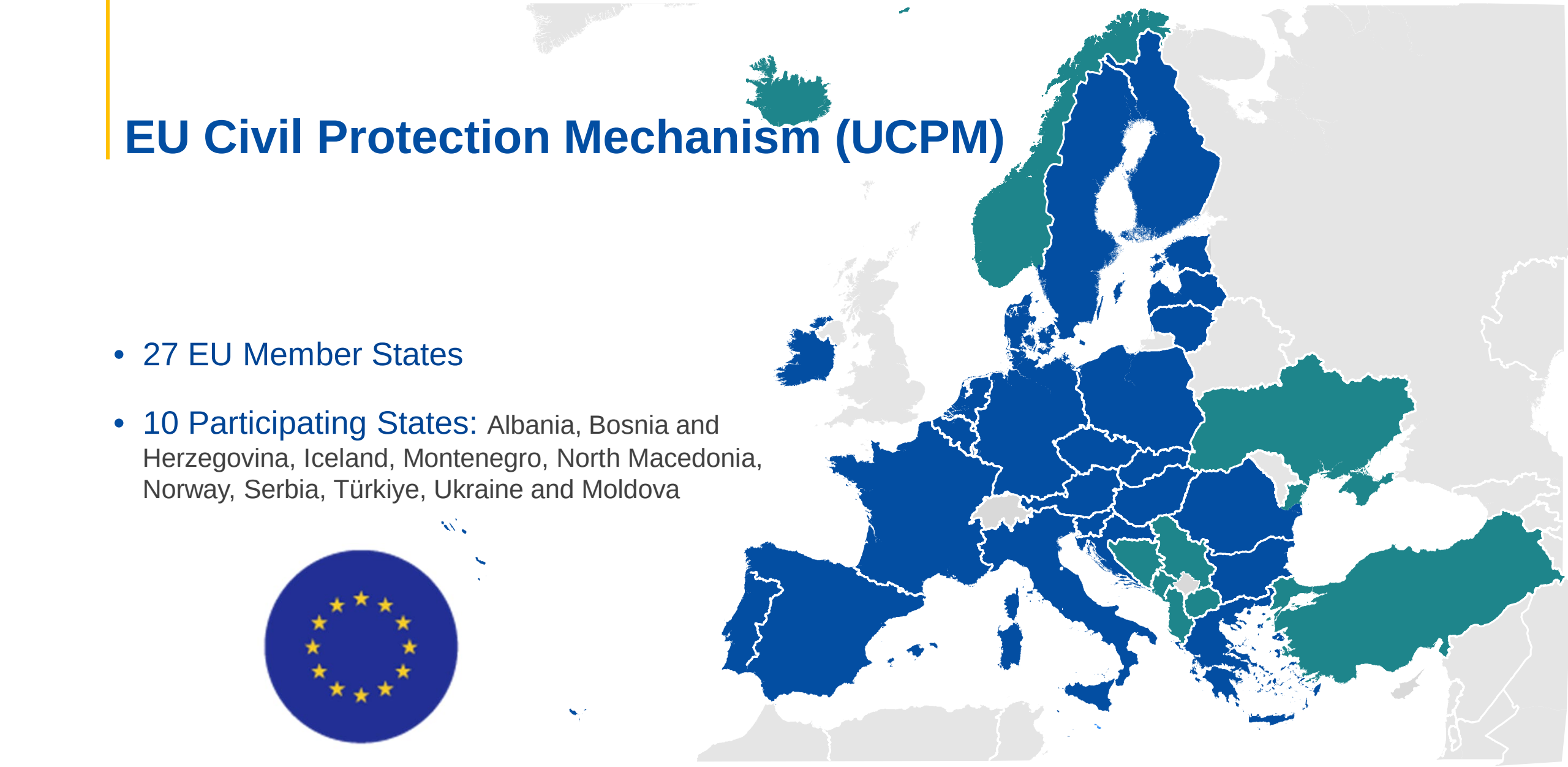
THE UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM, UCPM

Emergency Response Coordination Centre, ERCC

EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

- 27 EU Member States
- 10 Participating States: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine and Moldova



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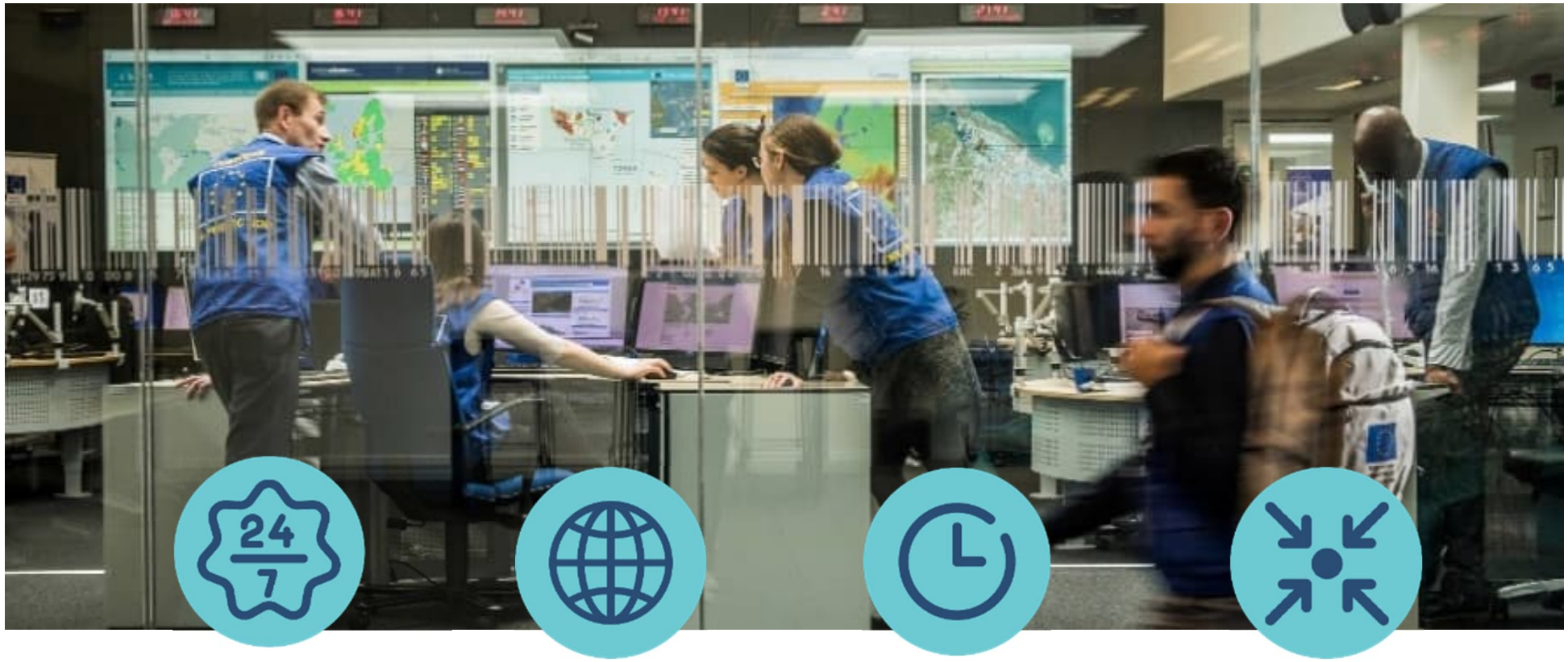

Monitors disasters around the globe

Maps disaster risks

Provides real-time information

Coordinates joint European response operations

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The UCPM Response Layers



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European Civil Protection Pool – Offered and registered response capacities

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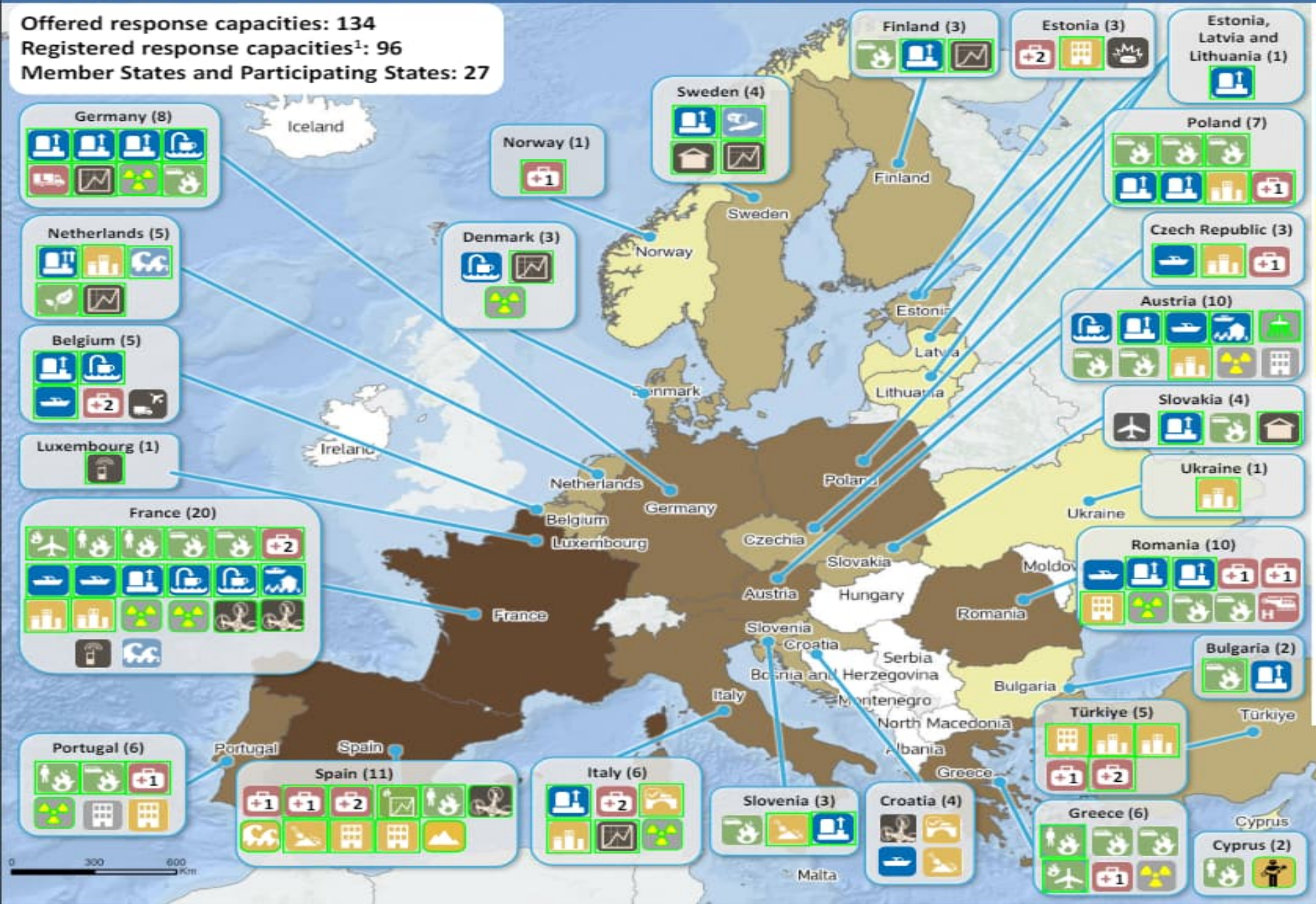
Offered response capacities: 134
Registered response capacities[1]: 96
Member States and Participating States: 27



Registered Capacity[1]

Response Capacities

- High Capacity Pumping
- Extreme High Capacity Pumping
- Water Purification
- Flood Containment
- Flood Rescue with Boats
- Light Urban Search and Rescue
- Medium Urban Search and Rescue
- Heavy Urban Search and Rescue
- Team for water search and rescue
- Team for mountain search and rescue
- Structural Assessment Capacity
- Cave Search and Rescue
- Technical Assistance and Support Team (TAST)
- Explosive ordnance disposal module
- Team with unmanned aerial vehicles
- Air operation support capacity
- Other Response Capacities for evacuation support
- Mobile Lab
- Medical Air Evacuation
- Emergency Medical Team type 1
- Emergency Medical Team type 2
- Maritime Incident Response Group
- Marine Pollution Capacities
- Environmental Assessment Unit
- Forest Fire Fighting with Planes
- Ground Forest Fire Fighting
- Ground Forest Fire Fighting with Vehicles
- Team for firefighting advisory/assessment
- CBRN Detection and Sampling
- CBRN Decontamination
- Search and Rescue in CBRN conditions
- Communication Platforms
- Shelter Capacities
- Standing Engineering Capacity

The European Civil Protection Pool consists of a range of emergency response capacities that countries participating in the EU Civil Protection Mechanism make available for EU emergency response operations. Since the establishment of the pool in October 2014, 27 countries have brought together 134 civil protection capacities which are now available (or will eventually become available) for EU operations worldwide.

Number of capacities per country

0 | 1-2 | 3-5 | 6-10 | 11-20

[1] Registered Capacity is an offered capacity -made by a UCPM country- that has successfully passed both an application process and then a certification process.

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rescEU capacities 2023 (operational and being developed)

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Operational rescEU capacities[1]

rescEU proper capacities

- Aerial forest fire fighting capacity using planes
- Medical stockpile
- Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC)
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) decontamination capacities
- CBRN stockpiles
- Shelter capacities
- Transport capacities
- Energy capacities
- Donations hub
- Beneficiary for Emergency Medical Team (EMT)
- Beneficiary for specialised care team to support EMT

rescEU transition capacities[2]

- Aerial forest fire fighting capacity using planes
- Aerial forest fire fighting capacity using helicopters

Capacities being developed

Number of rescEU capacities

1 | 2 | 3 | 4-5 | 6-7

Other EU Member State / UCPM Participating State

[1] For more info on rescEU click here

[2] For 2023 rescEU aerial firefighting transition fleet, some grant agreements are pending final signature

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Do you know how the EU Civil Protection Mechanism works?



A disaster happens inside or outside the EU

The affected country requests assistance through the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)



EU Civil Protection Mechanism activated!

Member states and Participating States offer assistance, such as personnel and equipment





The ERCC coordinates the deployment and delivery of assistance



The ERCC may deploy a team of EU Civil Protection experts

Assistance is delivered!
The experts return



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UCPM Requests for Assistance: 2018 - 2022

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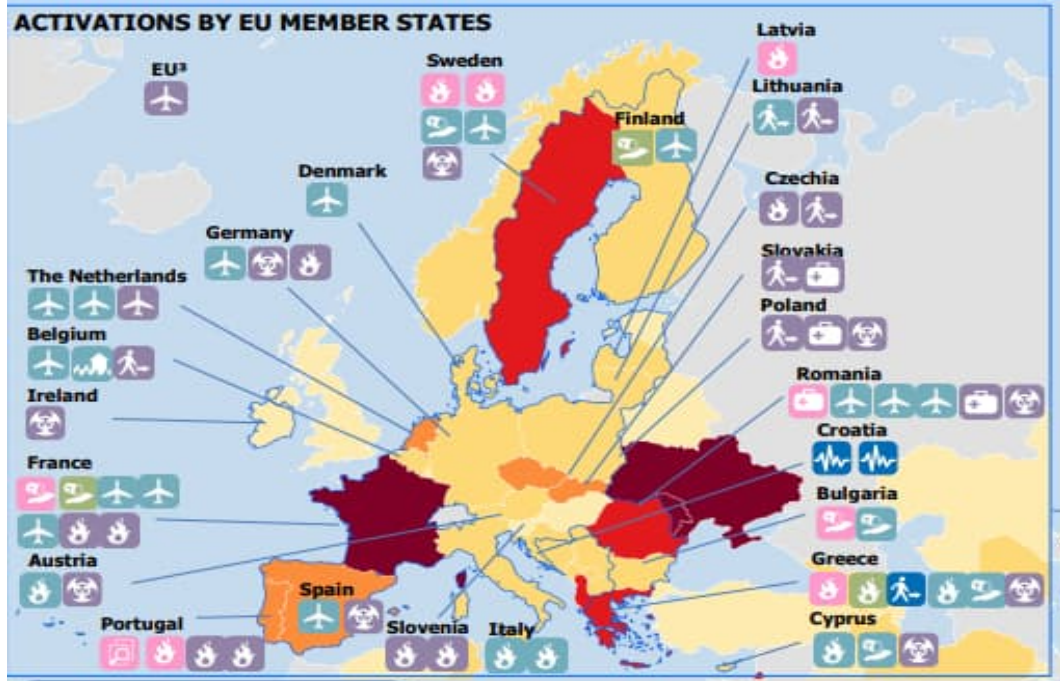
ACTIVATIONS BY EU MEMBER STATES



Total EUCPM activations 2018-2022:

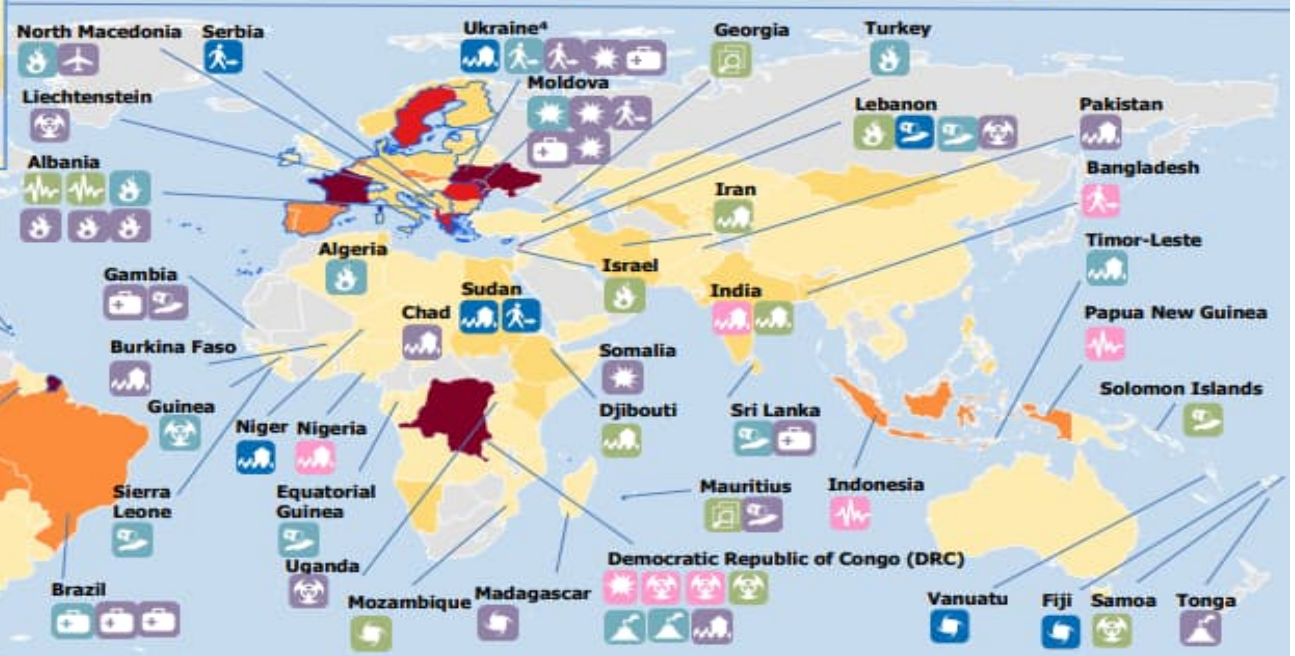
362 + 126³



AFFECTED COUNTRY
Total activations
1 - 2
3 - 4
5 - 6
7 - 8
9 - 10
EU Member State

YEAR OF REQUEST
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022

NATURE OF EUCPM REQUEST
- Disaster preparedness mission
- Conflict
- Forest fire
- Accident / Environmental accident
- Epidemic
- Population displacement
- Consular support
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Tropical cyclone
- Volcanic activity
- Medical



COVID-19 RELATED ACTIVATIONS

Between 2020-2022, the ERCC received **199 requests** from 110 countries, 3 ECHO partners and the EU² related to the COVID-19 pandemic (equipment, repatriations) and are included in the number of total activations in the map.





¹UCPM: EU Civil Protection Mechanism

²Consular support operations/repatriations of EU citizens with multiple EU Member States involved in these operations

³In 2022, Ukraine has submitted 126 requests for assistance to the ERCC, after having activated the UCPM shortly before the start of the Russian invasion

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