The European Mechanism of Civil Protection and the main activities of the Italian Department of Civil Protection

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The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

✓Created in 2001 - present Decision in force from 2014 (Dec. n.1313/2013)

✓Facilitates civil protection cooperation among Participating States in the event of disasters and for the prevention and preparedness to

✓Relevant events: natural and man-made disasters; terrorism consequences; technological, industrial and environmental accidents;

✓Occurring: inside and outside the European Union

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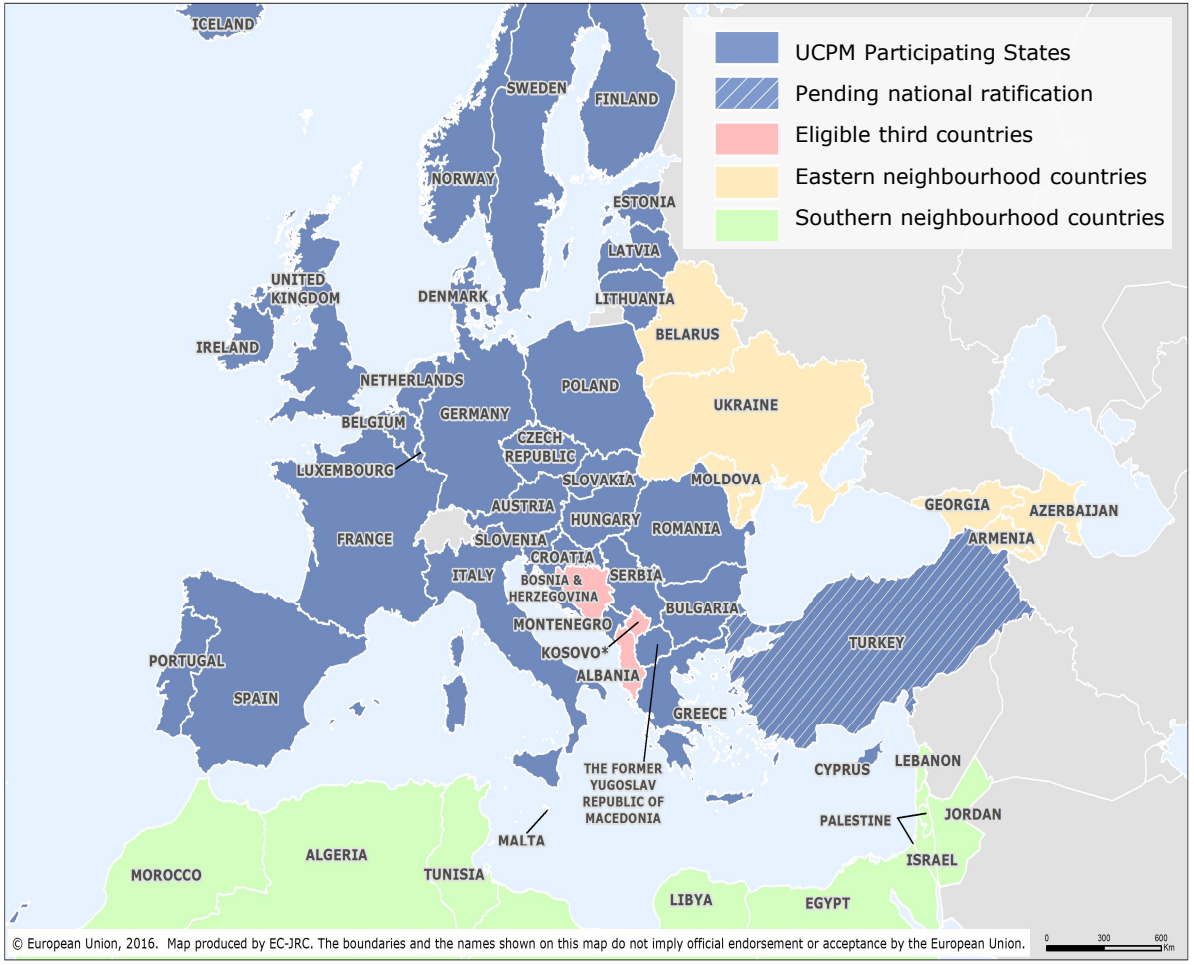
The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

✓**34 Participating States** :

- 28 EU Member States
- 4 Candidate countries: FYROM, Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey
- 2 remaining EEA: Iceland, Norway

✓Cooperation with third countries and international organisations

✓Managed by the **European Commission, Directorate General ECHO** (Humanitarian aid and civil protection) - since 2010



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Civil Protection Actions

- Prevention
- Preparedness
- Response

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Disaster prevention: Member States' actions

Develop ***risk assessments*** and make available to the Commission a summary of the relevant elements thereof

Develop and refine their disaster ***risk management planning***

Make available to the Commission an ***assessment of their risk management capability***

Participate, on a voluntary basis, in ***peer reviews***

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Disaster preparedness: "new" features

Establishment of ***Emergency Response Coordination* Centre** (ERCC) with 24/7 operational capacity

Establishment of 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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Mechanism's «traditional» features

- ✓ CECIS - *Common Emergency Communication and Information System*
- ✓ Training (courses, exercises, exchange of experts)
- ✓ Workshops, international projects, regional programmes
- ✓ Financial contribution for transport and logistics
- ✓ Support to consular assistance of citizens outside EU
- ✓ CP modules and….

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… the UCP Team

A team of civil protection experts coming from participating states deployed on the disaster site in order to facilitate coordination of incoming assistance, liase with local authorities, support the requesting state with expertise on prevention, preparedness and response.

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Call for proposals on prevention and preparedness projects in civil protection and marine pollution

General objectives of the P&P projects

Support and complement efforts of countries in disaster prevention, focusing on areas where cooperation between the countries provides added value.

Create prerequisites for and improve preparedness, as well as enhance awareness of civil protection and marine pollution professionals and volunteers.

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Italy: a disaster prone country

- *Pop*. 60.000.000
- 8100 municipalities
- 72% with a pop. ≤ 5000
- 20% of the population is distributed on 55% of the territory

Risks
• Seismic
• Volcanic
• Hydro-geological
• Forest fires
• Technological
• Industrial
• Environmental

Mandate (L.225/1992)

The National Civil Protection System aims at safeguarding human life, goods, human settlements and the environment from all natural or man-made disasters.

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The Tasks

Mitigation

REDUCING/MITIGATING DAMAGES
RAISING POPULATION AWARENESS TO ENHANCE SELF PROTECTION MEASURES

Alert

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES AIMED AT IDENTIFYING RISK TYPOLOGIES AND AREAS AFFECTED BY RISKS

Response

OPERATIONS AIMED AT FULFILLING THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POPULATION AFFECTED BY THE EVENT BASED ON PREVIOUSLY ELABORATED EMERGENCY RELIEF PLANS

Recovery

INTERVENTIONS NECESSARY FOR RESTORING NORMAL LIFE CONDITIONS

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The Institutional Structure

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Department of Civil Protection

- Interior
  - National Fire-fighters Corp
  - Police
  - Prefectures
- Foreign Affairs
- Environment
  - ANPA
- Health
  - 118
- Economy and Finance
  - Financial Police
- Defence
  - Army
  - Navy
  - Air Force
  - Carabinieri
- Economic Development
  - G.R.T.N.
- Transport and Infrastructures
  - Coast Guard
  - ANAS
  - Highways company
  - National railways
- Cultural Heritage and Activities
- Education, University and Research
  - I.N.G.V.
  - C.N.R.
  - National Institutes
- Communications
- Agricultural Policy and Forestry
  - National Forest Service
- Regions
- Provinces
- Municipalities

Regions, Provinces, Municipalities → Local Police

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The volunteers organizations

4089 local organizations
28 national organizations

Over 800 000 volunteers

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International Operations since 2004

2004	SRI LANKA MALDIVES MOROCCO IRAN OSSETIA
2005	ANGOLA MALI PAKISTAN USA
2006	SPAIN SUDAN LEBANON INDONESIA
2007	ALBANIA CYPRUS GREECE LEBANON PERU MOZAMBIQUE
2008	ALBANIA GREECE CHINA
2010	ALBANIA HAITI CHILE RUSSIA PAKISTAN
2011	TUNISIA JAPAN LYBIA
2012	JORDAN
2013	PHILIPPINES
2014	SWEDEN
2015	NEPAL ALBANIA
2016	ECUADOR CIPRO FRANCIA PORTOGALLO

FOREST FIRES
EARTHQUAKES
FLOODS
HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS

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The most recent ones with the UCPM

Nepal Earthquake, April 2015

Satbise, Nuwakot district, about 90 km from Kathmandu: Advanced Medical Post (PMA) of G.C.U. Pisa. In total, over 900 patients were treated mostly coming from districts remained isolated for several days after the earthquake. The Italian Government also donated twelve tents of the Civil Protection Department that have been used for students to resume school lessons and educational activities. In addition, the VVF component has carried out assessment activities for damage to buildings and monuments. One seismic damage assessment expert deployed as member of the UCP Team.

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Ecuador Earthquake, April 2016

Ecuador, earthquake April 2016, One (n.1) seismic damage assessment expert deployed as member of the EUCP Team. An Italian team (composed by 10 fire brigades and two DPC officers) deployed to provide damage assessment for buildings and infrastructure

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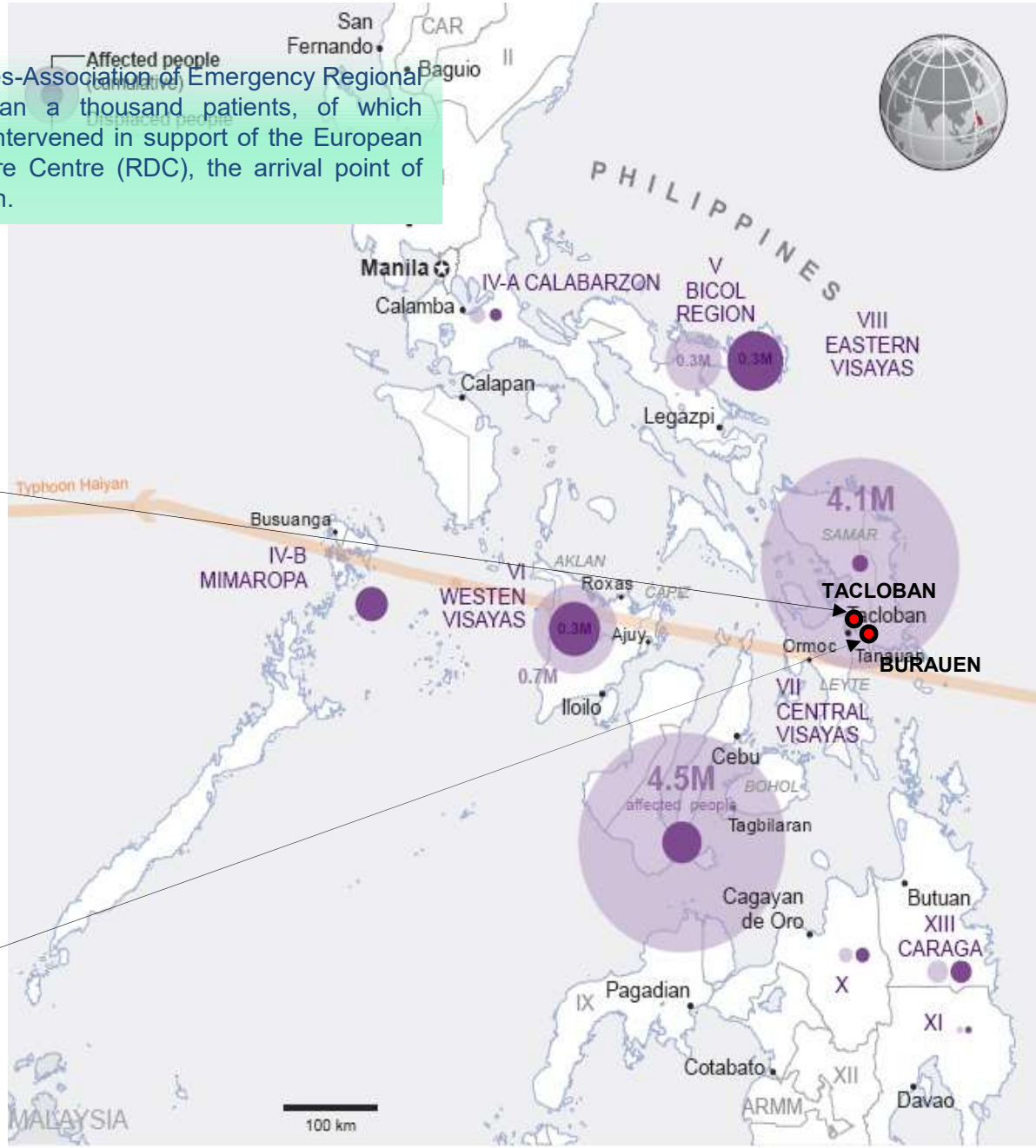
Philippines, Typhoon Haiyan November 2013

Tacloban and Leyte: Advanced Medical Post (AMP) of the Ares-Association of Emergency Regional Health and Social Marche Region has visited more than a thousand patients, of which approximately one-third children. Also a TAST module has intervened in support of the European Civil Protection Mechanism team at the Reception Departure Centre (RDC), the arrival point of international rescue teams set up inside the airport in Tacloban.



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