



# Current Challenges in Civil Protection and Civil Emergency Preparedness in Europe

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# Some basic presumptions

- Preparedness: a national responsibility
- Some disasters exceed the resources of any single country
- It is profitable to learn from each other as well as to prepare for very rare or specific disasters together: money!
- EU Civil Protection Mechanism and other international arrangements
- Global solidarity

# Civil Protection Mechanism 2014

- to further improve the civil protection cooperation and civil protection in major emergencies
- financial and logistic support
- voluntary response capacity
- national risk assessments
- Host Nation Support
- ERCC

# Regional cooperation

- Regional activity in general on the rise
- Nordic cooperation: a robust north without borders
- Barents area: BEAC, agreement, exercises
- Baltic Sea area: CBSS, projects
- Arctic Council: EPPR, agreements

# Where are we going to?

- Traditional international assistance: USAR, assessment
- Disasters: natural, man made, terrorism, humanitarian
- UN and EU in close cooperation
- EU/ECHO: civil protection and humanitarian aid
- In member states: what kind of response, the question of legislation

# Challenges in general?

- To adjust the international cooperation and the national systems to the future changes in Mechanism and to the global needs
- To find synergies between the different global and regional actors and to avoid duplication

# Challenges ahead in Finland

- Rethinking and replanning of the international response capacity
- National use of the response resources, both the equipment and the skills
- Motivation: how to get new experts for international assistance?
- Host Nation Support: are we prepared for requesting assistance if needed?