

The EU in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief

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Emergency Response Coordination Centre
(ERCC)

Providing faster and more efficient help in disasters

ECHO Humanitarian Aid

- **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 connected to local network in affected area (CBOs, private sector, sub-national government)

The EU Civil Protection Mechanism

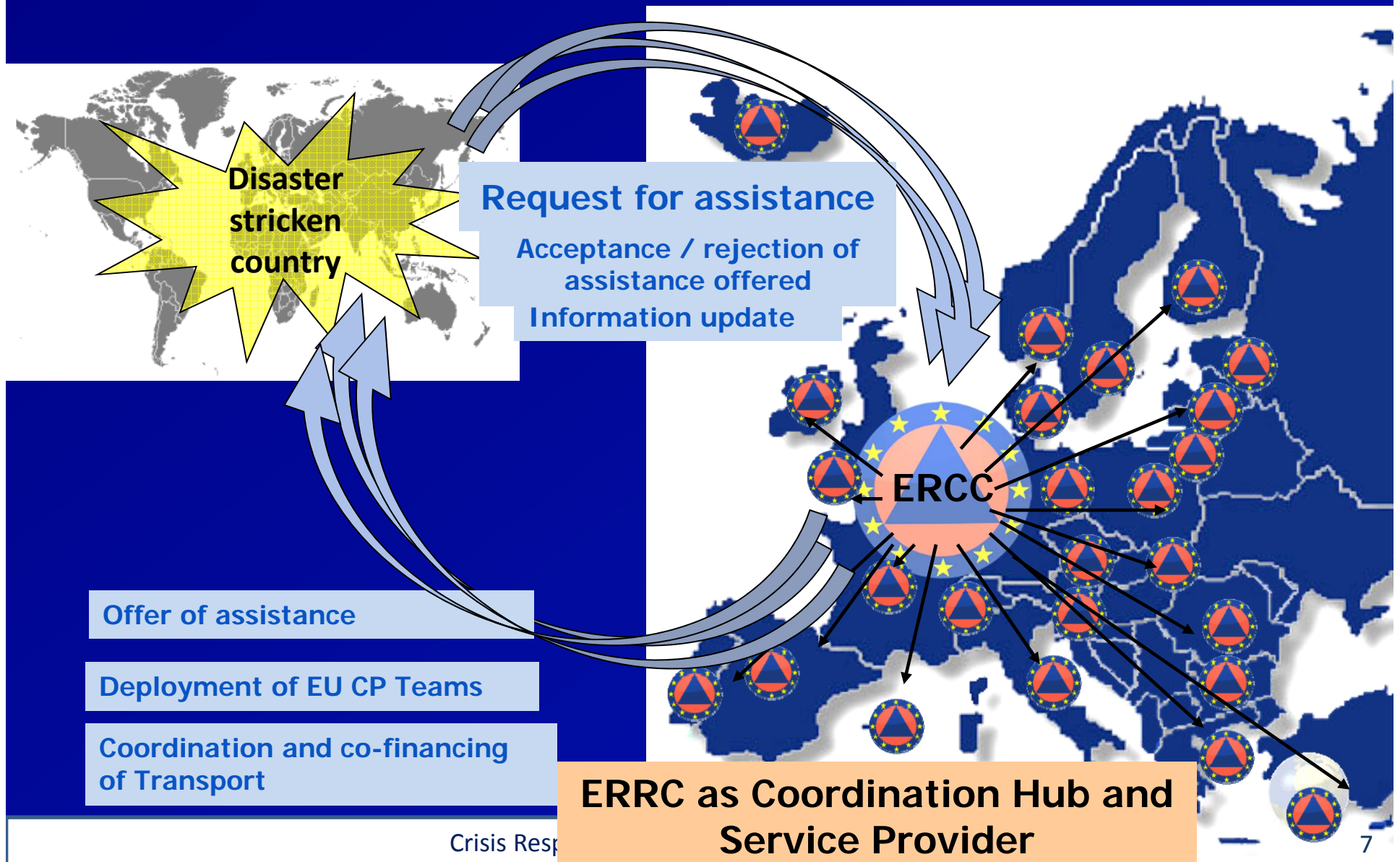
- The operational hub of the Mechanism is the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)
- Can be reached at echo-ercc@ec.europa.eu
- Monitors emergencies around the globe 24/7
- Coordinates the response of the participating countries in case of a crisis.
- Pre-positioned and self-sufficient civil protection modules
- Ready to support at very short notice both within and outside the EU based on a request from the affected country.

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.
- European Commission + European Commission + 33 Participating States (EU 28 + Norway, Iceland, Serbia, FYRoM, Montenegro) with Turkey to ratify its participation agreement.



Activation of the Mechanism





Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)



Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection

EU Civil Protection Mechanism Response in 2015

Participating States that have offered assistance

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

EU Civil Protection Mecanism response in 2015 #EUCivPro

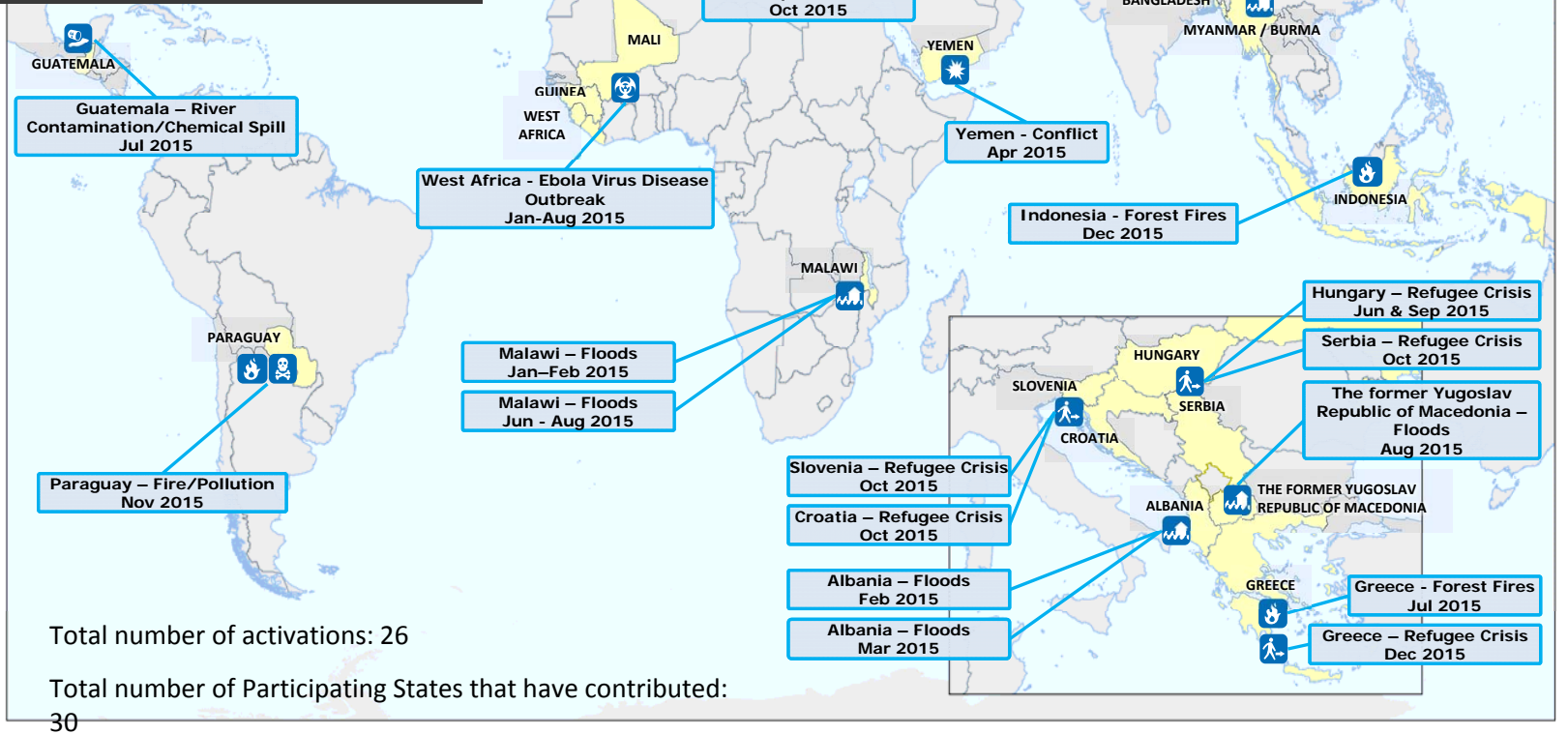
30 participating states have contributed to 26 emergencies

27 EU intervention teams deployed

- 9 search and rescue teams
- 10 camp management teams
- 3 advanced medical posts
- 2 water purification equipments
- 3 firefighting planes dropping more than 250 000 litres of water over burning forests

Material assistance

- 6 393 family tents
- 13 230 emergency shelter kits
- 157 886 blankets
- 14 780 sleeping bags
- 7 293 beds
- 100 power generators
- 3 000 hygiene kits
- 3 800 kitchen sets
- 77 376 clothing
- 5 ambulances
- +150 flights with medical items to West Africa
- 2 000 emergency aid kits
- 159 280 water purification tablets

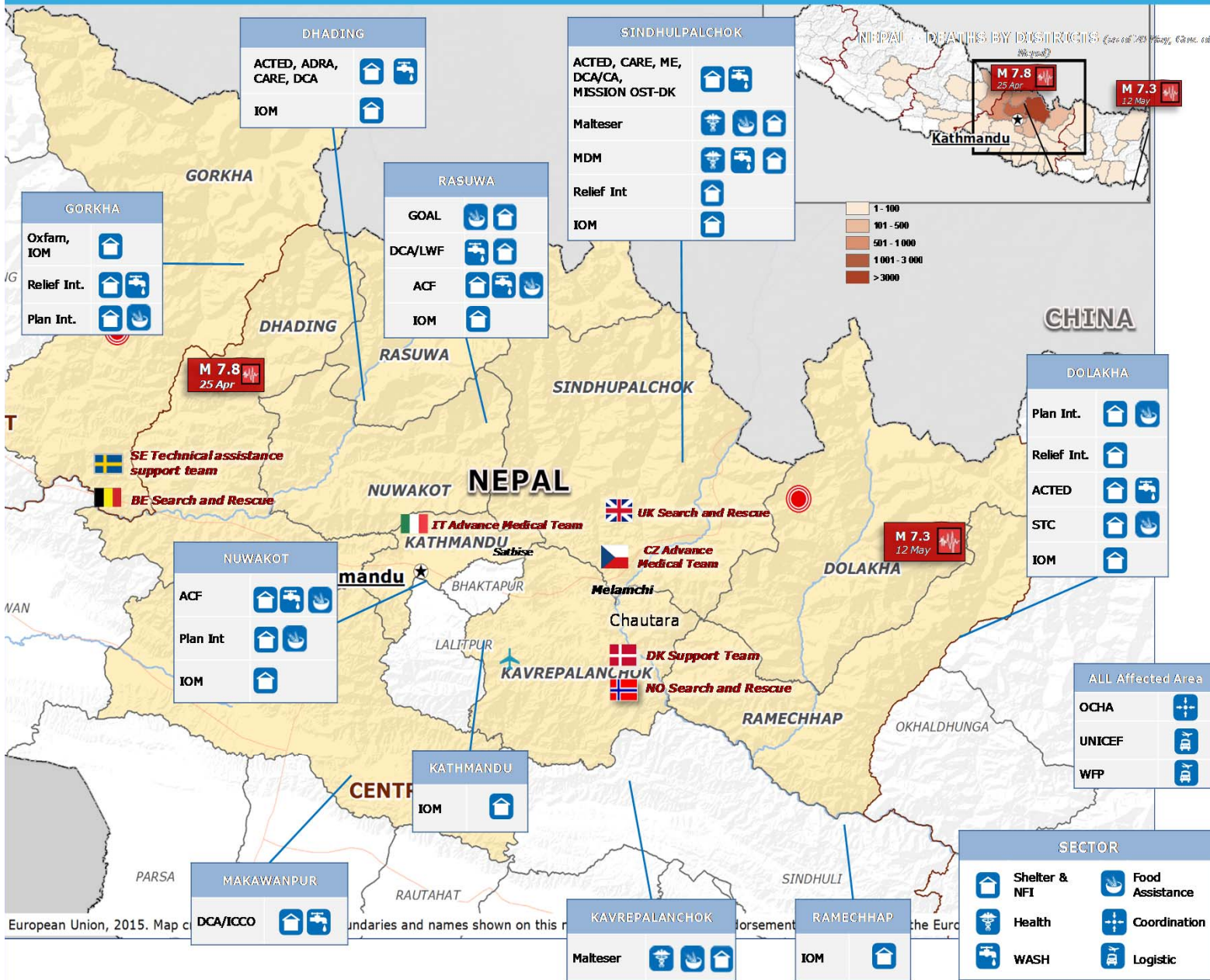


Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) – ECHO Daily Map | 20/5/2015

Nepal – ECHO Funded Actions and Response via UCPM



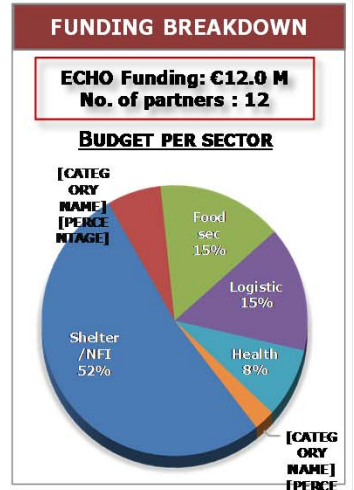
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NEPAL – Situation

As of 20 October, Gov. Of Nepal

- 9 000 dead
- > 22 000 injured
- > 600 000 houses destroyed
- 290 000 houses damaged



- 13 Participating States delivered assistance via EUCPM Operations in Kathmandu Valley
- IT Damage Assessment Team
 - DE Water Purification
 - FR Water Purification
 - DK Support Team
 - PL Search and Rescue
 - NL Search and Rescue
 - UK Search and Rescue
 - NO Search and Rescue
 - SE Support Team
- In-kind items were also delivered by UK, ES, PL, FR, SK*

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 temp. shelter
- CBRN detection and sampling
- Search and rescue in CBRN conditions (chem./bio./radio./nucl)
- Technical assistance support teams (TAST)
- Ground forest fire fighting
- Ground forest fire fighting using vehicles
- Flood containment
- Flood rescue using boats

Why Modules?

Different resources in 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

European Medical Corps | Teams available as of February 2016



Emergency
Medical
Teams

X4



Public
health
teams



Medical
assessment and
coordination experts



Medical
evacuation
capacities

x1



Mobile
biosafety
laboratories

x2



Logistical support teams
for medical operations
and coordination

x5



Experts will
be nominated
for mission
by Participating
States & ECDC



- ▶ **12** Response teams
- ▶ **9** Member States committed capacities
- ▶ Joint certification EU-WHO



#EUMedCorps

Facts & Figures EU Medical Corps

-9 Member States have committed medical teams, mobile laboratories, and logistical support teams to the European Medical Corps

*-The European Medical Corps is the new framework for mobilising medical and public health experts and teams for preparedness or response operations inside **or outside** the EU*

-Two teams were already mobilised during the Ebola outbreak.

-16 people were evacuated using the EU MEDEVAC System

Questions?

Thank you for your attention!