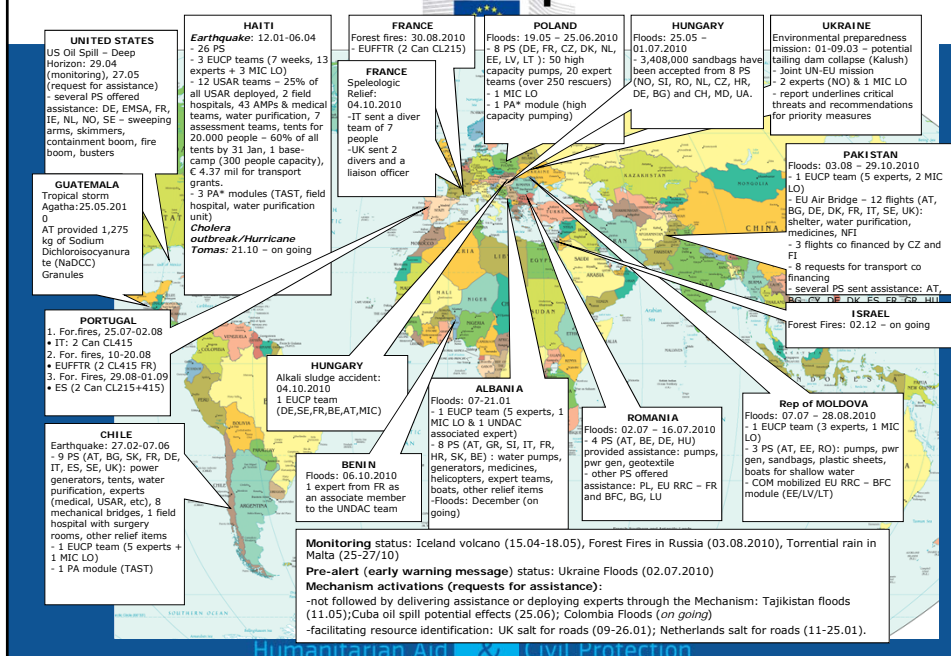


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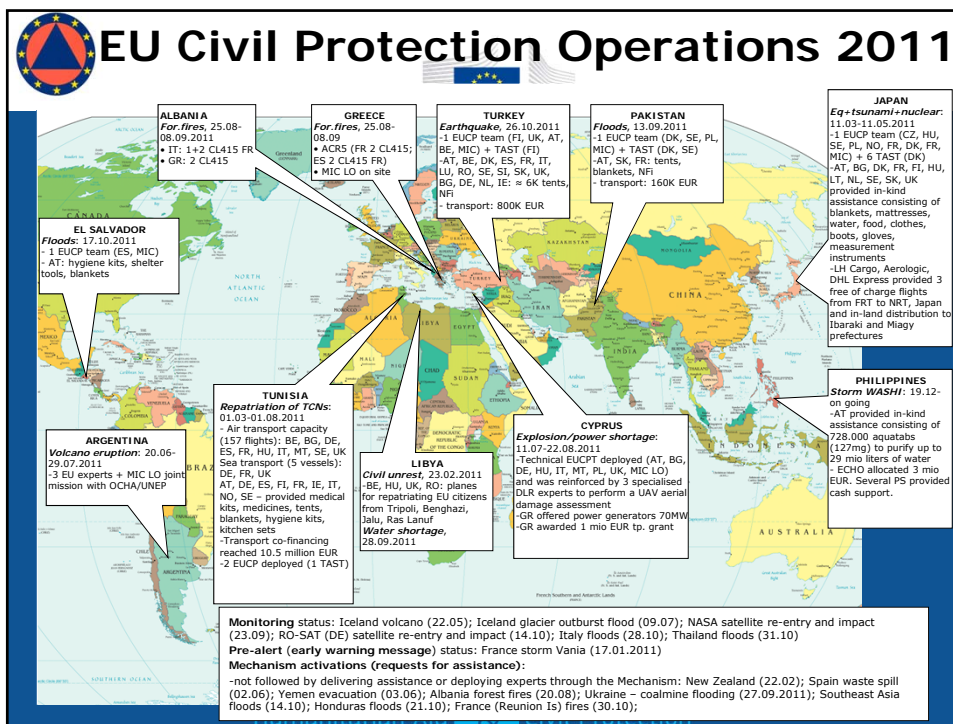
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EU Civil Protection Operations 2010



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New Legislative Proposal

- **Emergency Response Centre (ERC)**
 - Develop the MIC/ERC into a genuine 24/7 response centre
 - Links also with HA authorities to provide the full picture
- **Planning of operations (adding pre-planned 'layer')**
 - Shift from *ad hoc* to pre-planned, pre-arranged and predictable system
 - European Emergency Response Capacity (Voluntary Pool)
 - Contingency planning (incl. scenarios, mapping of assets)
 - Quality requirements for the Pool; trainings/exercises
- **Continuing ad hoc assistance (CP as it works today)**
 - Increased EU co-financing rates for transport (up to 85%)
 - Revised conditionality for transport funding (incl. conformity to verified needs on the ground)
 - Streamlined / simplified procedures

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Expected outcomes

- greater focus on **quality**
 - e.g., certification of modules for the pool
- greater focus on **needs-based** approach
 - linking transport funding to verified needs
- greater focus on **predictability**
 - Voluntary pool – can predict/know what will be available when needed
 - can rely on/plan/train this 'nucleus of assets'
- greater focus on **cost-effectiveness**
 - better coordination/complementarities
 - better logistics/pooling of transport
 - economies of scale, local procurement

EU/ECHO record



in the region

Asia Pacific has suffered 90% of the world's fatalities caused by strings of natural disasters during last 30 years

ECHO response programme:

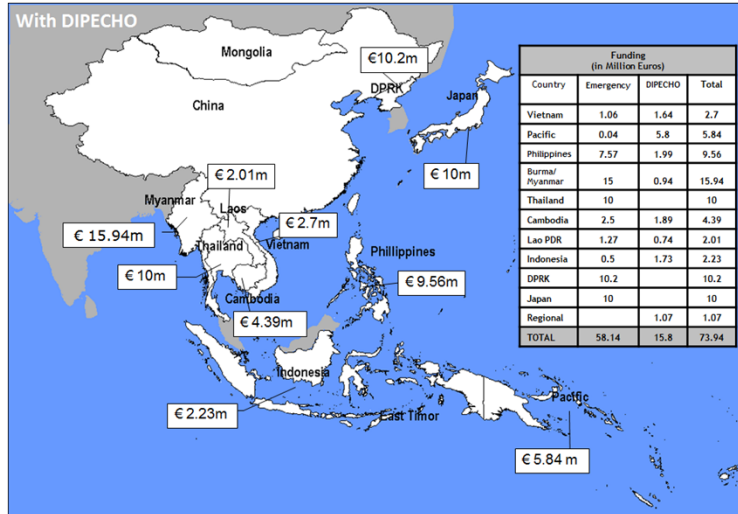
- Aceh Peace Process and Tsunami response
- Merapi Vulcano and earthquake Mentawai in 2010
- Myanmar: Nargis in 2008, Giri in 2010
- Typhoons floods in the Philippines in 2010 and 2011
- Floods in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam in 2011
- Responses in DPRK (food ass), Japan (tsunami) in 2011

Disaster Preparedness Programme (DIPECHO)

in Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vietnam and DPRK



Support East, South East Asia and Pacific in 2011



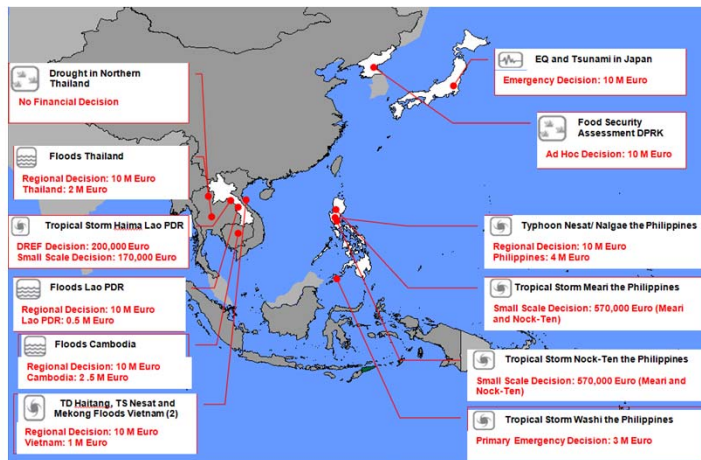
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ECHO Regional Deployment 2011



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Planned



cooperation

In 2012

1 global Humanitarian Aid decision (worldwide), subsequently divided into HIPs .

Presentation to the EU MS

Decision adoption: Dec 2011

Euro 639.9 million

Eligibility: 1st Jan 2012

DIPECHO SEA decision Euro 11 million

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Emergency response funding

Small-scale Humanitarian Responses

€ 5 million, 18 months,

starting date: 01/01/2012

Principal objective:

To provide assistance and protection in the form of a small scale humanitarian response to vulnerable populations affected by disasters

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Preparedness and Response to Epidemics

*€ 5 million, 12 months,
Starting date: 01/01/2012*

Principle Objective

To reduce the impact of public health disasters caused by epidemics in developing countries, focusing on those diseases with a special epidemics potential: meningitis, measles, cholera, viral haemorrhagic fevers (VHF) (Ebola, Marburg, Congo, Crimea, Rift valley, Lassa fevers), yellow fever, dengue, leptospirosis.

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Disaster



Preparedness

DIPECHO programme 11 mi € 2012-2013

Piloting of community-based disaster preparedness measures

- **Cost-effective, affordable, replicable**
- **Some CBDRR models considered completed in some countries**
- **Some countries (VN) & donors have recognised added-value of CBDRR approach**
- **Importance of documentation, replication & dissemination mechanisms, cost-benefit analyses. (eg JANI VN)**

Support to national frameworks when necessary (eg Cambodia, the Philippines)

Regional initiatives as vector for experience sharing, documentation, information management etc.

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Planned



Cooperation

- EU – ASEAN Study tour and exchange visits
- EU – ASEAN Comparative study
- Knowledge sharing (combined training and exercises)
- Strengthening SitRooms and AHA centre
- Continued support to ASEAN Partnership Group on implementation of AADMER

Mutual learning and knowledge sharing between EU and ASEAN/ARF DM set-up in order to be collectively better prepared for future disasters.

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