



Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)

**BEST PRACTICES IN IMPLEMENTING
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS
Athens, 7-8 June, 2018**



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Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations

Why we act:

“ ... encourage cooperation between Member States for preventing and protecting against natural or man-made disasters.

(Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union - Article 196) ”

“ To provide ... assistance and relief and protection for people in third countries ... victims of natural or man-made disasters ...

(Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union - Article 214) ”



Civil Protection

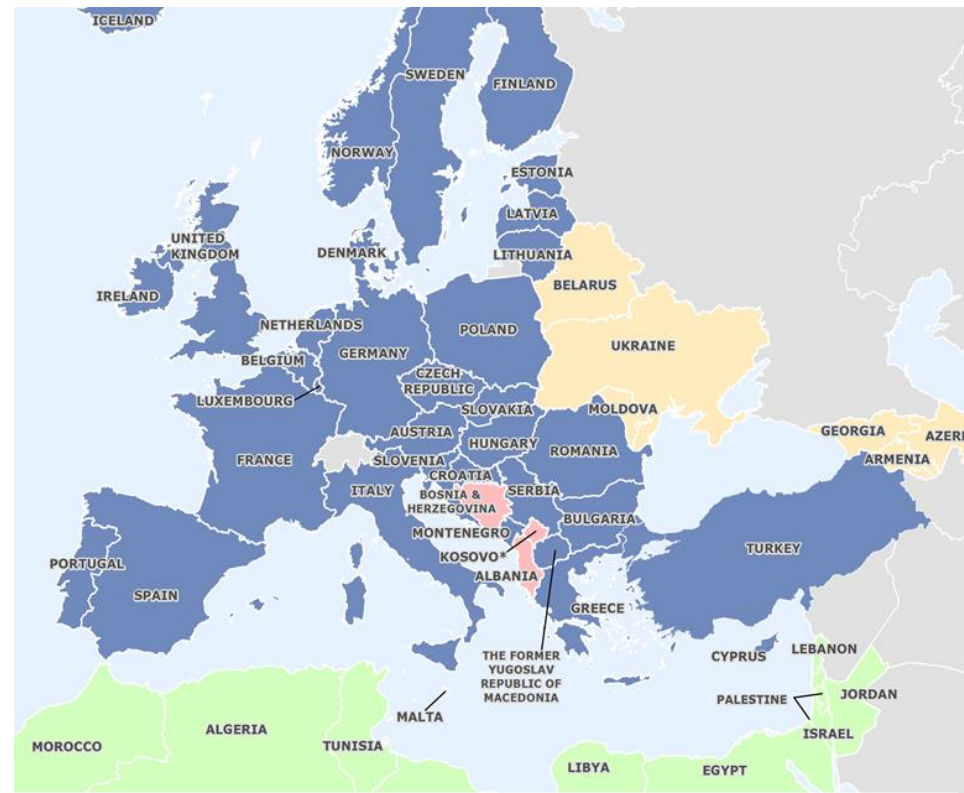
In-kind assistance

Specially equipped and trained teams

Deployment of experts

The EU Civil Protection Mechanism

- EU role to **support and complement** the actions of Member States
- **Budget** for 2014-2020: 368.4 MEUR for prevention, preparedness and response to all types of disasters, inside & outside the EU
- **34 Participating States:** EU 28, Norway, Iceland, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey





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Since its creation in 2001,

the EU Civil Protection Mechanism

has been activated for more than

250 emergencies

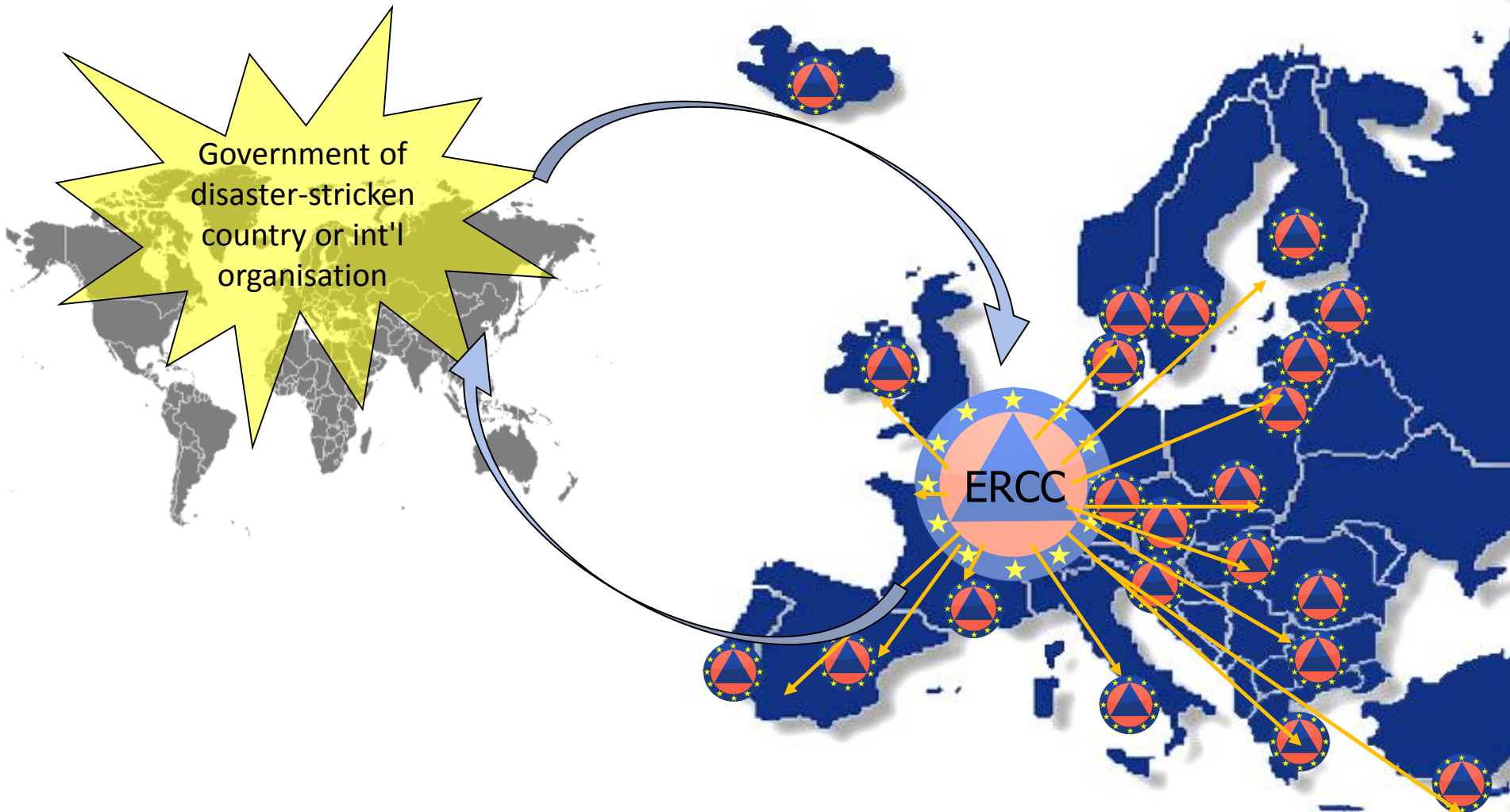
including the earthquake in Haiti (2010),
the Ebola outbreak (2014), the earthquake in Nepal (2015),
the refugee crisis in Europe, the conflict in Mosul, Iraq
(2016), and the forest fires in Chile (2017)

2001

2017



Disaster Response





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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
 NEW YORK BRUSSELS DAMASCUS MANILA
 

Coordinates joint European response operations
 



European Emergency Response Capacity

(Ref. Decision 1313 of 17 Dec 2013)



**Pre-committed
response capacities**
from the Member States
for EU missions

*(pre-defined team and tasks, short
notice, rapid deployment, self-
sufficiency and interoperability)*



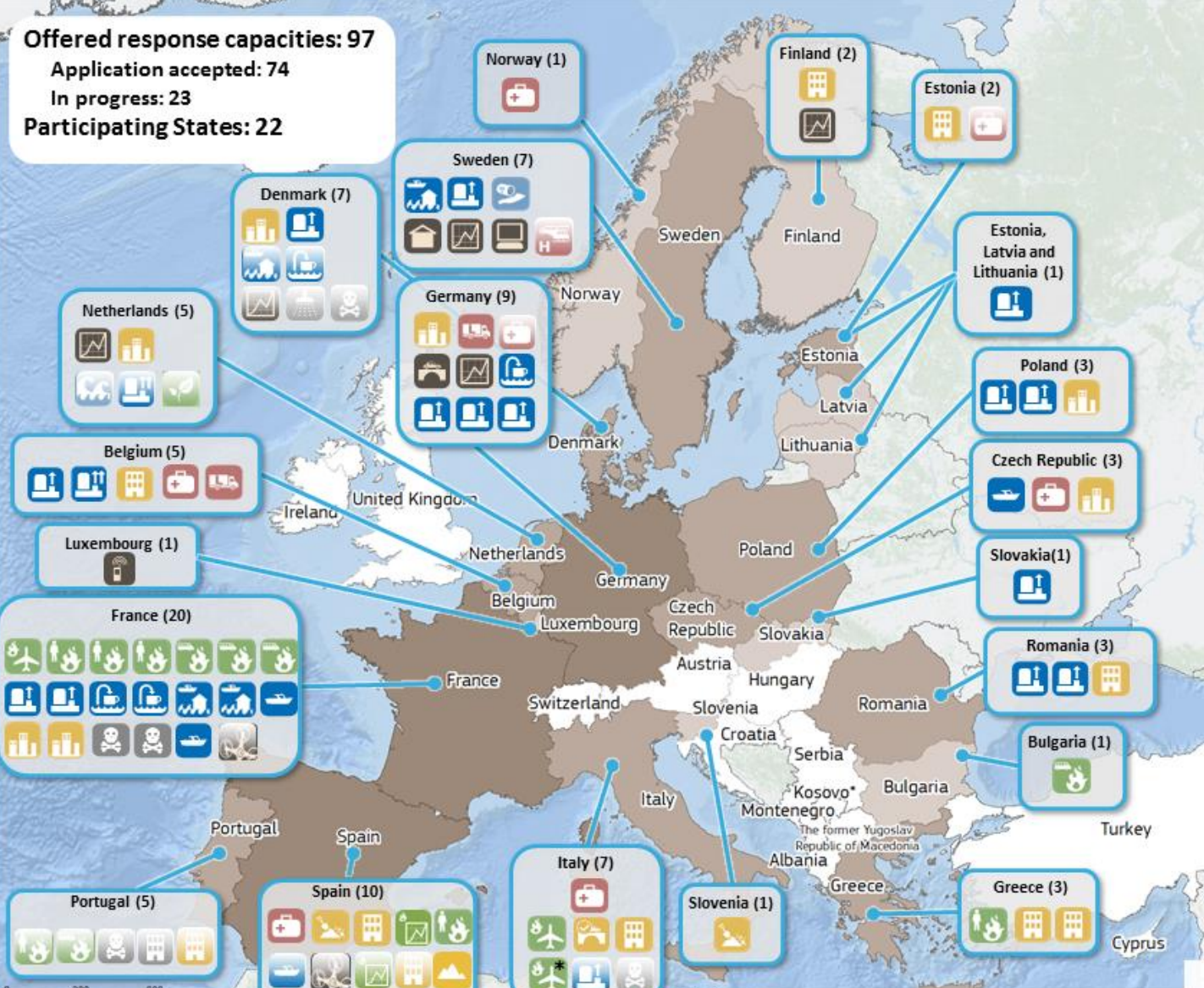
EU financial support
for adapting and transporting
national capacities and
creating multinational or
niche capacities

EU Quality criteria
*(including internationally
recognised standards)*
Certification process



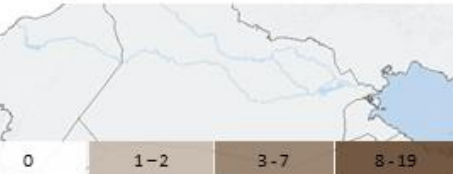


Offered response capacities: 97
Application accepted: 74
In progress: 23
Participating States: 22



Response Capacities		
Flood Rescue with Boats	Environmental Assessment Unit	Application accepted
High Capacity Pumping	Forest Fire Fighting with Planes	In progress
Water Purification	Ground Forest Fire Fighting	
Flood Containment	Ground Forest Fire Fighting with Vehicles	
Extreme High Capacity Pumping	Team for firefighting advisory/assessment (FFAT)	
Medium Urban Search and Rescue	CBRN Detection and Sampling	
Cave Search and Rescue	CBRN	
Heavy Urban Search and Rescue	Decontamination	
Structural Assessment Capacity	Search and Rescue in CBRN conditions	
Team for mountain search and rescue (MSAR)	Standing Engineering Capacity	
Mobile Lab	Technical Assistance and Support Team	
Medical Air Evacuation	ICT Help Desk	
Emergency Medical Team	Team with unmanned aerial vehicles	
Maritime Incident Response Group	Shelter Capacities	
Marine Pollution Capacities	Communication Platforms	

The European Emergency Response Capacity is commonly referred to as the "voluntary pool". It 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 voluntary pool in October 2014, 22 Participating States have brought together 97 civil protection capacities which are now available (or will eventually become available) for EU operations worldwide, following a request for assistance through the European Commission's Emergency Response Coordination Centre.

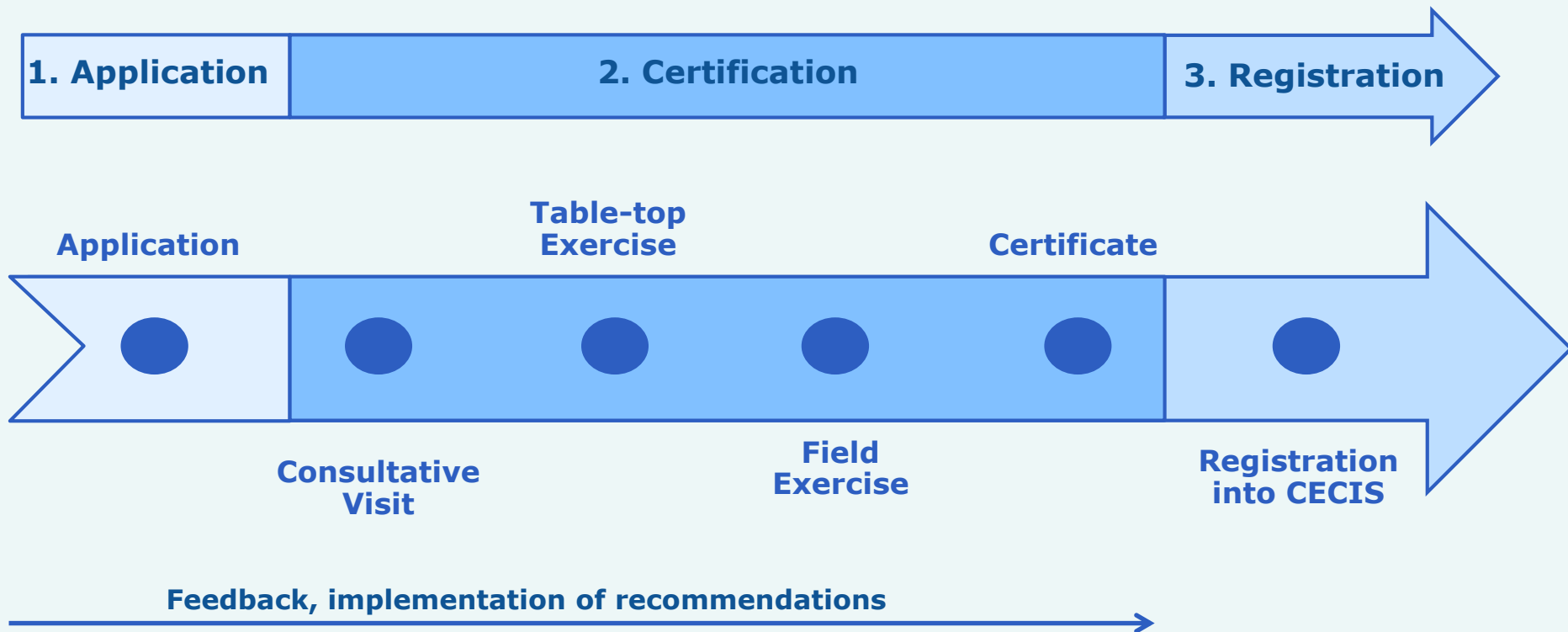


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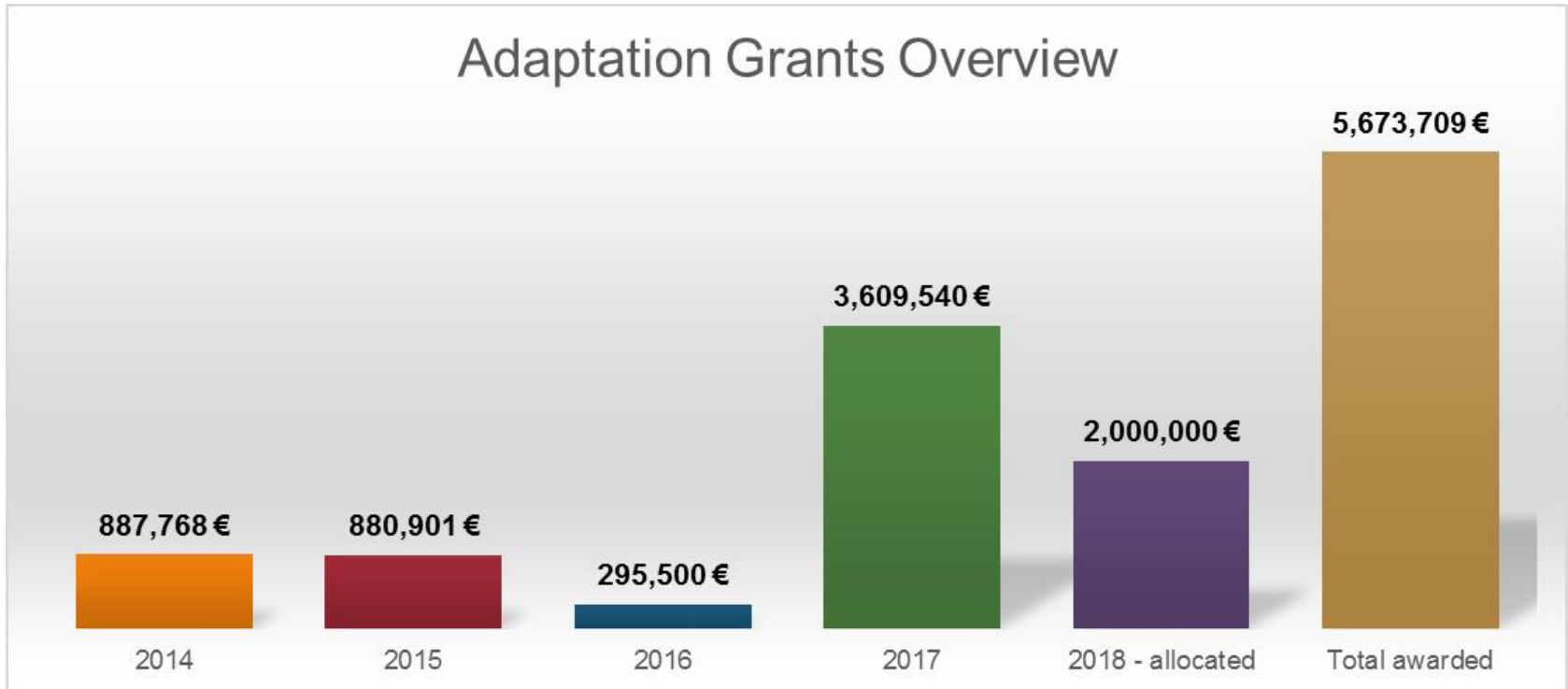
* IT buffer capacity

1. European Emergency Response Capacities

Consolidation of Quality Assurance process



2. Adaptation grants overview





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**Emergency
Medical
Teams**

**Public
Health
Experts**



**Mobile
Laboratories**

**European
Medical
Corps**

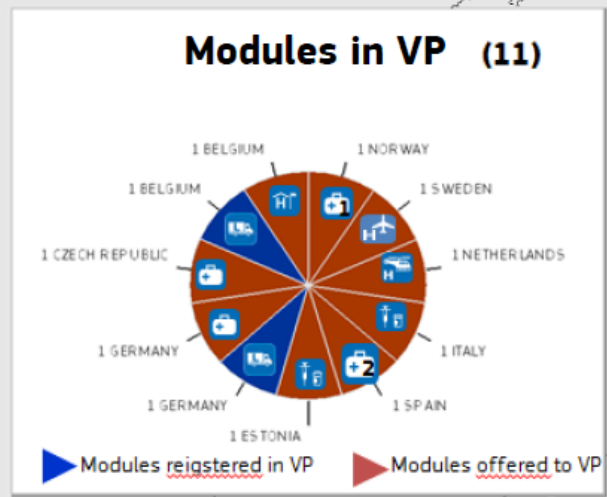
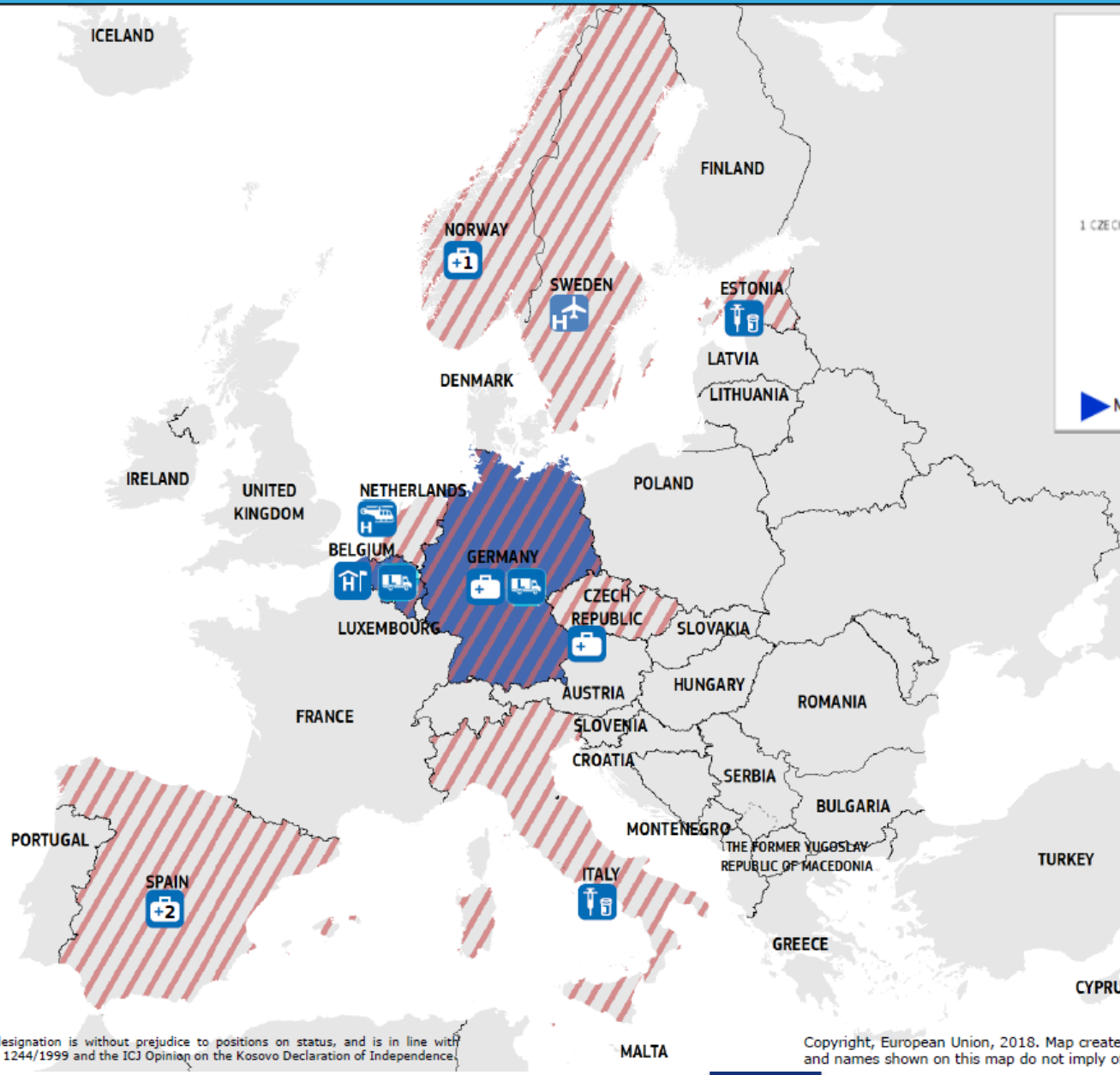
**Logistical
Support
Teams**

**Medical
Evacuation**

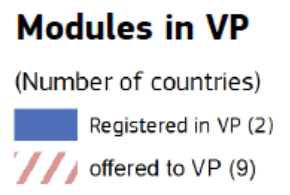


**Assessment
&
Coordination
experts**





- Advanced Medical Post (AMP)
- Emergency Medical Team (EMT) 1
- EMT 2
- AMP with surgery
- Field hospital
- Medical evacuation disaster victims (MEDEVAC)
- Medical evacuation jets/heli's
- Mobile lab



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UCPM Deployments to health emergencies 2016-2018



2018

- NO MEDEVAC pod, Ebola – DR Congo

2017

- DE mobile lab, Marburg fever – Uganda
- UK EMT, Diphtheria – Bangladesh

2016

- DE mobile lab, Yellow Fever – DR Congo
- Public health team, Yellow Fever – Angola



Ebola response

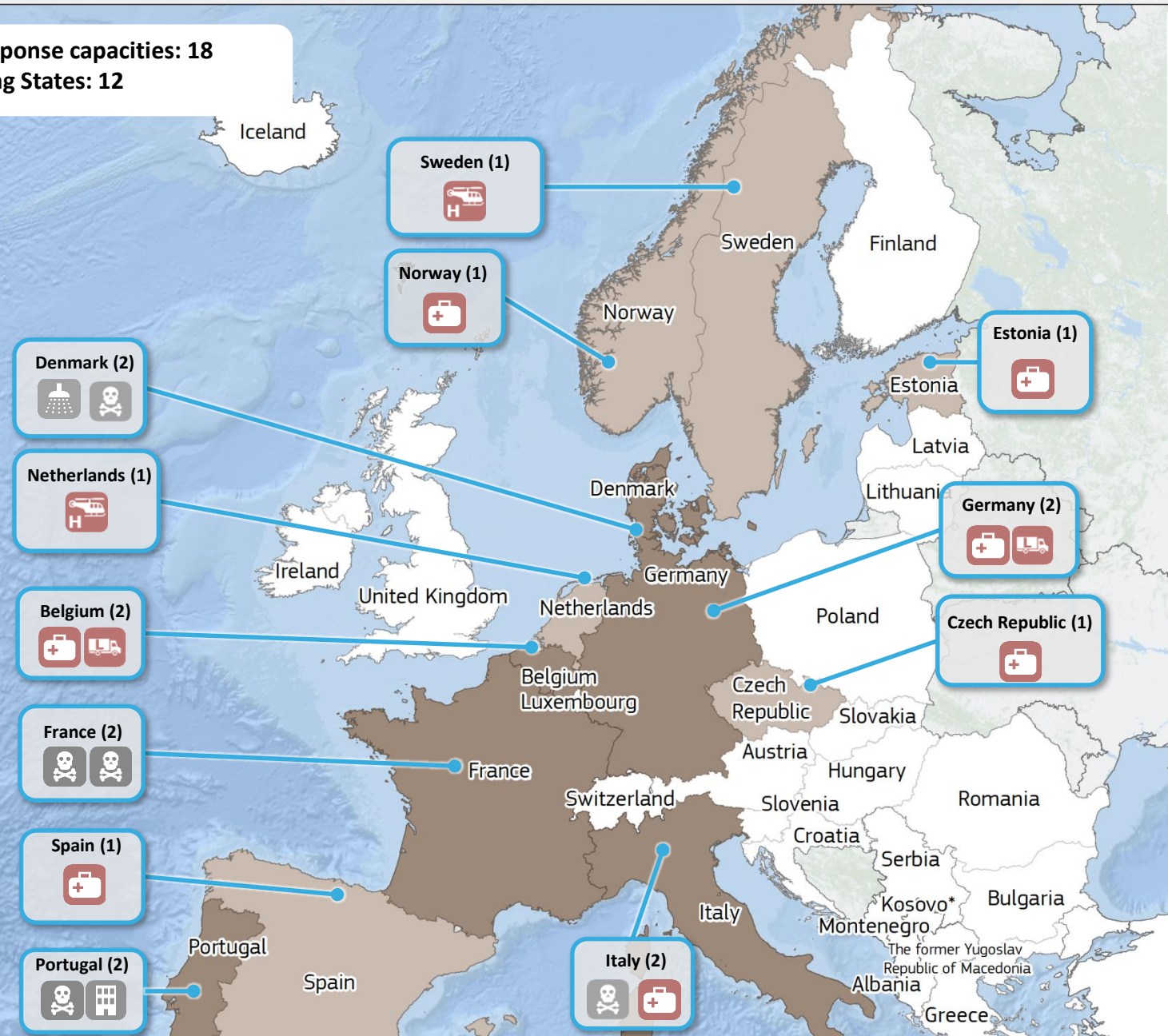


- **UCPM activation by WHO**
- **ECHO Flight deployed**
- **NO isolation pod deployed**
- **EU Humanitarian funding EUR 1.63 million**
- **Coordination ECHO, SANTE, RTD, EEAS, DEVCO**

ECHO-WHO cooperation

- ***Development of ECHO – WHO SOPs for activation and emergency response***
- ***Coordination of the mentorship and classification process for EMC teams***
- ***ECHO grant to WHO EMT Secretariat***
- ***Trainings and exercises***

Offered response capacities: 18
Participating States: 12



Response

- Mobile Lab
- Medical Air Evacuation
- Emergency Medical Team

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The European Emergency response referred to as the "voluntary emergency response capacity" in the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, has been operational since the voluntary pool in October 2017. 92 capacities have now been brought together (or will be) and are now available (or will be) for EU operations worldwide through the EU Emergency Response Coordination Centre.

Mass burn casualty disasters



- High relevance for burden sharing
- Draft guidelines for management
 - Collaboration with European Burns Association
- Outstanding issues
 - Medevac
 - Costing
 - Patient data protection
- Workshop in October



EU Funding Opportunities

Calls for Prevention and Preparedness Projects:

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding-evaluations/financing-civil-protection/calls-for-proposal_en

Calls for Full Scale Exercises and Modules Exercises:

https://ec.europa.eu/echo/what/civil-protection/simulation-exercises_en



Thank you!

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