

# rescEU



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# EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCMP)



34 countries involved

- 27 Member States
- 6 Participating States (Iceland, Norway, Serbia, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey)
- 1 country in transition phase (UK)

- Strengthen cooperation in the field of civil protection
- Improve preparedness, prevention, response to disasters
- Coordination of the EU response within Europe and beyond

# Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)

In May 2013, we launched the

## Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)

Monitors disasters around the globe

24/7

Maps disaster risks



Provides real-time information



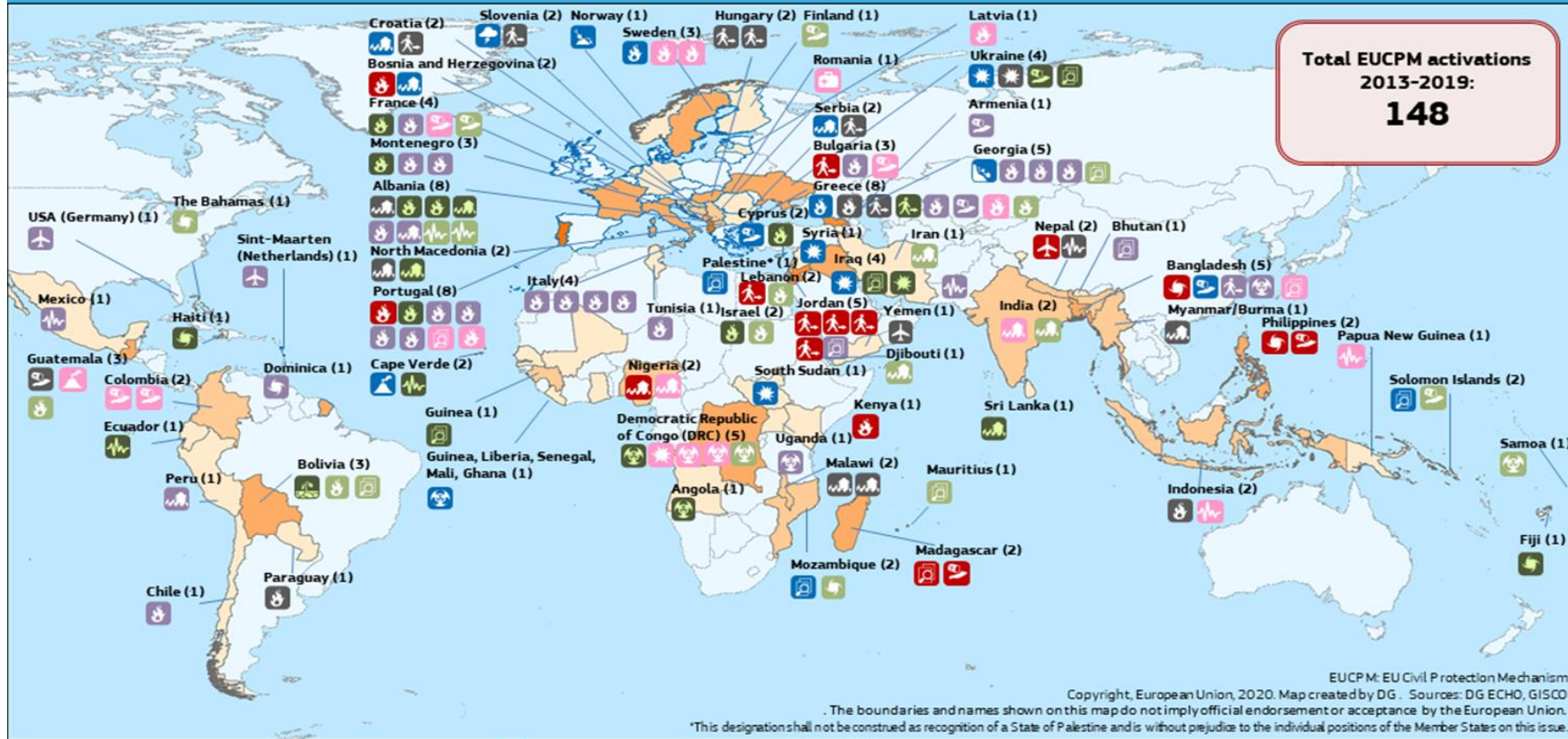
Coordinates joint European response operations



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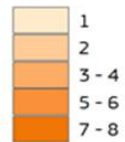


# EUCPM Requests for Assistance: 2013 - 2019



### Affected country Nature of EUCPM request

#### Total activations

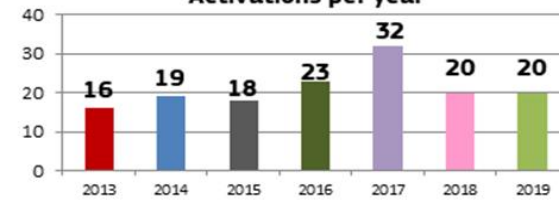


- Disaster Preparedness Mission
- Conflict
- Forest fire
- Cave diving accident
- Environmental accident
- Epidemic
- Population displacement

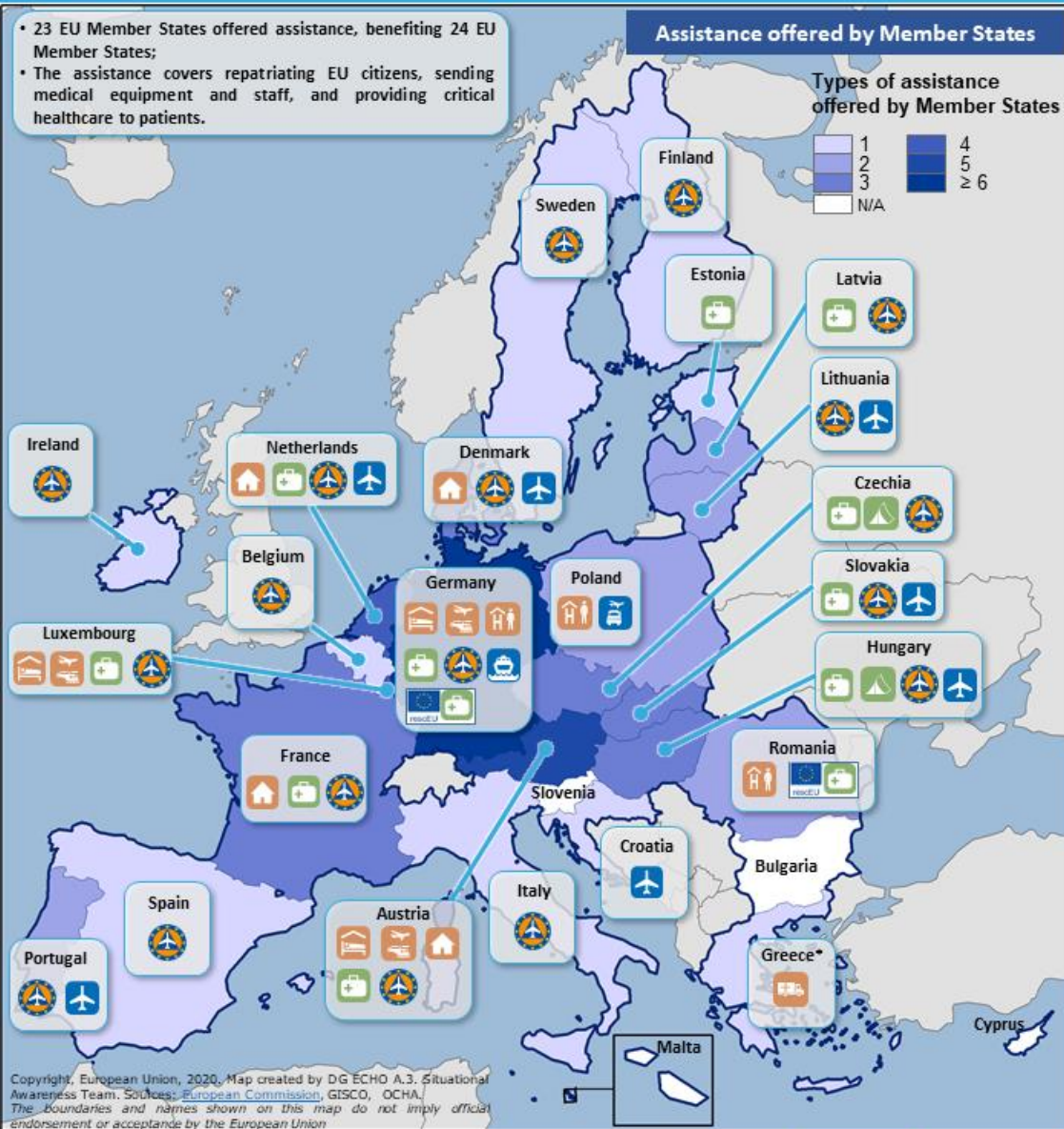
- Consular support
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Landslide
- Severe weather
- Tropical cyclone
- Volcano activity
- Medical

- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019

### Activations per year

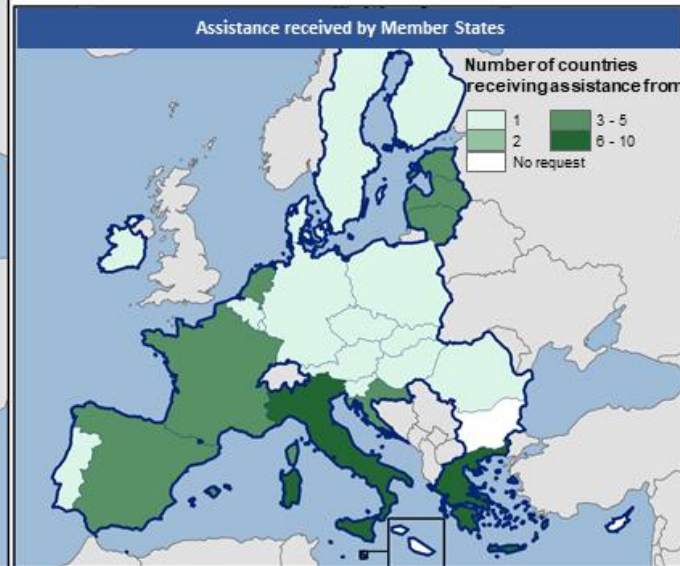


- 23 EU Member States offered assistance, benefiting 24 EU Member States;
- The assistance covers repatriating EU citizens, sending medical equipment and staff, and providing critical healthcare to patients.



- ### Types of assistance
- Treatment of critically ill patients
  - Transport of critically ill patients
  - Mobile medical unit
  - Living container / medical station to be used as shelter or mobile healthcare facility
  - Medical staff dispatched to country in need
  - Medical equipment
  - Shelter and relief items
  - Repatriation of EU citizens by airplane
  - Offer of train, ferry and airplane to repatriate citizens
  - Repatriation of EU citizens by ferry
  - Repatriation of EU citizens facilitated by the UCPM
  - Assistance provided via rescEU
- [Click here for more info on COVID-19 EU response](#)

- ### EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) activations
- 10 activations in Europe for PPEs, equipment, medical staff and others: IT, ES, LT, HR, RS, ME, EE, EL and NL on behalf of the Dutch Caribbean Islands
  - 20 activations in Europe for repatriations: AT, BE, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, NL, PL, PT, SE, SK and UK
  - 75,623 EU citizens repatriated by 338 flights facilitated by UCPM



# rescEU - A safety net that increases European preparedness



# rescEU: Three priority areas

## Aerial firefighting



## Medical capacities



## *CBRN* *capacities*



# rescEU- MEDICAL CAPACITIES



## Medevac

- \* HID
- \* Disaster victims

## EMT-3 field hospital

## Stockpiling

- \* PPE
- \* ICU equipment
- \* Lab. supplies
- \* Vaccines
- \* Therapeutics



# rescEU - STOCKPILING CAPACITIES

## Composition:

- i. intensive care medical equipment including ventilators;
- ii. personal protective equipment;
- iii. laboratory supplies;
- iv. vaccines and therapeutics once/where available.



All medical products procured under rescEU must comply with international standards and be CE-marked, in order to be interoperable among all MS.

# How will the stockpile be created?



Direct grant to a MS/PS that acquires, rents or leases the capacity

Capacity hosted by MS

Request for Assistance to the ERCC

ECPP, voluntary offers

Deployment of rescEU capacity coordinated by the ERCC

crisis

Task Team

# rescEU co-financing

Deployment status	Inside EU	Outside EU
Spontaneous offers	75% transport	75% transport
European Civil Protection Pool	75% operational	75% transport
rescEU capacities	75% operational (100% LoHi)	100% operational

rescEU stockpiling: **100%** financing for development and operational costs  
2020 rescEU budget for COVID-19 response increased by **EUR 380 million**  
most dedicated to stockpiling

# rescEU stockpiling implementation



## **Phase 1 – March-May 2020**

COVID-19 Emergency Response: PPE such as masks and medical equipment such as ventilators were procured as a priority. 2 first hosting countries: Romania and Germany

## **Phase 2 - June-October 2020**

First application phase (deadline 5 June 2020) covering PPE, intensive care medical devices, vaccines and therapeutics against Ebola. 9 countries has applied. Proposals under evaluation.

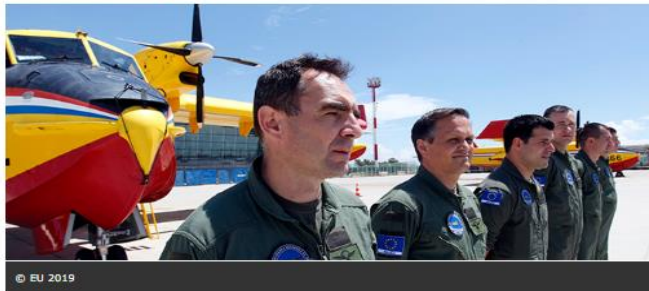
## **Phase 3 – September 2020 – onwards**

Second application phase (deadline September) to create strategic reserve of medical countermeasures to be better prepared for future cross-border health threats. Types of products to be stockpiled broadened.

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### What is it?

In 2019, the EU reinforced and strengthened components of its disaster risk management by upgrading the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. The latest element introduced - rescEU - has the objective of enhancing both the protection of citizens from disasters and the management of emerging risks. In addition, rescEU establishes a new European reserve of resources (the 'rescEU reserve') which includes a fleet of firefighting planes and helicopters, medical evacuation planes, as well as a stockpile of medical equipment and field hospitals that can respond to health emergencies, and chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incidents.

### Why is this important?

The European Union plays a key role in coordinating the response to disasters in Europe and beyond. Disasters have affected every region of Europe in recent years, causing hundreds of casualties and billions in damage to infrastructure and the environment. Epidemics, flash floods, storms, forest fires, earthquakes, and man-made disasters are continuously putting countries' response capabilities under pressure. Additionally, security concerns have become more complex and climate change is expected to worsen the impact of disasters in the future.

Extreme weather conditions and emerging threats, such as the coronavirus, have overwhelmed the

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rescEU is an extra layer of citizen protection in Europe  
It is integrated into the Union Civil Protection Mechanism  
rescEU strengthens European preparedness for disasters  
It boosts capacities to respond to forest fires, medical emergencies or chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incidents

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Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (13 March 2019)

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