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## **Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Relief Cooperation between EU and Japan and update on the refugee crisis in Europe**

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## Two complementary tools

	<b>Humanitarian Aid</b>	<b>Civil Protection</b>
<b>What?</b>	Funding from EC budget (Over € 1200 million in 2015) Active donor: programming and policy development	Voluntary contributions of assistance in kind from PS Budget of CP Financial Instrument = € 189 million (2007 - 2013) Increased to € 368.4 million (2014-2020)
<b>To whom?</b>	Implementing partners	Government of affected country
<b>Geographical scope?</b>	Most vulnerable population(s) in third countries, mainly in developing countries	Inside and outside the EU
<b>Type of disaster?</b>	Natural and man-made disasters (wars, conflicts, forgotten crises etc.)	Natural and man-made disasters (complex emergencies exceptional)
<b>Timescale?</b>	Immediate aftermath of crisis and beyond (presence of humanitarian needs)	Acute stage only (normally max. 2-3 weeks)



# EU Civil Protection Mechanism

## Overview

- General concept: **Framework for cooperation in disaster preparedness, prevention and response**
- Looking at / covering **mostly natural and manmade disasters**
- Mandate: **inside and outside EU**
- Composition / Stakeholders: **32 Participating States** (28 EU MS + Norway, Iceland, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey); **European Commission / ERCC in DG ECHO**
- Types of assistance: **in-kind, CP modules and teams, technical experts**
- Legal basis: **Decision No 1313/2013/EU**

# UCPM operations 2015



**Albania (AL) – Floods 02.02-20.03.2015**  
On 02. Feb AI requested assistance. AT, BE, HR, ME and SK awarded assistance via EUCPM. TR, KS, BiH, CA, DE, HU, ISR, JP, QA, RS, UAE-bilateral. ERCC deployed 1 EUCPT (1 TL(NL)+1 ERCC LO. A second advisory mission deployed a EUCPT of 4 experts (NL, IT, EE, SE) 06-21.03 2015.

**Hungary(HU) – Refugees** - HU activated twice UCPM in 2015 for coping with refugees. 7 PS's (CZ, SK, BG, PL, DK, FI, SI) offered assistance as per request HU received support also from EASO, FRONTEX and DG Home via specific instrument for migrants.

**Croatia (HR) – Refugees** HU activated twice UCPM on 26 October 2015 for coping with DE, AT, UK, LUX, SK, FR offered assistance as per request. 1 LO deployed to SI and HR on 9 Nov.

**Ukraine (UA) – Conflict 13.01.2015 – 15.08.2015**  
RFA received on 13 Jan. 11 PS awarded assistance: AT, HR, DK, EE, FI, FR, DE, LV, LT, PL, SI - including inter alia heaters, tents, beds, blankets and power generators. ERCC deployed one EUCPT (4 experts 1 AT, 1 FR, 1 EE, 1 FI) +1 ERCC LO/TL. An advisory mission was organised 23.03-22.04. The team was composed of 1 FI-TL, 1 FR, 1 GR, 1 LV, 2 BE + 1 ERCC LO

**Greece (EL) – Forest fire 16-22.07.2015**  
On 16 JUL GR requested assistance in form 2 firefighting planes to cope with the FF in Athens, Evioa and S Peloponese. FR offered 2 FF planes, 1 investigation plane and 1 LO.

**Myanmar (MM) – Floods 04.08 – 23.09.** MM has been experiencing heavy torrential rains since the end of June, associated with the Southwest Monsoon and requested assistance from EUCPM PS. ECHO awarded 1 mil euro.

**Serbia (RS) – Refugees 21.09 - ongoing**  
On 21 Sep RS requested assistance to cope with refugees: vehicles, fuel, heaters, shelter, beds, and mattresses, food, and hygiene items. HU and SK offered assistance. 1 LO deployed to RS and MK on 11 Nov.

**Nepal (NP) – Earthquake 25.04- 11.08.2015**  
On 25.04 an earthquake 7,9M occurred east Kathmandu, several aftershocks (max 7.1M) following it producing a lot of damages in 30 out of 72 districts of the country. A second major one occurred on 12.05 -7.4 M NW Kathmandu. 8800 people died, 22300 injured, 0,5mil houses damaged. UCPM was activated and EUCPM PS (FR, PL, SK, AT, ES, UK, DK, SE, BE, NO, NL, LUX, IT, GR, DE, FI, EE, CZ) provided in-kind assistance and NFI. 2 EUCPT (10 experts) were deployed along with 3 ERCC LO.

**Paraguay (PY) – Fire electrical station San Lorenzo - 5.11-**  
UNEP/OCHA requested 2 UCPM experts to join the Team for environmental assessment and public health issues. 2 experts DE and UK joined the team.

**Slovenia (SI) – refugees 22.10 - ongoing**  
SI activated the UCPM on 22 Oct to cope with refugees. CZ, HU, NL, AT, LUX, SK, UK, FR and LV offered assistance as per request. 1 LO deployed to SI and HR on 9 Nov.

**Malawi (MW) – Floods 14.01-11.05.2015 and 05.06.2015- 23.09.2015**  
On 14 Jan MW requested assistance to UN for UNDAC. UNOCHA requested 1 CP expert as associated to their team. The expert was deployed 17.01-07.02.2015. UNDAC was deployed a support to RC, MW Gov and UN country team. In June 2015 WFP requested 5 Bailey bridges to cover the infrastructure damage from January (conclusions after PDNA). SE offered the bridges

**Yemen (YM) – Conflict 03.04- on-going**  
In April 2015 DE requested assistance to evacuate the EU citizens from Yemen due to the conflict. 130 people have been evacuated using a DE flight by 16/04/2015. Other EU citizens and TCN's fled the country using other transport solutions (UN, China, India).

**Guatemala(GUA) – Chemical spill 25.06 -02.09.2015**  
On 25 Jun, ERCC received a RfA for one environmental expert to be associated to UNEP OCHA team in Guatemala- Peten for a chemical spill event in the river La Pasion. 1 expert from AT was deployed 6-21 July as associated expert to UNEP/OCHA

**fYRoM (MK) – Floods 05.08- 24.09.2015**  
On 6 Aug MK requested assistance in form of expertise to improve their reaction to floods. A EUCPT of 6 experts (NL, FR, AT, DE, SI, HU) +1 ERCC LO have been deployed to Skopje 13-24.08.2015

*Monitoring: Philippines/ Micronesia – TC Maysak-15 (1.04-11.05.2015), Vanuatu – TC Pam-15 (14.03-11.05.2015), Yemen – Complex Emergency (19.03-03.04.2015), China – Explosion (12-15.08.2015) ; Chile – Earthquake (17-22.09.2015)  
Pre-alert (EWM) : fYRoM – Floods (01-17.02.2015), Djibouti-Refugees from Yemen (14.04.-15.09.2015); Philippines – TC NOUL-15 (05-17.05.2015);*



# EU /JAPAN: from Disaster to Cooperation 2011- 2013- 2015





# Japan-EU Cooperation

## on humanitarian assistance and emergency relief

### State of play

- **20<sup>th</sup> EU-Japan Summit - Joint Press Statement (2011)** to improve coordination and enhance cooperation in humanitarian assistance, emergency relief operations as well as disaster preparedness and prevention
- **Exchange of letters** between Commissioner Georgieva and Minister Akihiro Ohta, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan (March 2013)
- **Series of technical meetings** on EU /JAPAN Cooperation on Disaster Management



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### Future prospects

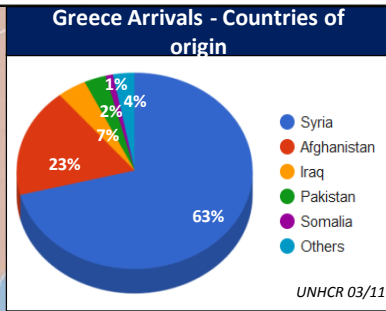
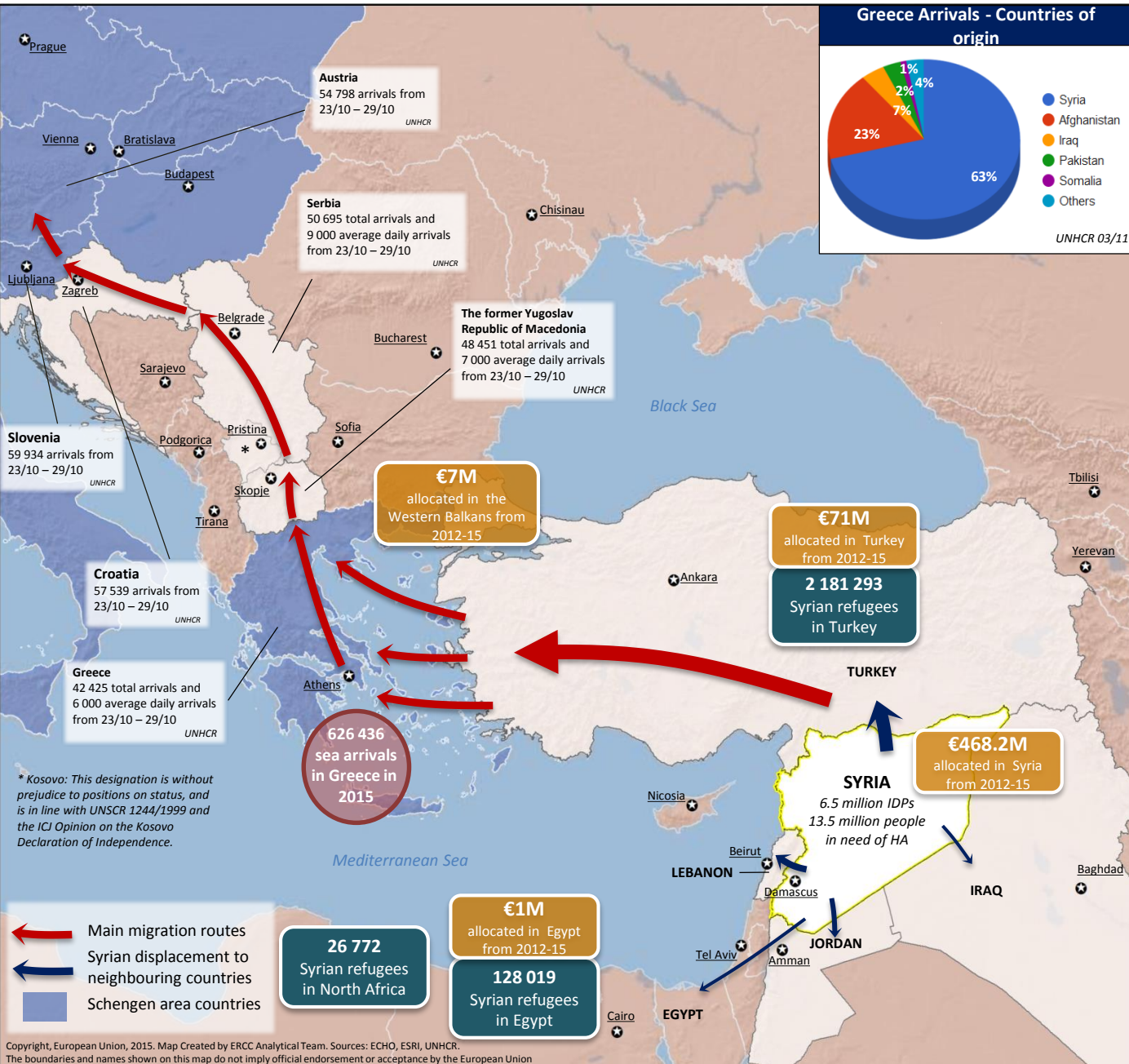
- **Sendai Framework for DRR**: importance of developing common approaches towards its implementation
- **4<sup>th</sup> technical meeting** on EU /JAPAN Cooperation on Disaster Management (3 December 2015, Tokyo)
- **Expert meeting** on humanitarian assistance and emergency relief (4 December 2015, Tokyo), following the 23<sup>rd</sup> EU-Japan Summit (29 May 2015)
- **EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement** (currently under negotiation): it includes specific provisions relating to disaster management and humanitarian action



# ECHO's response to the refugee crisis

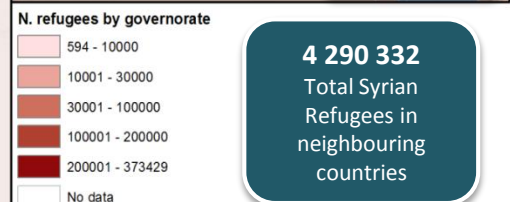
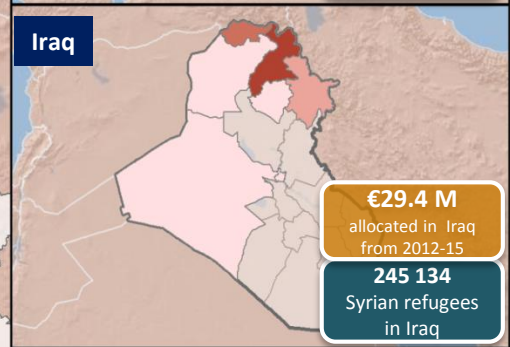
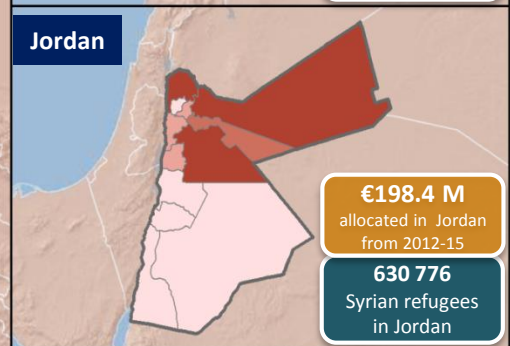
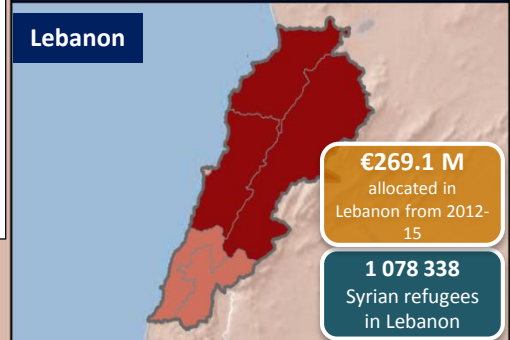
- Over 800,000 people have made their way to Europe since the beginning of 2015
- Despite worsening weather conditions in Greece, daily arrivals have sharply increased (from 5,000 to 7,000 per day)
- The Western Balkans route





### Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq

Distribution by governorates (UNHCR 25/09)



**Slovenia - 22/10 Activation**

**ONGOING**



**Assistance provided**

Tents, heating devices, sleeping bags, beds, protective clothes, respirators, light towers, bedding, blankets, tables, gloves, medical equipment, masks, PPE sets

**Croatia - 26/10 Activation**

**ONGOING**



**Assistance provided**

Gloves, boots, blankets, cords, sleeping bags, raincoats, tents, masks, beds, heating devices

**Western Balkan route & Participating States**



Main migration routes  
 Secondary migration routes  
 UCPM Participating States



**Hungary - 28/06 Activation**

**CLOSED**



**Assistance provided**  
Tents

**Hungary - 11/09 Activation**

**CLOSED**



**Assistance provided**

Blankets, tents, beds, bedding, sleeping bags, blankets, heating devices

**Serbia - 21/09 Activation**

**ONGOING**



**Assistance provided**

Protective masks, sleeping bags, bedding, blankets, mattresses, roll mats, gloves

\* Kosovo: This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

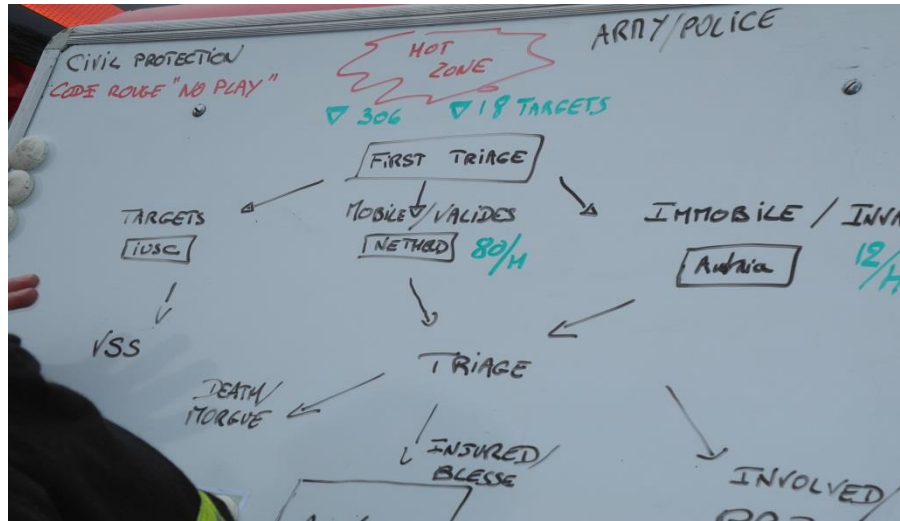


# ECHO's response to the refugee crisis

## Way forward

- Strong political leadership
- Further encourage in-kind solutions
- Closely work with humanitarian aid partners (UNHCR, IOM, IFRC)
- Using all available funding instruments
- New funding allocations
- Strengthen ECHO's presence in the region

# Questions ?



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