



# Recent developments in Community Civil Protection Policy

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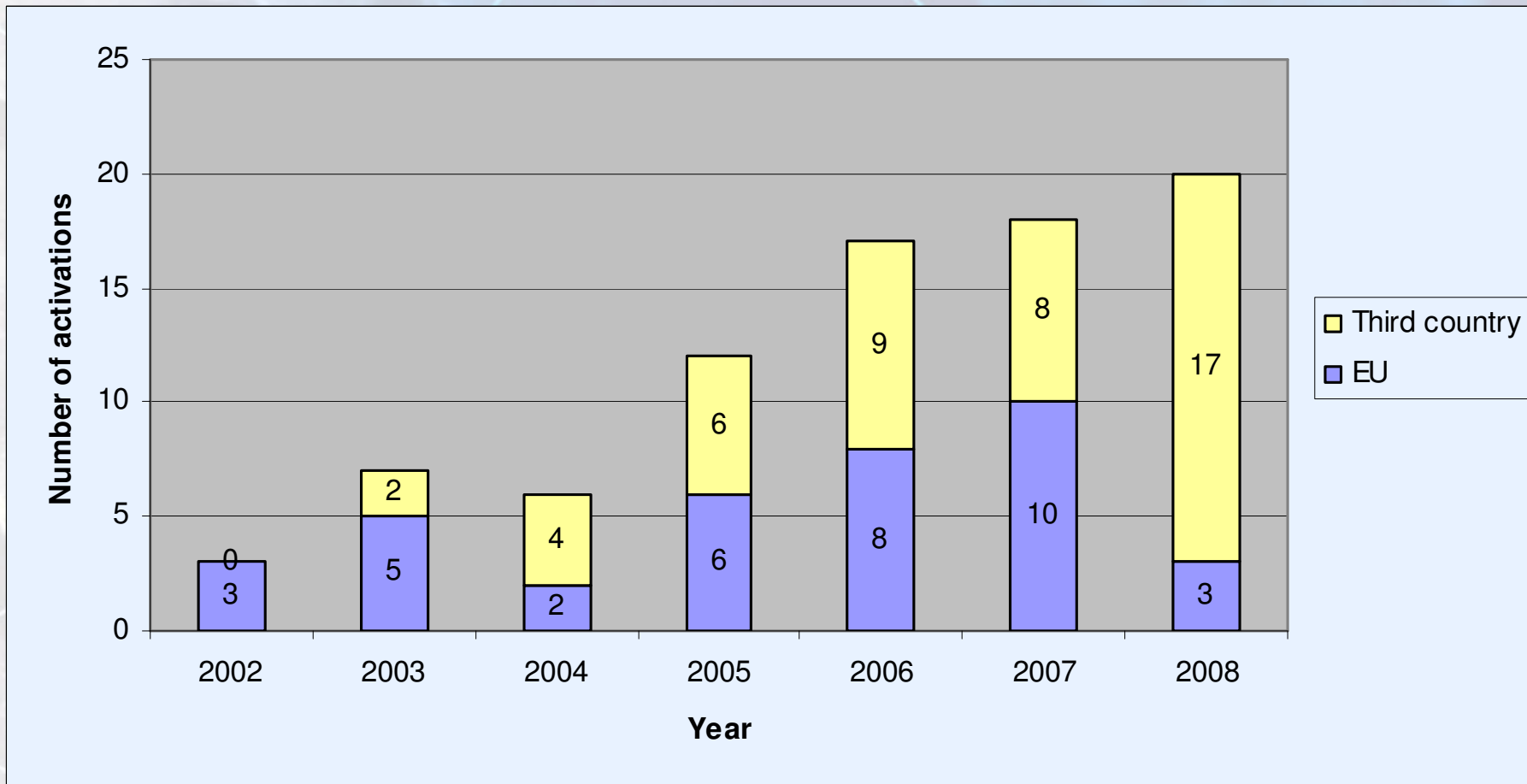
# *Improving the EU's response capacity*

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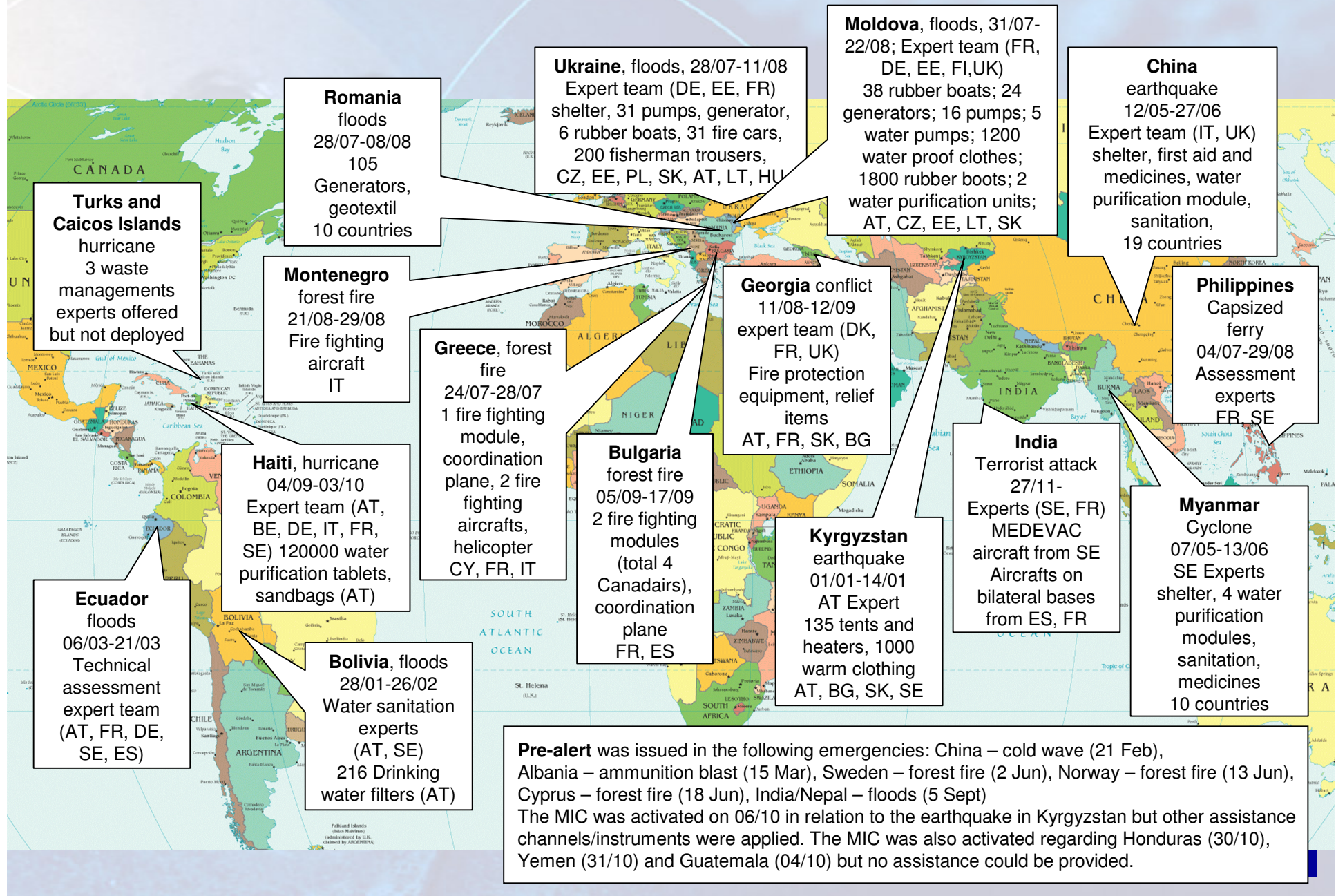
- Integrated approach
  - Link all actors and actions in the area of disaster management
  - Further develop the EU's approach to disaster prevention
  
- Reinforcing the Community Civil protection Mechanism
  - Further develop the MIC
  - Improve the overall response capacity
  
- Launching a new initiative for European disaster management training
  - *Council support - focus on responsibility/solidarity balance*
  - *EP support and demand for legislation*



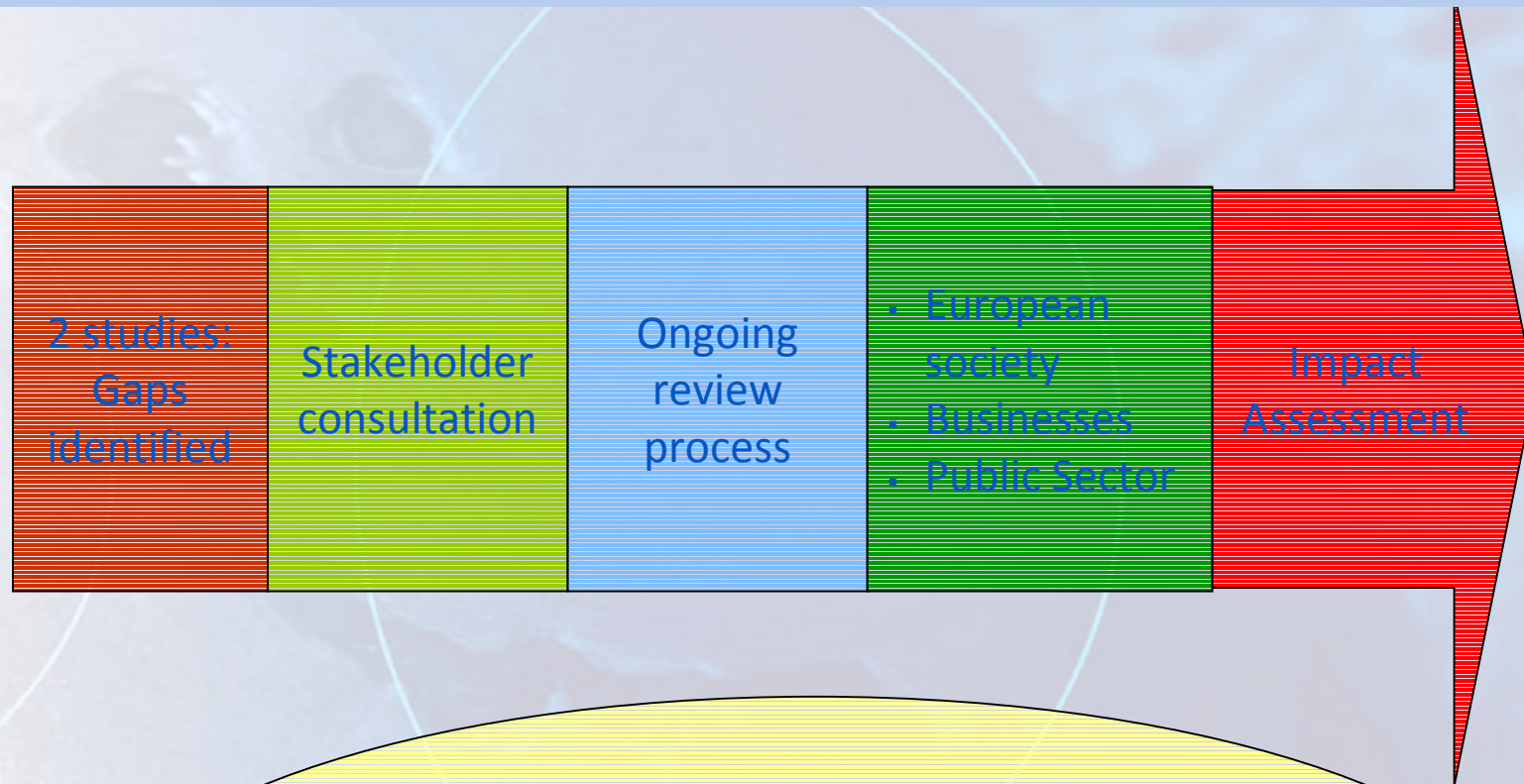
# *An increasing recourse to the Mechanism*



# Community Mechanism Operations 2008



# Prevention – An ongoing process

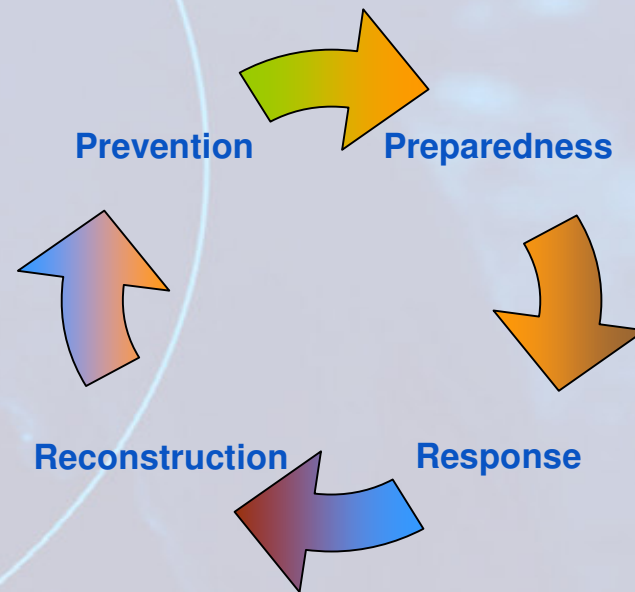


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prevention initiative



# *Upcoming Communication on disaster prevention*

- Creating the conditions for the development of knowledge based disaster prevention policies at all levels of government
- Linking the actors and policies throughout the disaster management cycle
- Making existing instruments perform better for disaster prevention



# ***Upcoming Communication on disaster risk reduction in developing countries***

- Proposed Strategy identifies objectives, priority areas for intervention, implementation priorities and ways for the EU to work better together
- Overall objective is to "contribute to sustainable development and poverty eradication by reducing the burden of disasters on the poor and the most vulnerable countries and population groups, by means of improved DRR"
- Strategic objectives link to the need for integration of DRR, both in developing countries and within the EU, and specific targeted action on disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness



# ***Upcoming Communication on disaster risk reduction in developing countries***

## ***Five priority areas for intervention - in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action:***

- *Ensure that DRR is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation,*
- *Identify, assess, and monitor disaster risks - and enhance early warning,*
- *Use knowledge, innovation, and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels,*
- *Reduce the underlying risk factors,*
- *Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels.*

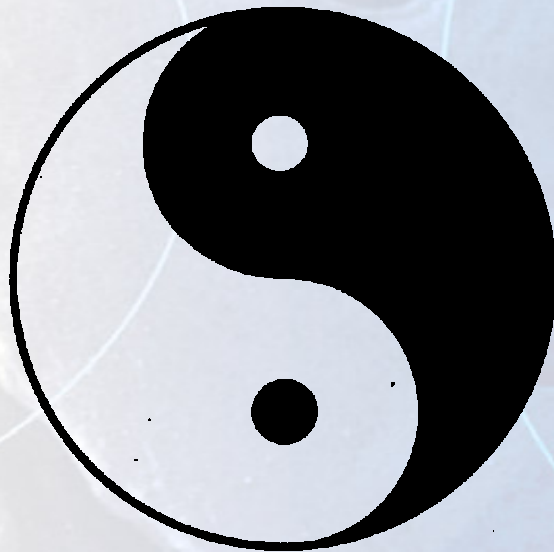




# *Upcoming Communication on adaptation to climate change*

## **MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION COMPLEMENTARY EFFORTS**

MITIGATION



ADAPTATION

- EU Goal: to maintain global warming at + 2°C (pre-industrial times)
- This Goal will limit the risks and magnitude of climate change but will not avoid all impacts
- Adaptation will be a necessary and complementary effort to mitigation
- The more Mitigation the less Adaptation will be required and vice versa



# *Upcoming Communication on adaptation to climate change*

*The EU Adaptation Framework will:*

- *Strengthen the Knowledge/Evidence Base*
  - *Mainstream climate Adaptation into key policy areas (such as agriculture)*
  - *Work in partnership with the EU Member States*
- *Advance work internationally on Adaptation*



# Thank you



## European Civil Protection

- News and emergencies
- Civil Protection
- Marine Pollution
- Chemical Accidents
- Links
- Funding opportunities

► **MIC Daily**  
Updated daily and connected to hundreds of early warning, near real-time alert services and news sources worldwide...



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► **GDACS Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System**

Current emergencies

► None

Major recent emergencies

► [Greece forest fires](#)

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What's on...



**EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION**  
Together in the face of disaster

**Civil Protection Forum: Together in the face of disaster, Brussels, 22-23 November 2007**  
In times where natural and manmade disasters are on the increase, the debate on how to prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters never seems to cease. Moreover the adoption of new laws adds Revour to the subject: The Second Civil Protection Forum aims to bring together some 500 people involved or interested in civil protection. The forum will provide participants with a platform for the exchange of ideas and an opportunity to meet other people sharing the same interest or profession. **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

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14/09/2007

**Commission Decision of 8 August 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of the provisions on transport in Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom establishing a Civil Protection financial instrument.**

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