



The EU in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief

Multinational Cooperation

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Introduction

EEAS provides coordination
at political-strategic level

Commission-DG ECHO provides
immediate disaster relief,
humanitarian assistance and long
term follow-up

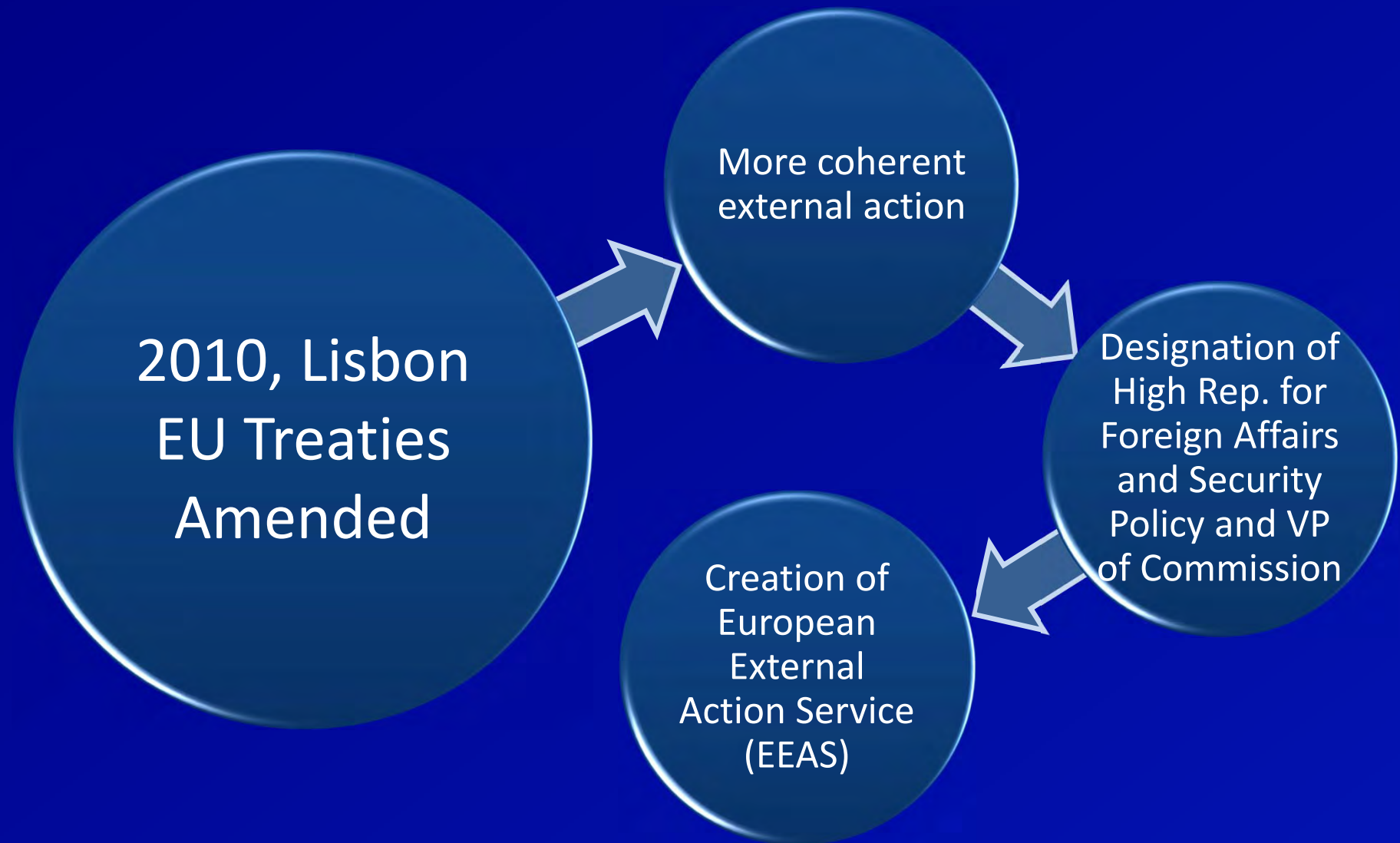
EEAS/Commission Coordination

Commission services and the EEAS
cooperate and exchange information ...

... in response to major disasters, crises or
conflicts occurring outside the EU, ...

... fully respecting their respective
competences and internal organisation

EU Coherence in External Action



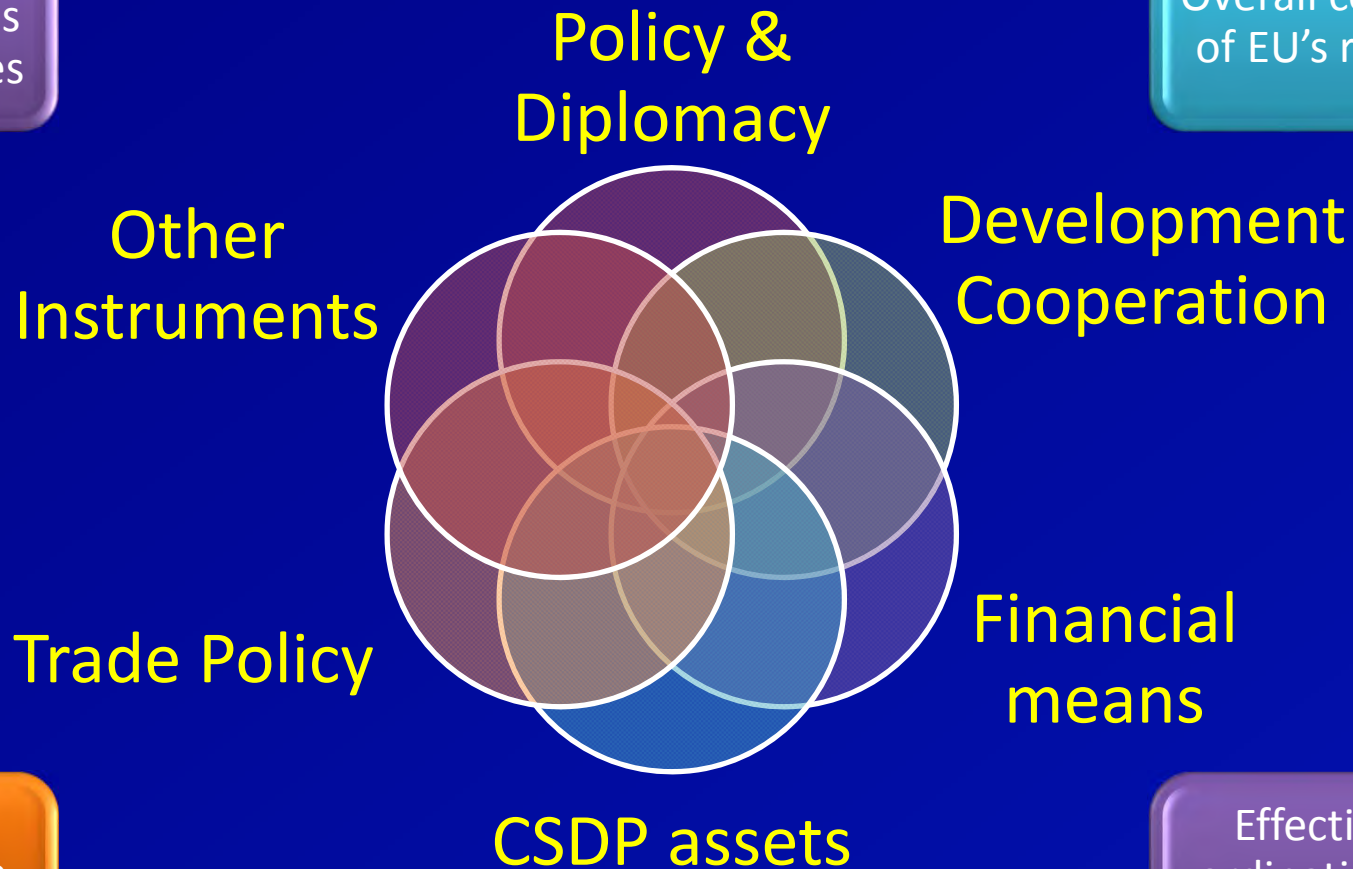


EU Comprehensive Approach

Comprehensive Approach Instruments

Culture rather
than structures
and procedures

Overall coherence
of EU's response



Built into the
EU's response
rather than
added later

Effective co-
ordination of all
EU responding
actors

Humanitarian Aid in the EU

Comprehensive Approach

In-but
Out:

- ECHO: fragility analysis, community proximity;
- EEAS/DEVCO: conflict prevention/resolution/post-conflict rehabilitation, root causes.

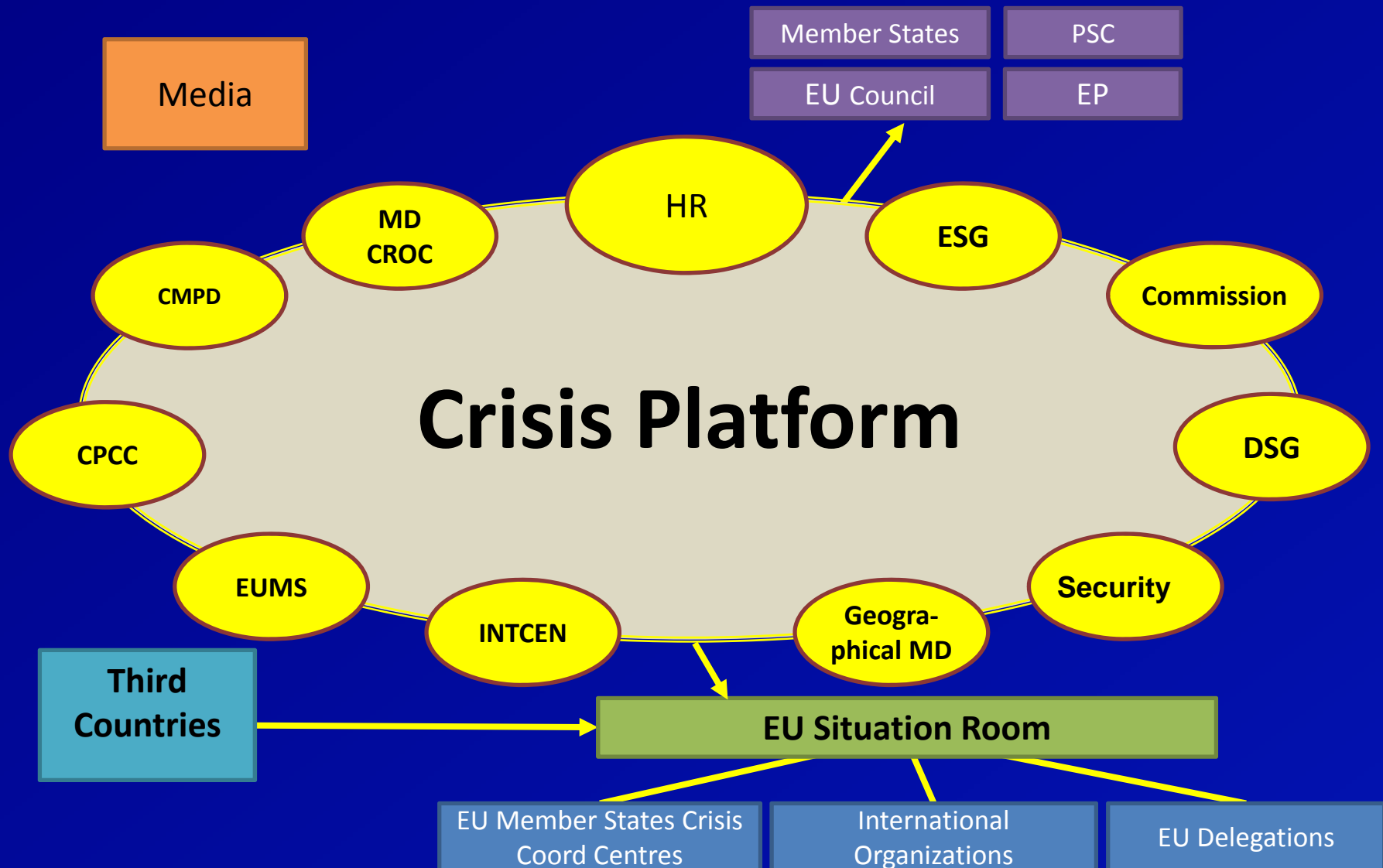
In:

- Situation analysis; humanitarian concerns reflected by all players.

Out:

- Humanitarian Aid must remain neutral and independent (essential for access to affected populations).

Crisis Platform



Situation Room (1)

STREAMLINE INFORMATION FLOW

Third
Countries



National Crisis Rooms
28 EU member States



CSDP
Operations/Missions

Situation Room (2)

Operates 24/7 under the
responsibility of MD CR&OC

Streamlines the flow
of real time
information relating
to crises

Supports all EEAS
services and provides
situation/ flash
reports

Gathers crisis related
information provided
by EU delegations,
Member States, EU
CSDP Operations and
Missions, EUSR
teams, International
Organisations, and
other sources.



EU and ARF/ASEAN

EU support to ARF/ASEAN Crisis Response Capability (1)

EU is
committed
to
supporting
ASEAN crisis
response
capability

- 19th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting in Brunei on 26-27 April 2012
- Establish a regional network of information sharing and early warning system

EU support to ARF/ASEAN Crisis Response Capability (2)

EU
constantly
seeks to
enhance its
ARF
engagement

- Co Chairing ARF ISG and DOD (7-9 April) – ISM on DR feeding into ISG - HADR expected to be prominent theme
- CSDP orientation course open to ARF Members (and fin support for ASEAN participants) with special focus on EU-ASEAN relations and again including HADR elements, 11-14 March

EU support to ARF/ASEAN Crisis Response Capability (3)

Active participation in Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process

- Next conference in the Philippines, June 2014

Hi-level missions in ASEAN countries

EU support to ARF/ASEAN Crisis Response Capability (4)

Support to ASEAN
Secretariat

Support to AHA Centre,
Jakarta

Support to a number of
ASEAN Member States
in the field of crisis
response, e.g.
Myanmar, Philippines

EU support to ARF/ASEAN Crisis Response Capability (5)

EU's substantial participation in ARF Disaster Relief Exercises

- DiREx 2011
- DiREx 2013



Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection (ECHO)

Emergency Response
Coordination Centre (ERCC)

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*Providing faster and more efficient help in
disasters*

Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection: two complementary tools

| | Humanitarian Aid | Civil Protection |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| What? | Funding from EC budget (Over € 1300 million in 2013) Active donor: programming and policy development | Voluntary contributions of assistance in kind from MS Budget of CP Financial Instrument = EUR 368 million over 2014-2020 |
| To whom? | Implementing partners (NGOs-UN-Red Cross) | Government of affected country |
| Geographical scope? | Most vulnerable population(s) in third countries, mainly in developing countries | Inside and outside the EU |
| Type of disaster? | Natural and man-made disasters (wars, conflicts, forgotten crises etc.) | Natural and man-made disasters (complex emergencies exceptional) |
| Timescale? | Immediate aftermath of crisis and beyond (presence of humanitarian needs) | Acute stage only (normally max. 2-3 weeks) |

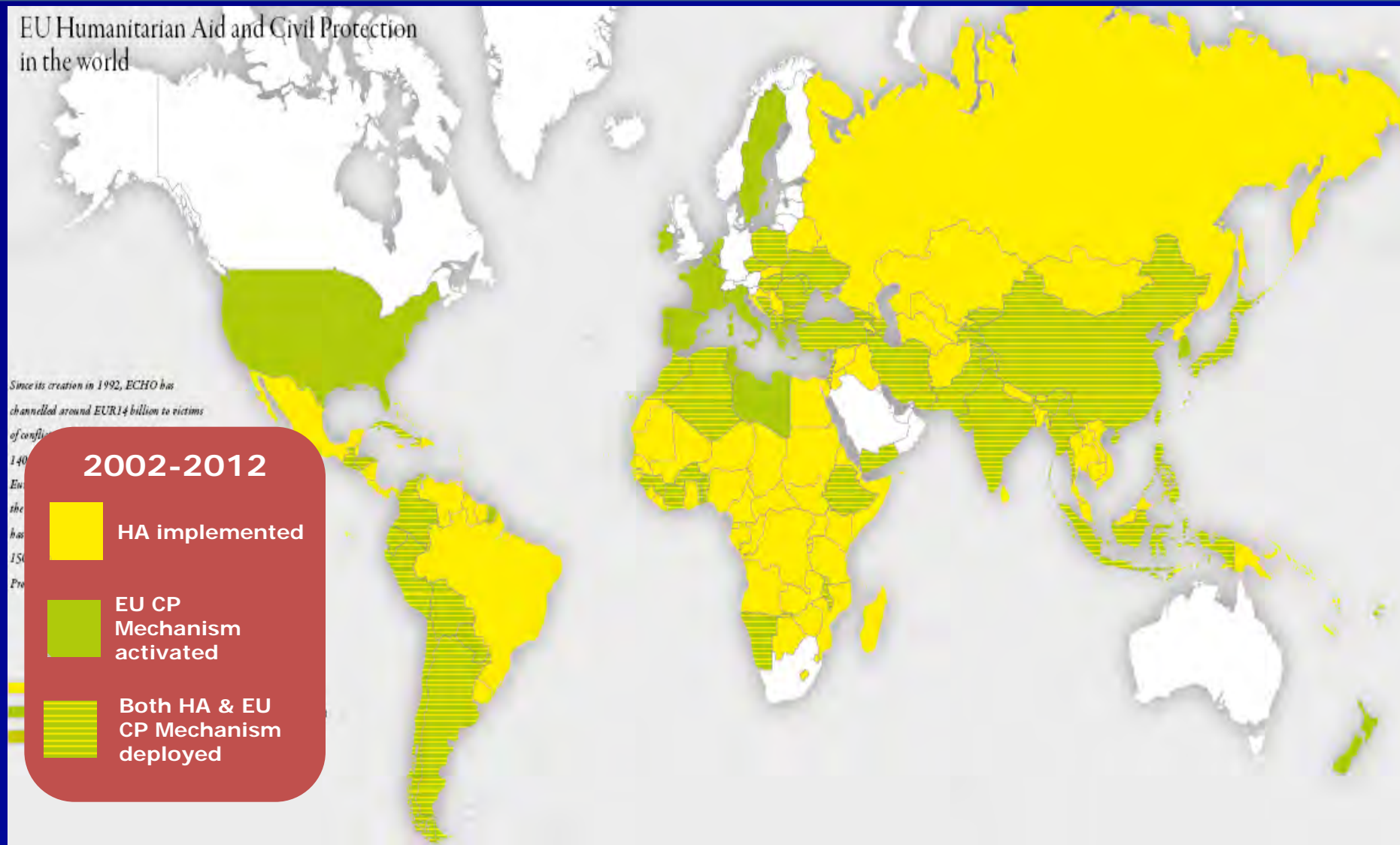
EU Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection in the World

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Since its creation in 1992, ECHO has
channelled around EUR14 billion to victims
of conflict

2002-2012

-  HA implemented
-  EU CP Mechanism activated
-  Both HA & EU CP Mechanism deployed



Humanitarian principles

Humanity

Neutrality

Impartiality

Independence

Needs based and Principled approach

- Needs-based interventions – no pre-conditions
- No official request required

Operational efficiency and rapidity:

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

Rapid deployment of funds

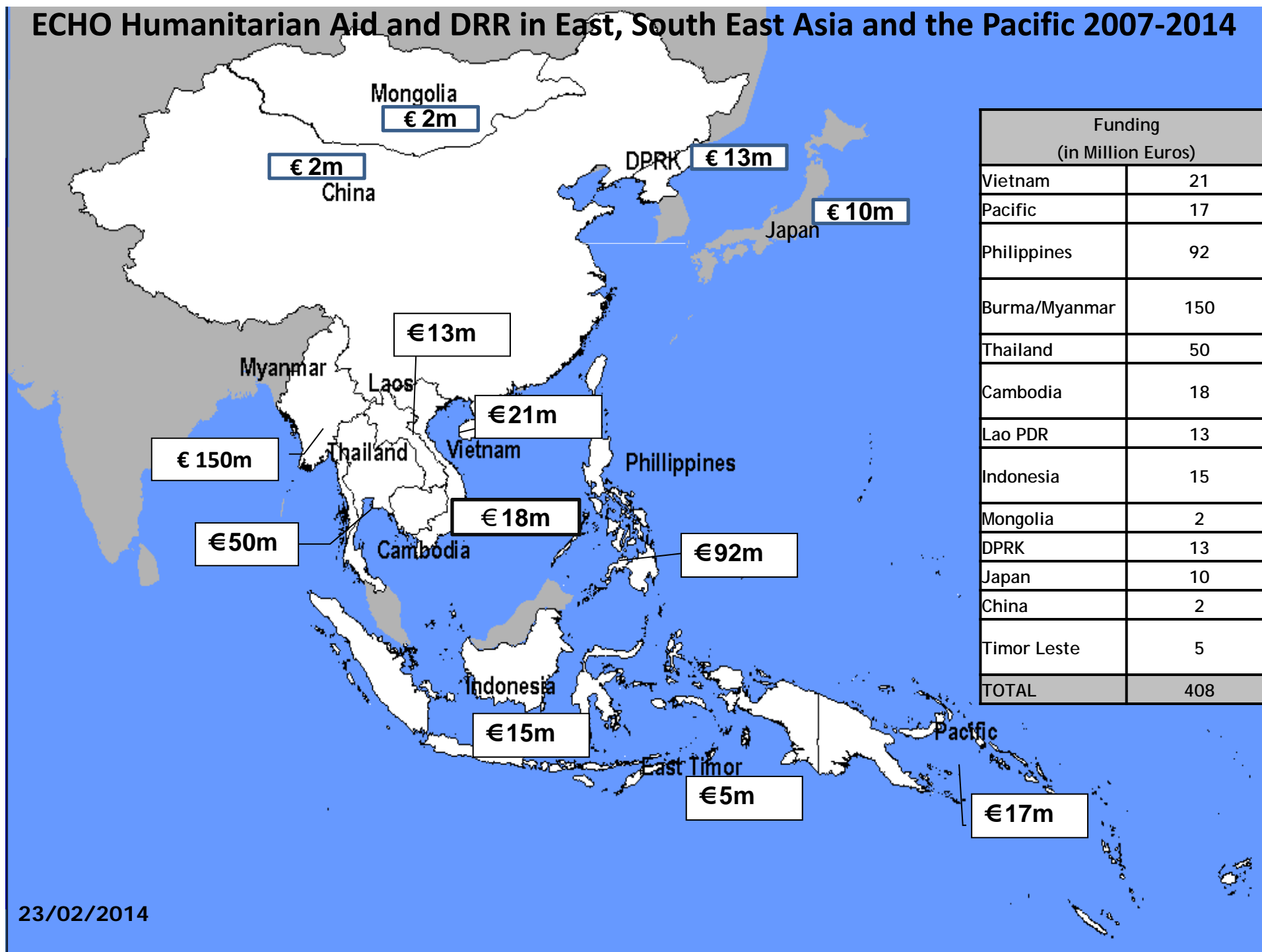
Technical expertise + quality control on the spot

Commitment to '**forgotten crises**'

ECHO partners in Humanitarian Aid

- 200 partners: NGOs, UN and Red Cross
- Framework Agreement with ECHO Brussels
- Specific Grant Agreement depending on hum. needs
- Usually present in area / country prior to disaster
- Known to government and other stakeholders in the affected country
- Often local network in affected area (CBOs, private sector, sub-national government)

ECHO Humanitarian Aid and DRR in East, South East Asia and the Pacific 2007-2014



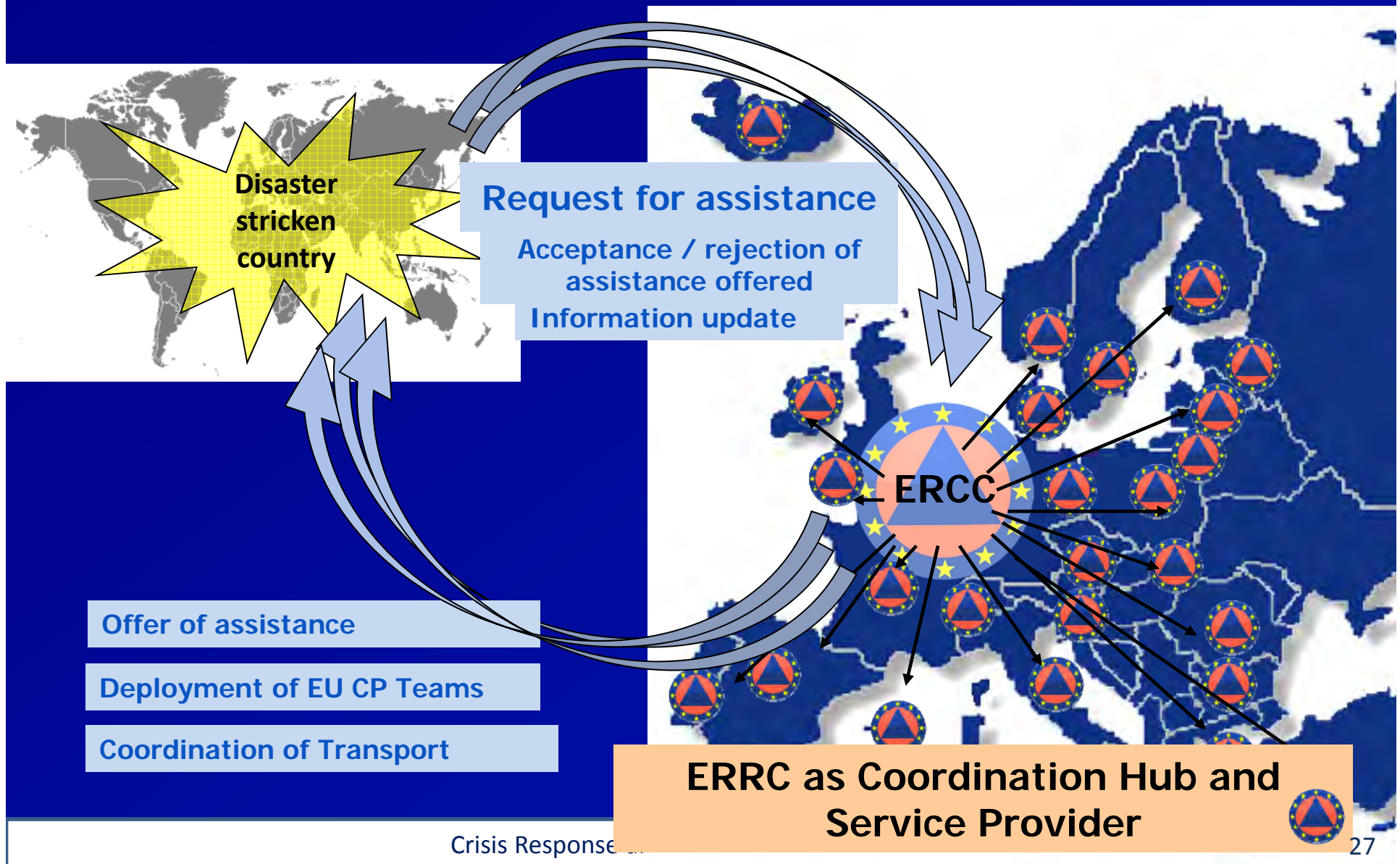
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The Civil Protection Mechanism

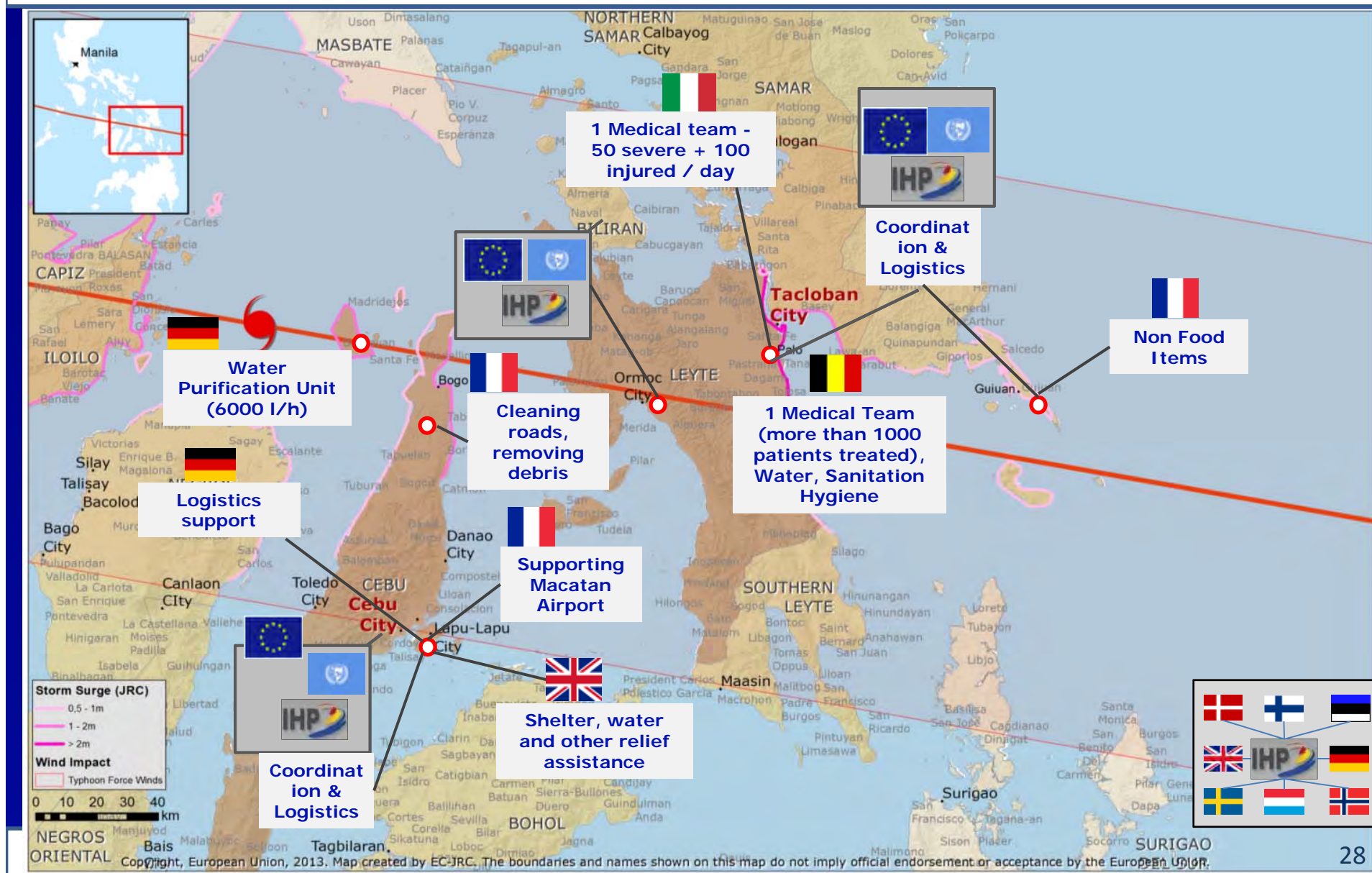
- **Response:** Facilitates cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions in the event of major disasters inside and outside the EU.
- **Preparedness:** Training, exercises, exchange of experts, modules.
- **Prevention:** Support EU-Member States in preventing risks or reducing harm to people, the environment or property resulting from emergencies.
- **32 participating countries:** 28 EU-Members States + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.



Activation of the Mechanism



Philippines – Assistance through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism



Why Modules?

Different
resources in
32
Participating
States

- Predefined personnel and equipment
- Rapid deployment
- Predefined capabilities – you know what you get
- Interoperability – we can all work together
- Self-sufficiency – no burden to the requesting country

Civil Protection Modules

High capacity pumping

Water purification

Medium and heavy urban search and rescue

Aerial forest fire fighting (helicopters + planes)

Advanced medical post / with surgery

Field hospital

Medical evacuation

Emergency temporary shelter

CBRN detection and sampling

Search and rescue in CBRN conditions
(chem./bio./ radio./nuclear)

Technical assistance support teams
(TAST)

Ground forest fire fighting

Ground forest fire fighting using
vehicles

Flood containment

Flood rescue using boats



Questions?

Thank you for your attention!

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