Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Relief Cooperation between EU and Japan and update on the refugee crisis in Europe

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### Two complementary tools

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<td><strong>What?</strong></td>
<td>Funding from EC budget (Over € 1200 million in 2015)</td>
<td>Voluntary contributions of assistance in kind from PS</td>
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<td>Active donor: programming and policy development</td>
<td>Budget of CP Financial Instrument = € 189 million (2007-2013)</td>
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<td>Increased to € 368.4 million (2014-2020)</td>
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<td><strong>To whom?</strong></td>
<td>Implementing partners</td>
<td>Government of affected country</td>
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<td><strong>Geographical scope?</strong></td>
<td>Most vulnerable population(s) in third countries, mainly in developing countries</td>
<td>Inside and outside the EU</td>
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<td><strong>Type of disaster?</strong></td>
<td>Natural and man-made disasters (wars, conflicts, forgotten crises etc.)</td>
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<td><strong>Timescale?</strong></td>
<td>Immediate aftermath of crisis and beyond (presence of humanitarian needs)</td>
<td>Acute stage only (normally max. 2-3 weeks)</td>
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EU Civil Protection Mechanism

Overview

• General concept: **Framework for cooperation in disaster preparedness, prevention and response**

• Looking at / covering **mostly natural and manmade disasters**

• Mandate: **inside and outside EU**

• Composition / Stakeholders: **32 Participating States** (28 EU MS + Norway, Iceland, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey); **European Commission / ERCC in DG ECHO**

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

• Legal basis: **Decision No 1313/2013/EU**
Albania (AL) – Floods 02.02-20.03.2015
On 02. Feb AI requested assistance. AT, BE, HR, ME and SK awarded assistance via EUCPM. TR, KS, BiH, CA, DE, HU, ISR, JP, QA, RS, UAE-bilateral. ERCC deployed 1 EUCPT (1 TL(NL)+1 ERC LO. A second advisory mission deployed a EUCPT of 4 experts (NL, IT, EE, SE) 06-21.03.2015.

Greece (EL) – Forest fire 16-22.07.2015
On 16 JUL GR requested assistance in form 2 firefighting planes to cope with the FF in Athens, Evoia and S Peloponese. FR offered 2 FF planes, 1 investigation plane and 1 LO.

Serbia (RS) – Refugees 21.09 - ongoing
On 21 Sep RS requested assistance to cope with refugees: vehicles, fuel, heaters, shelter, beds, and mattresses, food, and hygiene items. HU and SK offered assistance. 1 LO deployed to RS and MK on 11 Nov.

Paraguay (PY) – Fire electrical station San Lorenzo - 5.11.
UNEP/OCHA requested 2 UCPM experts to join the Team for environmental assessment and public health issues. 2 experts DE and UK joined the team.

Guatemala(GUA) – Chemical spill 25.06 -02.09.2015
On 25 Jun, ERCC received a RIA for one environmental expert to be associated to UNEP OCHA team in Guatemala. Peten for a chemical spill event in the river La Pasión. 1 expert from AT was deployed 6-21 July as associated expert to UNEP/OCHA

Slovenia (SI) – refugees 22.10 - ongoing
SI activated the UCPM on 22 Oct to cope with refugees. CZ, HU, NL, AT, LUX, SK, UK, FR and LV offered assistance as per request. 1 LO deployed to SI and HR on 9 Nov.

Malawi (MW) – Floods 14.01-11.05.2015 and 05.06.2015-23.09.2015
On 14 Jan MW requested assistance to UN for UNDAC. UNOCHA requested 1 CP expert as associated to their team. The expert was deployed 17.01-07.02.2015. UNDAC was deployed a support to RC, MW Gov and UN country team.
In June 2015 WFP requested 5 Bailey bridges to cover the infrastructure damage from January (conclusions after PDNA). SE offered the bridges

FYRoM (MK) – Floods 05.08-24.09.2015
On 6 Aug MK requested assistance in form of expertise to improve their reaction to floods. A EUCPT of 6 experts (NL, FR, AT, DE, SI, HU) +1 ERCG LO have been deployed to Skopje 13-24.08.2015

Croatia (HR) – Refugees HU activated twice UCPM on 26 October 2015 for coping with DE, AT, UK, LUX, SK, FR offered assistance as per request. 1 LO deployed to SI and HR on 9 Nov.

Ukraine (UA) – Conflict 13.01.2015 – 15.08.2015
RFA received on 13 Jan. 11 PS awarded assistance: AT, HR, DK, EE, FI, FR, DE, LV, LT, PL, SI - including inter alia heaters, tents, beds, blankets and power generators. ERCC deployed one EUCPT (4 experts 1 AT, 1 FR, 1 EE, 1 FI) +1 ERC LO/TL. An advisory mission was organised 23.03-22.04. The team was composed of 1 FI-TL, 1 FR, 1 GR, 1 LV, 2 BE + 1 ERC LO

Myanmar (MM) – Floods 04.08 – 23.09. MM has been experiencing heavy torrential rains since the end of June, associated with the Southwest Monsoon and requested assistance from EUCPM PS.
ECHO awarded 1 mil euro.

Nepal (NP) – Earthquake 25.04-11.08.2015
On 25.04 an earthquake 7,9M occurred east Kathmandu, several aftershocks (max 7,1M) following it producing a lot of damages in 30 out of 72 districts of the country. A second major one occurred on 12.05-7,8 M NW Kathmandu. 8800 people died, 22300 injured, 0,5mil houses damaged. UCPM was activated and EUCPM PS (FR, PL, SK, AT, ES, UK, DK, SE, BE, NO, NL, LUX, IT, GR, DE, FI, EE, CZ) provided in-kind assistance and NFI. 2 EUCPT (10 experts) were deployed along with 3 ERC LO

Yemen (YM) – Conflict 03.04- on-going
In April 2015 DE requested assistance to evacuate the EU citizens from Yemen due to the conflict. 130 people have been evacuated using a DE flight by 16/04/2015. Other EU citizens and TCN's fled the country using other transport solutions (UN, China, India).

Pre-alert (EWM) : iFyRoM – Floods (01-17.02.2015), Djibouti-Refugees from Yemen (14.04-15.09.2015); Philippines – TC NOUL-15 (05-17.05.2015);
EU /JAPAN: from Disaster to Cooperation 2011- 2013- 2015
Japan-EU Cooperation on humanitarian assistance and emergency relief

State of play

- **20th EU-Japan Summit - Joint Press Statement** (2011) to improve coordination and enhance cooperation in humanitarian assistance, emergency relief operations as well as disaster preparedness and prevention.

- **Exchange of letters** between Commissioner Georgieva and Minister Akihiro Ohta, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan (March 2013).

- **Series of technical meetings** on EU/JAPAN Cooperation on Disaster Management.
Japan-EU Cooperation on humanitarian assistance and emergency relief

**Future prospects**

- **Sendai Framework for DRR**: importance of developing common approaches towards its implementation
- **4\(^{th}\) technical meeting** on EU /JAPAN Cooperation on Disaster Management (3 December 2015, Tokyo)
- **Expert meeting** on humanitarian assistance and emergency relief (4 December 2015, Tokyo), following the 23\(^{rd}\) EU-Japan Summit (29 May 2015)
- **EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement** (currently under negotiation): it includes specific provisions relating to disaster management and humanitarian action
ECHO's response to the refugee crisis

• Over 800,000 people have made their way to Europe since the beginning of 2015

• Despite worsening weather conditions in Greece, daily arrivals have sharply increased (from 5,000 to 7,000 per day)

• The Western Balkans route
Refugee Crisis – Western Balkan route │ Syria Regional Crisis

Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq

**Distribution by governorates (UNHCR 25/09)**

- **Lebanon**:
  - €198.4 M allocated in Jordan from 2012-15
  - 630 776 Syrian refugees in Jordan

- **Jordan**:
  - €29.4 M allocated in Iraq from 2012-15
  - 245 134 Syrian refugees in Iraq

- **Iraq**:
  - €269.1 M allocated in Lebanon from 2012-15
  - 1 078 338 Syrian refugees in Lebanon

**Total Syrian Refugees in neighbouring countries**: 4 290 332

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**Greece Arrivals - Countries of origin**

- 63% Syrian refugees
- 1% Afghanistan
- 4% Iraq
- 7% Pakistan
- 2% Somalia
- Others

**626 436 sea arrivals in Greece in 2015**

**26 772** Syrian refugees in North Africa

**128 019** Syrian refugees in Egypt

**2 181 293** Syrian refugees in Turkey

**€7M allocated in Turkey from 2012-15**

**€468.2M allocated in Syria from 2012-15**

**€1M allocated in Egypt from 2012-15**

**Serbia**
- 50 695 total arrivals and 9 000 average daily arrivals from 23/10 – 29/10

**Croatia**
- 57 539 arrivals from 23/10 – 29/10

**Greece**
- 42 425 total arrivals and 6 000 average daily arrivals from 23/10 – 29/10

**Slovenia**
- 59 934 arrivals from 23/10 – 29/10

**Main migration routes**
- Syrian displacement to neighbouring countries
- Schengen area countries
- Mediterranean Sea

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Refugee Crisis – UCPM Activations | Participating States and Assistance provided

**Slovenia - 22/10 Activation**
- **ONGOING**
- Assistance provided: Tents, heating devices, sleeping bags, beds, protective clothes, respirators, light towers, bedding, blankets, tables, gloves, medical equipment, masks, PPE sets

**Croatia - 26/10 Activation**
- **ONGOING**
- Assistance provided: Gloves, boots, blankets, cords, sleeping bags, raincoats, tents, masks, beds, heating devices

**Hungary - 28/06 Activation**
- **CLOSED**
- Assistance provided: Tents

**Hungary - 11/09 Activation**
- **CLOSED**
- Assistance provided: Blankets, tents, beds, bedding, sleeping bags, blankets, heating devices

**Serbia - 21/09 Activation**
- **ONGOING**
- Assistance provided: Protective masks, sleeping bags, bedding, blankets, mattresses, roll mats, gloves

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ECHO's response to the refugee crisis

Way forward

• Strong political leadership
• Further encourage in-kind solutions
• Closely work with humanitarian aid partners (UNHCR, IOM, IFRC)
• Using all available funding instruments
• New funding allocations
• Strengthen ECHO's presence in the region
Questions ?

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