



European Medical Corps

part of the European Emergency Response Capacity

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- **What is the European Medical Corps?**

- The EU framework for mobilising medical and public health experts and teams for preparedness and response operations inside and outside the EU
- Part of the European Emergency Response Capacity (Voluntary Pool), established under the EU Civil Protection (EUCP) Mechanism

- **Main objective:**

- Strengthen the capacity of the EU as a whole to prepare and respond to future emergencies with public health implications in a timely, effective and coordinated manner



What does the European Medical Corps include?

- 1. Medical teams / modules**, including teams for sudden onset disasters (Emergency medical teams)
- 2. Public health** (pre-defined) **teams**
- 3. Mobile biosafety laboratories** (building up on the EU Mobile labs network)
- 4. Medical evacuation capacities** (building up on the EU Ebola medical evacuation system)
- 5. Public Health and Medical assessment and coordination experts**
- 6. Technical assessment and support teams**
- 7. Logistics support for medical operations**





How will the European Medical Corps operate?

- Participating States to the EUCP Mechanism pre-commit assets to this common **Voluntary Pool**
- Assets are expected to be available for immediate deployment upon request of the **Emergency Response Coordination Centre**
- Registration and mobilisation through the **Common Emergency and Information System (CECIS)**
- Teams have to meet strict **quality criteria** and undergo a **certification process** (work is on-going on revising or developing criteria and agreeing the certification process)
- **No new legislation or structures** are created
- A more in-depth cross-sectoral cooperation between civil protection, health, humanitarian aid, development, and research actors at EU, national and regional level will be needed

Which is the available financing?

- Certain **adaptation costs** – aimed at improving the quality of the team to meet the EU requirements
- **All certification costs**
- **Transport costs: 85% EU co-financing**
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 - 100% for temporary warehousing, local transport and certain other costs related to pooling
- Special rules on TASTs for EU teams – 100% funding
- **Development costs – limited possibilities** under the annual Call for proposals for preparedness projects



Links with the WHO work

- Global Health Emergency Workforce (GHEW) includes national capacities offered to others (Emergency Medical Teams - EMTs, rapid response public health teams, etc)
 - Very close work with WHO on EMTs classification and certification
 - Joint EU-WHO pilot training for medical teams' coordination experts in early 2016

