European Civil Protection Medical Modules

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Current Legal Basis

Decision 1313/2013/EU *of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism*

Commission Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU *of 16 October 2014 laying down rules for the implementation of Decision 1313/2013/EU*

The EU Civil Protection Mechanism in a Nutshell

- Framework for cooperation in disaster prevention, preparedness and response

- Natural and manmade disasters, inside and outside EU

- European Commission + 32 Participating States (EU 28 +NO,IS, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro)

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Disaster preparedness

Continue all existing strands of work, including for instance:

➢the development of **modules**;

➢the identification of **experts** and teams for EU missions;

➢**Training, exercises, exchange of experts and lessons learned;**

➢Facilitate **host nation support**.

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Preparedness – European civil protection modules

- Predefined capabilities

- Predefined personnel and equipment

- Rapid deployment

- Interoperability

- Self-sufficiency

Civil Protection medical modules and other response capacities

Modules
- Advanced medical post
- Advanced medical post with surgery
- Field hospital
- Medical aerial evacuation of disaster victims

Other response capacities:
- Medical evacuation jets air ambulance and medical evacuation helicopter
- Other response capacities: … i.e. smaller medical teams with specific expertise

New legislation – operational as of November 2014

➢ Establish a European Emergency Response Capacity consisting of a **voluntary pool**;

➢ Co-finance **buffer capacities** to address temporary shortcomings.

➢ Seed-funding for **new response capacities** in very specific situations, where a potentially significant gap has been identified;

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European Emergency Response Capacity

The voluntary pool is a system whereby Member States can **pre-commit response capacities** for EU missions

In return for this commitment, **Member States benefit from financial support** for adapting and transporting these capacities

The **quality** of the assistance is ensured through the establishment of quality criteria and a **certification process**

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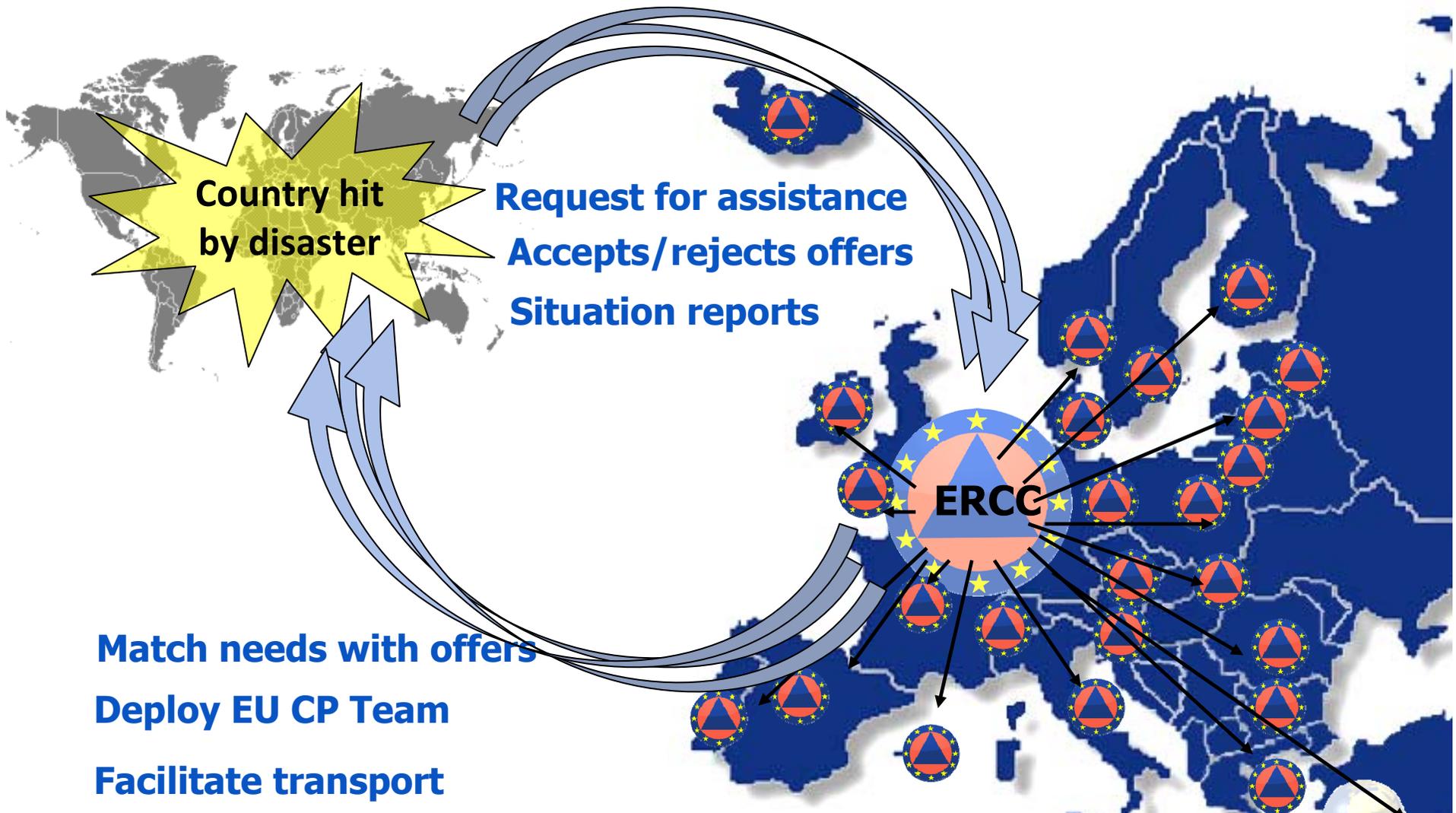
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Voluntary pool: what can be financed?

- **Transport costs: 85% EU co-financing**
  - ➢ 85% EU co-financing (including for staff and its rotation, if needed)
  - ➢ 100% for temporary warehousing, local transport and certain other costs related to pooling
- **All certification costs** (related exercises, trainings)
- **Certain adaptation costs**
  - ➢ non-recurrent costs necessary to upgrade Member States' response capacities from their purely national use to a state of readiness and availability that makes them deployable as part of the EERC
  - ➢ Interoperability, autonomy, self-sufficiency, transportability, packaging and similar costs, costs of forming multinational response capacities
  - ➢ NOT: costs of the equipment or human resources necessary to initially set-up the response capacities or on-going maintenance or running costs

Voluntary pool: What can be included ?

- **Capacity Goals**
  - ➢ Modules, other response capacities and experts

- **Flexible approach**
  - ➢ Catch-all clause

- **National or multinational modules**
  - ➢ National or multinational modules

Country hit by disaster

Request for assistance
Accepts/rejects offers
Situation reports

ERCC

Match needs with offers
Deploy EU CP Team
Facilitate transport

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Activation of the Mechanism

Ebola crisis

Clinical teams and health workers are one of the biggest needs

- ✓ Fully-fledged foreign medical teams (25-35 expat staff + logistical support)
- ✓ Rapid deployment medical teams (smaller teams, flexible approach)
- ✓ Highly qualified and experienced experts and trainers

Challenges in mobilising and deploying FMTs

MSs active in FMT mobilisation: UK, FR, DE, SE, DK, NO + ES, BE, NL (NGOs involvement)

QUESTIONS?