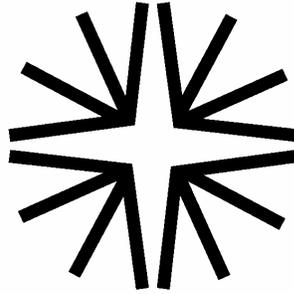


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**EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 6
FOREST FIRES IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA¹**

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1. The Authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ (Crisis Management Centre) have provided the following situation update:

1.1. Most of the fires are put under control. However, the declared crisis situation is still valid. The aerial fire fighting interventions are carried out continuously with 5 helicopters engaged. The number of active fires is changing on a daily basis. There are still active fires burning in locations of: Skopje (Jasen); Makedonski Brod (v.Belica, Patiska Reka); Veles (Gorna Jakupica, Gorno and Dolno Jabolciste) Kicevo (v. Tuin); Kocani (v. Dulica, v. Bezikovo). The situation is getting better but still remains serious because of dry weather conditions and persisting high temperatures.

1.2. The authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ has confirmed that some old grenades from World War I exploded due to intensive fires in mountainous areas. The detonations did not cause any injures or casualties.

2. Further needs for international assistance:

2.1. There is still a need for additional fire fighting equipment and aerial fire fighting capacities.

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3. **Point of Entry:** Alexander the Great airport near Skopje in Petrovec.

4. **Assistance offered or provided by EAPC nations, by country:**

4.1.	<u>Croatia</u>	1 fire fighting aircraft (CL-415 Canadair) with 2 crews and 4 technicians (10 people)	Assistance arrived on 24 July. After 2 days of operation, on 26 July the airplane has been recalled back to Croatia because of worsened fire situation there.
4.2.	<u>Slovenia</u>	1 fire fighting helicopter (He 412-B) with 5 people (2 helicopter operators, 2 firefighters and 1 liaison officer)	Assistance arrived on 24 July
4.3.	<u>Turkey</u>	1 fire fighting airplane CL-135; 1 fire fighting helicopter	Assistance arrived on 25 July The aircraft recalled to Turkey in the evening of 27 July. The helicopter stayed for further interventions.
4.4.	<u>Austria</u>	2 national experts; Different fire fighting equipment: plastic water tanks; rubber reservoirs; etc.	From 26 till 29 July Today the offer was accepted by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia²
4.5.	<u>Sweden</u>	2 national experts; 6 mobile containers (20 feet long) with various fire fighting material	The experts deployed on 26 July.
4.6.	<u>Estonia</u>	On a bilateral basis, allocated 500 000 Estonian kroons (31 956 EUR) to the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ²	The means are intended for the procurement of helicopter water-buckets and back-carried water pumps
4.7.	<u>Poland</u>	1800 litres bottled mineral water and fire fighting equipment: 4080 litres foam concentrate, 1100 pc fire hoses; The whole donation in value of 429 000 PLN (110 000 EUR). Assistance provided via EU CP Mechanism.	Arrived
4.8.	<u>Norway</u>	On a bilateral basis, sent a transport aircraft (C-130) with fire fighting equipment (fire hoses, boots, helmets, gloves, water pumps, first aid kits, etc.) in value of 447 000 EUR.	The assistance arrived at Skopje airport on 27 July at 22:30. Personnel from the Norwegian Embassy and the two Swedish experts in Skopje provided assistance with the handover to the respective authorities.
4.9.	<u>Denmark</u>	30 sets of breathing apparatuses Dräger PA80a, supplied with a 300 bar compressed air tank and a protection	Arrived

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		mask for each set.	
4.10.	<u>The Czech Republic</u>	100 fire fighters helmets of type Gallet F1-SF	Arrived
4.11.	<u>Germany</u>	4 helicopters Bell UH—1D from German armed forces; Different fire fighting equipment: water pumps, saws, water bucket for helicopter, inflatable boats, etc. The donation in value of 50.000 EUR.	Involved since 27.07.07 the helicopters carried out several flights and dropped over 81 t of water (according to the German Situation Report of 31.07.2007) FF equipment is scheduled to reach the stricken nation today.

5. **The Operational Point of Contact** in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ can be reached in the following ways:

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6. Response co-ordination.

6.1 With a view to providing a coordinated response to the stricken nation's requirements, nations in a position to meet these demands, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Operational Point of Contact of the Stricken Nation, with an information copy to EADRCC, by any of the communication means listed above and below.

6.2 The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva and the European Union MIC have been informed by the same communication.

6.3 The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached in the following ways:

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