EU's Financial Support for Disaster Management and Preparedness

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Outline

- EU as an humanitarian donor
- Briefing on DG ECHO
- EU’s Financial Cooperation, Previous EU projects in Turkey
The European Union as a humanitarian donor

The European Union as a whole is the world's biggest donors of humanitarian aid.

Together, Member States and European Institutions contribute to more than 50% of official global humanitarian aid.
Helping victims when disaster strikes
natural disaster
or man-made disaster
in Europe
and outside Europe:
Europeans care.

89% of EU citizens think the EU should help in disasters anywhere in the world.
DG Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

- The European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO) was created in 1992.
- In 2004, ECHO became the Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid.
- In 2010, Civil Protection was integrated for a better coordination and disaster response inside and outside Europe.
## Integrating humanitarian aid and civil protection

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<td><strong>What?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Active donor</strong>: programming and policy development in the field of humanitarian aid.</td>
<td>Voluntary contributions of assistance in kind from Member States (experts, specialised teams, equipment, other material assistance).</td>
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<td><strong>To whom?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Implementing partners</strong> (UN specialised agencies / Red Cross/Crescent movement/ NGOs / international organisations).</td>
<td>Government of affected country, upon request from them.</td>
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<td><strong>Experts?</strong></td>
<td>ECHO’s personnel, living in the field.</td>
<td>Member States national experts deployed to the field.</td>
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<td><strong>Geographical scope?</strong></td>
<td>The most vulnerable population(s) outside the European Union, mainly in developing countries.</td>
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<td><strong>Type of disaster?</strong></td>
<td>Natural and man-made disasters (wars, conflicts, etc.).</td>
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<td><strong>Timescale?</strong></td>
<td>Immediate aftermath of crisis and beyond (presence of humanitarian needs - LRRD).</td>
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Mandate

to **save and preserve life** during emergencies and their immediate aftermath in man-made or natural disasters outside the EU;

to **provide assistance and relief** to people affected by longer-lasting crises such as civil wars;

to finance the delivery of aid, working to ensure that aid is accessible to those for whom it is intended;

to **assist refugees or displaced people** wherever they find sanctuary and to help them resettle if they return home;

to **support short-term rehabilitation and reconstruction** work to help victims regain a minimum level of self-sufficiency, taking long-term development objectives into account where possible;

to **ensure preparedness** for natural disasters, in particular by setting up early-warning systems and financing disaster prevention projects in high-risk regions.
Since 1992, ECHO has mobilised around €15 billion to help victims of conflict and disasters in over 140 countries around the globe.
In 2012, ECHO provided €1,3 billion, helping about 122 million people among the world's most vulnerable populations.
Principles

- **In charge of humanitarian aid and disaster response.**
How are humanitarian operations implemented?

The Commission is an active donor.

Aid is provided by our partners:
- 191 European NGOs
- 14 United Nations Agencies
- 3 International Organizations (ICRC, IFRC, IOM)
- 4 Member-States specialized agencies
Where does the money go?

**Strategy 2013 - priorities**

- **Sahel (including Mali)** (€82 million)
- **Sudan & South Sudan** (€80 million)
- **DRC Congo** (€54 million),
- **Pakistan** (€42 million)
- **Somalia** (€40 million)
What are the priorities?

Forgotten crises

Regional conflicts (Kashmir, north-east India, Naxalite movement)

India

Rohingya refugees and Chittagong Hill Tracts crisis
Bangladesh

Rohingya crisis and inter-ethnic conflict
Burma/Myanmar

Post conflict return process
Sri Lanka

Conflict in the north
Pakistan

Conflict in the north and Horn of Africa refugees
Yemen

Internal armed conflict
Central African Republic

Sahrawi refugees
Algeria

Internal armed conflict
Colombia
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**Shelter**
(Tents, Plastic sheeting, Building materials, etc.)
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Support for **humanitarian mine clearing**

Support for **psychosocial assistance**, technical assistance to partner organisations

**Disaster preparedness** (DIPECHO)

**ECHO flight**
Thematic funding to support humanitarian reform and **capacity building**

Support network and **training initiatives** (NOHA)

Raise public awareness
• *Unfortunately, the need for humanitarian aid is not decreasing with time.*
Civil Protection Financial Instrument

- The Civil Protection Financial Instrument covers all three main aspects of civil protection activities:
  - prevention,
  - preparedness and
  - response.

- It foresees the financing of the following activities:
  - response and preparedness actions covered by the EU's Civil Protection Mechanism, e.g. training, exercises and missions;
  - studies and projects on prevention and preparedness;
  - co-financing the transport of assistance from Member States operating under the Mechanism
Example: Syria
Delegation of the European Union to Turkey

260,000 refugees in Turkey (Government of Turkey 22/3/2013)

375,236 refugees in Lebanon (UNHCR)

367,596 refugees in Jordan (UNHCR)

117,851 refugees in Iraq (UNHCR)

Estimated 3,600,000 displaced inside Syria (Syrian Ministry of Local Administration)

Total number of Syrian refugees: 1,171,944
- Including 136,459 awaiting UNHCR registration in Lebanon and 54,370 in Jordan
- Also including 8,262 registered with UNHCR in North Africa and 49,000 in Egypt (as of 22/3/2013)

Map produced by ECHO RSO- Amman

Projection: World Mercator, Datum: WGS48
*This includes an allocation of €6 million for Iraqi refugees in Syria
**This includes € 3.3 million for Palestinian refugees in Syria
***This does not include the overall pledges of €172 million made at Kuwait conference
ECHO funding by country

Syria: 50%
Jordan: 22%
Lebanon: 21%
Turkey: 3%
Iraq: 4%

(Basis: EU allocation of € 117 million)
ECHO funding by type of partner

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EU – TR financial cooperation, Previous EU projects in Turkey
MERP – Marmara Earthquake Rehabilitation Programme

- Financing agreement between Turkey and the EU in May 2001 (Euro 20 Million) amended and implemented between 2001 and 2005
- The objective of this programme was twofold:
  i) To help the capacity of local administrations for disaster preparedness and disaster management
  ii) To help the direct victims of the earthquake through construction of several community centres for disabled, orphans, women and children in the region.
MERP – Scope

• A total of 4 twinning contracts between EU and affected Turkish Municipalities were implemented
  – With Komotini Municipality from Greece: “Twinning between the municipalities of Komotini and Yalova towards disaster preparedness and management”.
  – With Amsterdam Municipality from the Netherlands: “Fire Brigades Rehabilitation and Upgrading in the Greater Municipality of İzmit, Province of Kocaeli”
Bizimköy Handicapped Production Centre in İzmit

- Budget: 1.3 M€ EU contribution
- Beneficiary: The Foundation of the Bizimköy Disabled Production Centre
- Results:
  i) A complete production centre is constructed,
  ii) 230 job opportunities for handicapped are created,
  iii) formed a model, where the employer is a foundation and employees are handicapped,
  iv) contributed to the social and economic rehabilitation of the handicapped people.
Flood in Southeast / Analysis

- Heavy rainfall and floods in the GAP Region in October-November 2006 had a heavy toll on the human life, environment and local economy.

- 42 people lost their lives, several hundreds directly affected from the devastating power of the high water. Hundreds of private and public buildings, thousands hectares of agricultural lands, kilometers of roads, hundreds of animals heavily affected.
Flood in Southeast / Scope

- EU provided € 14 million for a project to:
  - improve the planning and management capacity of the local public institutions for flood prevention and response measures
  - to mitigate the physical and socio-economic consequences of the flood
- Two grant schemes:
  - Physical Planning and Investment (PPI) Grant Scheme
  - Social Support (SS) Grant Scheme
- One Technical Assistance service contract to support the implementation of these two grant schemes.
## IPA: Financial envelope 2007 - 2013

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<th>Component</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2008</th>
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<th>2010</th>
<th>2011</th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2013</th>
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<td>Transition Ass. and Inst. Building</td>
<td>256.7</td>
<td>250.2</td>
<td>233.2</td>
<td>211.3</td>
<td>230.6</td>
<td>225.7</td>
<td>248.5</td>
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<td>Cross-Border Co-operation</td>
<td>2.1</td>
<td>8.8</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>9.6</td>
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<td>Regional Development</td>
<td>167.5</td>
<td>173.8</td>
<td>182.7</td>
<td>238.1</td>
<td>291.4</td>
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<td>Human Resources Development</td>
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<td>52.9</td>
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<td>Rural Development</td>
<td>20.7</td>
<td>53.0</td>
<td>85.5</td>
<td>131.3</td>
<td>172.5</td>
<td>197.9</td>
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<td><strong>Toplam</strong></td>
<td><strong>497.19</strong></td>
<td><strong>538.7</strong></td>
<td><strong>566.4</strong></td>
<td><strong>653.7</strong></td>
<td><strong>781.9</strong></td>
<td><strong>864.63</strong></td>
<td><strong>931.67</strong></td>
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### Graph

The graph visualizes the financial envelope for each component from 2007 to 2013, showing the trend and amount in million Euros for each year.
VAN Earthquake / Analysis

EU Response:

- Immediate contact with Ministry of EU Affairs after the earthquake

- EU Civil Protection Mechanism was mobilised: 7 civil protection specialists and 2 engineers from EUD sent to the Van Province and Erzurum airport to help coordinate the reception and distribution assistance from EU Member States

- IPA funds: The EU and the Turkish Red Crescent signed a 4 million € grant agreement for the supply of around 1,000 containers for earthquake victims
## VAN Earthquake / EU MS Action

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Tents</th>
<th>People Sheltered</th>
<th>Financial Assistance</th>
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<tr>
<td>Austria</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>320</td>
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<td>Belgium</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<td>Bulgaria</td>
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<td>1,800</td>
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<td>100</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>Estonia</td>
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<td>Spain</td>
<td>329</td>
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<td>Finland</td>
<td>775</td>
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<td>France</td>
<td>208</td>
<td>1,040</td>
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<td>Italy</td>
<td>360</td>
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<td>Luxembourg</td>
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<td>4,024</td>
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<td>Romania</td>
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<td>Slovakia</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>196</td>
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<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>1,144</td>
<td>5,720</td>
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<td>Ireland</td>
<td>824</td>
<td>4,120</td>
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<td>Germany</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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<td>Netherlands</td>
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<td>Croatia</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>6,570</td>
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