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Acronym

A

ACF

Action Contre la Faim

ACR

Action by Churches Together

ADRA

Adventist Development and Relief Agency

AFSC

American Friends Service Committee

AI

Amnesty International

AMC

Assessment Mission Course

AMI

Aide Medicale Internationale

APN

Achitects for People in Need

ASS OSC

Assistant On-Site Commander

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B

BCP

Border Crossing Point

BoO

Base of Operations

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C

CA

Christian Aid

CBR

Chemical, Biological and Radiological

CBRN

Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (agents)

CEP

Civil Emergency Planning

CIP

Critical Infrastructure Protection

CIS

Communication and Information System

CIVIC

Campaign for Innocent Victims In Conflict

CMIC

Community Mechanism Induction Course

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DISTAFF

Directing Staff

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EADRCC

Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Co-ordination Centre

EADRU

Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Unit

EAPC

Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council

EARDC

Euro Atlantic Disaster Response Capability

ECHO

European Community Humanitarian Office

ECOM

Emergency Corps of the Order of Malta

EDMH

Enfants du Monde - Droits de l'Homme

EPT

Exercise Planning Team

ETD

Estimated Time of Departure

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F

FAO

Food and Agricultural Organization

FCSS

Field Coordination Support Section

FHI

Food for Hungry International

FIR

First Impression Report

FPC

Final Planning Conference

FTX

Field Exercise

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H

HAI

Help Age International

HDS

Head of Directing Staff

HQ

Headquarters

HRW

Human Rights Watch

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I

IAEA

International Atomic Energy Agency

IBRD

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

ICAO

International Civil Aviation Organisation

ICRC

International Committee of the Red Cross

ICS

International Consortium of Solidarity

IDA

International Development Association

IFAD

International Fund for Agricultural Development

IMC

International Medical Corps

IMF

International Monetary Fund

IMO

International Maritime Organisation

INSARAG

International Search and Rescue Advisory Group

IPC

Initial Planning Conference

IPOC

Initial Point of Contact

IR

Islamic Relief

IRC

International Rescue Committee

IRD

International Relief and Medical Board

IRO

International Refugee Organization

ISRA

Islamic Relief Agency

ISS

International Support Service

ITU

International Telecommunication Union

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LEMA

Local Emergency Management Authority

LO

Liaison Officer

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M

MACHT

Mine Action Coordination Team

MCDA

Military and Civil Defense Assets

MDM

Medecins Du Monde

MIC

Monitoring Information Centre

MPC

Main Planning Conference

MSF

Médecins Sans Frontières

MTF

Medical Treatment Facility

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NATO PFP

North American Treaty Organization Partnership for Peace

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OCE

Officer Conducting the Exercise

OCHA

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

OEEC

Organisation for European Economic Cooperation

OPCW

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

OSC

On-Site Commander

OSCE

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

OSDS

On-Site Directing Staff (Distaff)

OSOCC

On-Site Operations and Co-ordination Centre

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P

PC

Press Centre

PFP

Partnership for Peace

PIC

Public Information Centre

POC

Point of Contact

PWP

Partnership Work Programme

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S

SAR

Search And Rescue

SC

Save the Children

SCEPC

Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee

SMC

Staff Management Course

SSAR

Specialised Search And Rescue

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T

T.B.C.

To be confirmed

T.B.D.

To be determined

TC

Team Commander

TDH

Terre Des Homme

TSF

Télécoms Sans Frontières

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UN

United Nations

UNDAC

United Nations Disaster Assessment and Co-ordination Team

UNDP

United Nations Development Programme

UNEP

United Nations Environment Programme

UNESCO

United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation

UNESCOORD

United Nations Security Coordination

UNFPA

United Nations Population Fund

UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

UNIDO

United Nations Industrial Development Organisation

UNJLC

United Nations Joint Logistic Centre

UNOCHA

United Nations Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs

UN-OCHA

United Nations Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs

UNRRA

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration

UNRS

United Nations Resident Coordination

UP

Urgence Premiere

W

WHO

World Health Organisation

WMO

World Metereological Organisation

WTO

World Trade Organization

Glossary

A

Action programme

The ***Community Action Programme*** in the field of Civil Protection is an operative programme intended to support and supplement Member States' efforts at national, regional and local levels by implementing actions for the protection of persons, property and environment in the event of natural and technological disasters. It was adopted in 1999 (1999/847/EC OJ L327/53) and expired on 31 December 2006. A new Civil Protection Financial Instrument is going to be available soon.

The Programme covers initiatives dealing with prevention, preparedness and

response to disasters, as well as information and awareness-raising activities. In addition, specific thematic priorities/actions are set every year within this overall context, in the framework of annual calls for proposals.

The Programme provides financial support - in the form of grants - for activities such as major projects of general interest for several Member States, workshops, conferences, as well as information and other support actions.

- http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/cp14_en.htm

AMC - Assessment Mission Courses

The ***Assessment Mission Course*** is one of the course of training programme of the European Community Mechanism. The course aims at training experienced disaster managers of the Member States of the European Union and other international organizations in planning and conducting assessment missions within the Member States and in third countries.

An additional objective is the development of a European assessment methodology, which can be shared with other national and international organizations.

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CECIS - Common Emergency Communication and Information System

The ***Common Emergency Communication and Information System*** is a reliable web-based alert and notification application created with the intention of facilitating emergency communication among the participating states.

It provides an integrated platform to send and receive alerts, details of assistance required, to make offers of help and to view the development of the ongoing emergency as they happen in an online logbook.

- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/cecis.htm>

CIRCA Platform

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Civil Protection Mechanism

The ***Community Mechanism for Civil Protection*** is a tool that enhances community co-operation in civil protection matters.

It was established by the Council Decision of 23 October 2001 to facilitate co-operation in civil protection assistance interventions in the event of major emergencies which may require urgent response actions.

The Community Mechanism for Civil Protection has a number of tools intended to facilitate both adequate preparedness as well as effective response to disasters at a community level: the Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC), the Common Emergency and Information System (CECIS), a training programme.

- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/mechanism.htm>

CMIC - Community Mechanism Induction Course

The ***Community Mechanism Induction Course*** is the introductory course in the training programme of the European Community Mechanism to reinforce and facilitate cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions.

The Community Mechanism Induction Course (CMI) forms the basis of the programme. The objective is to prepare experts to participate in international civil protection missions. The target groups for this six days' course are team leaders, managers, experts and administrators from the participating states.

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EUCIVEX - Exchange of Experts System in the Field of Civil Protection

The ***Exchange of Experts System in the field of Civil Protection***, originated in the framework of the Mechanism as a special tool to reinforce the cooperation in civil protection training whereby individuals can be seconded to teams in other Member States.

European emergency number - 112

112 is the single emergency telephone number for the European Union. It was established by Council Decision of 29 July 1991 (91/398/EEC) and reinforced through further legislation, namely the directive on the application of open

network provision to voice telephony and on universal service for telecommunications in a competitive environment, Directive 98/10/EC.

Exchange of Experts

It is the Mechanism system for civil protection experts exchange. The system allows for the secondment of national civil protection experts to administrations of other participating states on all aspects of emergency intervention. The aim of this secondment is to allow experts to gain experience and direct knowledge about similar responsibilities under different national systems; to familiarise themselves with various techniques used; to study the approaches taken by other emergency services; and, if necessary, to attend or give courses requiring specific expert knowledge not available in their home or host country respectively. The duration of these exchanges vary in length from a few days to a fortnight.

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HLC - High Level Co-ordination Courses

The ***High-level Co-ordination Course***, is the third-level course in the training programme of the European Community Mechanism to reinforce and facilitate co-operation in civil protection assistance interventions.

It intends to to prepare participants being sent by the European Commission to disaster sites as managers. When EU assistance is deployed, these managers facilitate the co-ordination of assistance in emergencies, mainly outside EU.

HLCR - High Level Co-ordination - Refresher Course

High Level Co-ordination - Refresher Course is a course organised as a follow-up to the HLC. These course takes the shape of two-day seminars for high level staff in the Member states and will focus on different themes each term.

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Mechanism Handbook

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MIC - Monitor & Information Center

The ***Monitoring and Information Centre*** is the operational heart of the Community Mechanism for Civil Protection.

It is operated by the European Commission in Brussels and available on a 24/7 basis, staffed by duty officers working on a shift basis.

It gives countries access to the community Civil Protection platform. Any country affected by a major disaster – inside or outside the EU – can launch a request for assistance through the MIC.

- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/civil/prote/mic.htm>

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National contact point

The ***National Contact Point*** represents the participating state's civil protection authorities, he/she assess their available resources and inform MIC whiter they are in position to intervene.

(National) Training Coordinator

The ***National Training Coordinator*** is the person appointed to be the Contact Point for the National Civil Protection, interface between the participating countries in the Community Mechanism and the other bodies involved (participants of the own country, the Commission, the Training coordinators of the other participating countries, the Training Centres).

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OPM - Operational Management Course

The ***Operational Management Course*** is the second-level course in the training programme of the European Community Mechanism to reinforce and facilitate co-operation in civil protection assistance interventions.

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SMC - Staff Management Courses

The ***Staff Management Course*** intends to train experts in improving their skills and knowledge in managing an international staff during complex emergencies over a five-day period.

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Thematic Area

A ***Thematic Area*** is a topic of interest in the framework training activities for Civil Protection in Europe, which has been selected by the EVA Core Group Members to be studied in depth in order to provide the Commission with proper advices and guidelines for future development.