



## Attachment 2

# Union Civil Protection Mechanism

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### Terms of reference

### Union Civil Protection Mechanism Mission to Spain

#### 1. Activation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

Since mid October 2018, Spain has been affected by a low pressure centre in the upper atmosphere in coincidence with high and warm air masses affecting the whole west Mediterranean region. With this picture, aligned storms lines were formed along the Jarama River basin, being affected by successive heavy storms, with rainfalls over 80 mm in 12 hours.

As consequence, the river stream flow increase its levels and many adjacent areas result flooded. Local and regional response are concentrating its efforts in providing assistance to small villages and towns, carrying out evacuations of the most affected population since last week.

As the weather forecast do not foresee a situation improvement for the coming days, the national and regional authorities of Spain, today has decided to activate the European Civil Protection Mechanism, before the situation gets worst, declaring an Emergency situation.

#### 2. EUCPT team Mandate

The EUCP Team mandate is to support Spain by facilitating the effective provision and integration of assistance from Participating States through the UCPM

The EUCP Team shall establish a suitable platform for on-going cooperation between the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC), the DGPCE and LEMA and the incoming UCPM modules and assistance.

Based on the request for assistance, the EUCP Team will carry the following tasks:

- Contribute to the assessment of the situation and of the needs in the affected areas, and communicating to the ERCC advice on UCPM involvement;

- Facilitate the integration of the UCPM assistance into the overall relief effort;
- Provide updated information on the evolution of the situation primarily to the ERCC and for the benefit of the Participating States;
- Liaise with the Directorate General for CP and Emergencies-DGPCE (Spain) as the National CP Authority and with the 112 Emergency Agency of the Autonomous Community of Madrid (Local Emergency Management Authority-LEMA),
- Coordinate with LEMA the deployment and support of the UCPM modules and other response capacities from Participating States.
- Facilitate the task fulfilment of intervention teams of Belgium; France; Italy; Portugal and Romania deployed under the UCPM.
- Provide technical and scientific assistance and information when required;
- Support the functioning of LEMA coordination structure.
- Ensure proper visibility for the mission.

### **3. Composition of the EUCP Team**

- 1 Team Leader:
  - Profile: disaster management, emergency planning; floods response experience. High level negotiations skills are desirable.
  - Experience: UCPM mission and exercise experience, knowledge of the region desirable.
  - Training: CMI, OPM, HLC
  - Language: Very good command of English and Spanish, good drafting skills
- 1 Coordination expert-Deputy Team Leader:
  - Profile: disaster management, emergency planning; floods response experience. Safety and security expertise operations in flood rescue.
  - Experience: UCPM mission and exercise experience, knowledge of the region desirable.
  - Training: CMI, OPM, AMC, SMC
  - Language: Very good command of English and Spanish, good drafting skills
- 1 Liaison and Assessment expert:
  - Profile: disaster management, emergency planning; floods response experience. Info management experience
  - Experience: UCPM mission and exercise experience, knowledge of the region desirable.
  - Training: CMI, OPM, IMC

- Language: Very good command of English and Spanish, good drafting skills
- 1 ERCC Liaison Officer
  - Support and deputise the Team Leader in contact with media, EU Delegation and other stakeholders.
  - Support the information management flow and reporting to ERCC
  - Language: Very good command of English and Spanish, good drafting skills

#### **4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The relationship between UCPM experts and the affected population in the disaster area should be based on ethical obligations such as human rights, legal, moral, and cultural considerations, also with regards to the humanitarian principles.

#### **5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES**

Participating States (PS) ensure that all the experts nominated for deployments have been identified based on the criteria set out here under.

In addition, Participating States ensure that nominated experts have attained a satisfactory level of competence at national level prior to being nominated as an expert for UCPM deployment.

Once the experts have been identified, the PS should take into account the long term availability of the experts to complete their training roadmap and to perform the functions for which they are being trained.

#### **6. MISSION**

- All team members, including the national teams, should be self-sufficient in terms of mission equipment for office and field work (personal protective equipment, sleeping bag, light tent, other personal field equipment).
- At this stage there is no clarity on the field deployment, i.e. where? For how long?
- The EUCPT team will start the mission in Madrid and will perform field work as appropriate, in agreement with national authorities (DGPCE, LEMA) and ERCC.
- Duration envisaged: 6 days effectively in the affected area.
- Estimated departure from EUCPT expert's countries of origin (pending flights arrangements): 21 October 2018.

#### **7. LIAISON WITH LEMA**

The emergency situation is being managed by the 112 Emergency Agency of the Autonomous Community of Madrid (Local Emergency Management Authority-LEMA) supported by the National CP Authority (DGPCE). This corresponds with a level 2 situation in the National Plan for CP.

In this level 2 situation, the LEMA is in charge of leading and coordinating the response. He/her is supported by an Advisory Committee (AC).

The AC consist of representatives of other Public Administrations of the State whose resources will reinforce the regional assets. Within this body the EUCPT will be embedded.

At State level, the DGPCE has set up a Coordinating Committee (CECO) with representatives of the Central Government Ministries. Its main task is to support the Regional Government of Madrid and monitor the ongoing situation.

This CECO is supported by the National Emergencies Coordination Centre (CENEM), which is the point of contact with the ERCC in all matters related to the UCPM assistance.

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