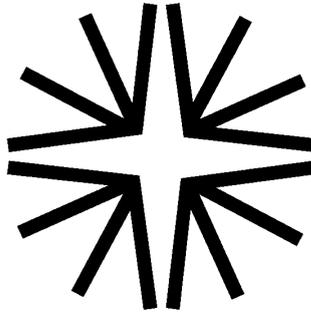


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 6 ON THE FLOOD/CZECH REPUBLIC

1. Update on the Situation in Czech Republic

1.1. The situation in Southern Bohemia has stabilised; rehabilitation of land and houses has started. The water level in an artificial lake in the neighbourhood of the Hluboka nad Vltavou Castle is receding step by step. The main roads in the area are out of operation because of severe damage to bridges and road surface, mainly in the districts Cesky Krumlov and Prachatice. The situation in the Western Bohemia has also stabilised; cleaning works are underway. However, in the northern part of Central Bohemia the situation is still catastrophic. At least 25 underground stations in the capital of the Czech Republic, Prague, are out of operation; a serious hygienic problem and collapse of damaged houses is expected in the flooded streets. Evacuated persons only slowly returning to their houses. The stability of damaged houses, bridges, roads and other technical infrastructure is being verified; the soil is saturated with water and therefore landslides may occur. The chemical industrial complex, Spolana Neratovice, restarted chlorine processing in order to prevent other chlorine leakage from a damaged tank. The situation is permanently monitored and special chemical units are prepared for immediately response.

1.2. In Northwest Bohemia damage is expected to be extensive primarily in the region of Litomerice and Terezin. In Southern Moravia the situation has stabilised. The rehabilitation of land and drying of buildings has started. An artificial lake which was caused by flood in the area of Novosedly is receding.

1.3. The meteorological situation in the Czech Republic is dominated by a high pressure front, with the centre above the Baltic Sea; hot air flows to the South East with no rain predicted. The expected temperatures are 26 – 30⁰ C.

1.4. The water levels of all streams on the Czech Republic territory have been decreasing. The forecasted water levels for tomorrow are 325 cm in Prague (Vltava River) and 530 cm in Melnik, 635 cm in Usti nad Labem and 635 cm in Decin (Elbe River).

2. National Response

2.1. The Ministry of the Interior has coordinated all rescue operations. A total of 3.500 professional fire fighters and 7.800 voluntary fire fighters are engaged in the operations, using approximately 2.000 vehicles and other technical equipment. In all of the affected



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areas citizens can use special information telephone lines established in regional Fire and Rescue Brigades. Special fire units are being set up of volunteer fire fighters for water pumping and for the sanitary conditions improving.

2.2. The EADRCC is working closely with the Delegation of the Czech Republic to NATO, to assist in the coordination of the assistance to the stricken nation.

3. Outstanding requirements for assistance

3.1. The Czech Local Emergency Management Authority indicated that the following requirements for assistance are still outstanding:

	Description	Effective Date
3.1.1.	Small portable dryers (mainly condensation dryers) for drying damp houses	Immediate requirement
3.1.2.	Vaccines against Hepatitis A	As soon as possible
3.1.3.	Chlorine-based disinfectants and cleaning products	As soon as possible
3.1.4.	Insect repellents for disinfecting larger areas	As soon as possible
3.1.5.	A heavy floating crane (100 tons, with tugboat)	As soon as possible

4. Assistance provided

4.1. The EADRCC has been informed that the following assistance has been or will be offered to the **Czech Republic**:

	Description	Date	Quantity
Belgium			
4.1.1.	An engineer team with drying equipment	14-08-02	7 people
4.1.2.	Individual civil protection kits	15-08-02	10 pcs
4.1.3.	Electrical pumps	15-08-02	15 pcs
4.1.4.	Pumps with combustion engine	15-08-02	15 pcs
4.1.5.	High pumps (70 m ³ / hour)	14-08-02	2 pcs
4.1.6.	Small Pumps (12 m ³ / hour)	14-08-02	5 pcs
4.1.7.	Hot air dryer (90.000 Kcal / hour)	14-08-02	4 pcs
4.1.8.	Hot air dryers (45.000 Kcal / hour)	14-08-02	4 pcs
4.1.9.	Dryers	20-08-02	15 pcs
Croatia			
4.1.10.	Pumps	17-08-02	20 pcs
Denmark			
4.1.11.	High capacity electrical submersible pumps with a total capacity of 36.000 litres/minute + various generators, cables, hoses etc. operated by a 12 man team	15-08-02	6 pcs

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	Description	Date	Quantity
4.1.12.	Dryers	19-08-02	35 pcs
4.1.13.	Floating pumps	19-08-02	3 pcs
4.1.14.	Electric submersible pumps	19-08-02	205 pcs
France			
4.1.15.	Persons with unspecified equipment	15-08-02	10
4.1.16.	Blankets	15-08-02	3 tons
4.1.17.	Portable pumps	16-08-02	49 pcs
4.1.18.	Portable pumps	17-08-02	150 pcs
Germany			
4.1.19.	Portable dryers (through German Red Cross)	16-08-02	300.000 €
4.1.20.	Portable dryers (through ADRA Germany)	16-08-02	150.000 €
4.1.21.	Plaids, folding beds, gas cookers, etc. (through "Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund" (ASB))	16-08-02	100.000 €
4.1.22.	Portable dryers (through Caritas International Germany)	16-08-02	100.000 €
Greece			
4.1.23.	Portable floating pumps	15-08-02	20 pcs
4.1.24.	Portable electric submersible pumps	15-08-02	30 pcs
4.1.25.	Personnel	15-08-02	3
Hungary			
4.1.26.	Blankets, rubber boots, detergents, disinfectants and personal hygienic materials	18-08-02	40.000 USD
Italy			
4.1.27.	Dryers	20-08-02	367 pcs
4.1.28.	Portable pumps	20-08-02	85 pcs
Latvia			
4.1.29.	Portable pumps with combustion engine	16-08-02	7 pcs
Luxembourg			
4.1.30.	An emergency grant	16-08-02	500.000 €
Netherlands			
4.1.31.	Pumps	17-08-02	100 pcs
Norway			
4.1.32.	An emergency grant		2.000.000 NOK
Poland			
4.1.33.	Self-sufficient team of 80 fire fighters special pumping equipment and other necessary equipment.	18-08-02	
4.1.34.	Portable dryers	18-08-02	150 pcs
Russian Federation			
4.1.35.	Technical assistance		
Slovak Republic			
4.1.36.	Portable pumps	16-08-02	24 pcs

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Description	Date	Quantity
4.1.37. High capacity water pump; with 5 personnel Slovenia	18-08-02	1 pcs
4.1.38. Electric submersible pumps Sweden	17-08-02	20 pcs
4.1.39. 56 Dryers and 59 mud pumps (also 10 personnel for instruction) Switzerland	16-08-02	541.000 €
4.1.40. Electrical submersible pumps	17-08-02	100 pcs
4.1.41. Dryers	17-08-02	80 pcs
4.1.42. Generators United Kingdom	17-08-02	4 pcs
4.1.43. Dryers	18-08-02	50 pcs
4.1.44. Trailer-mounted pumps	18-08-02	4 pcs
4.1.45. Emergency grant to Czech Government's central relief fund United States of America		50.000 GBP
4.1.46. Emergency grant to the IFRC, for its regional appeal for the Czech Republic, Romania and Slovakia		50.000 GBP
4.1.47. An emergency grant through the Czech Red Cross, for the purchase of emergency relief commodities.	15-08-02	50.000 USD
4.1.48. High capacity submersible pumps	18-08-02	6 pcs
4.1.49. Various humanitarian items	17-08-02	27.000 USD

4.2. In addition to the EAPC Nations listed above, Israel has offered 52 pumps and other material, which will arrive on 20 August 2002.

5. Contact information

5.1. The Operational Point of Contact in the Czech Republic can be contacted in the following way:

Name: General Directorate of the Fire and Rescue Service
Organization: Ministry of Interior
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Situation in Other Countries in Central Europe

6. Although this report primarily covers the situation in the Czech Republic, other countries in the region are also suffering from these devastating floods.

6.1. In **Germany** several towns have been swamped with floodwaters after defences crumbled against the onslaught of the swollen Elbe River in the central part of the country. In the Saxony-Anhalt region, seven dykes burst around the town of Wittenberg, sending

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waters pouring into several villages. About 40.000 people were evacuated from 40 towns and villages. In the town itself, sandbags are being thrown from helicopters to shore up the south bank of the Elbe River, which is in danger of bursting. At the nearby town of Prettin, a 200 metres stretch of dam was reported to have crumbled. Upstream, in Torgau, where a 60 metre stretch of dam burst on Sunday, the situation remains critical. In the capital of Saxony, Dresden, river levels are now receding.

6.2. In **Hungary**, the water level of the Danube River is falling very slowly after having culminated on 848 cm in Budapest at 02.00 in the morning. At 12.00, the water level in Budapest was 841 cm. No settlements are directly endangered yet. As of today, 1.980 people have been evacuated from the most affected areas, more than 26.500 persons with 1.200 different equipment are involved in the protection activities. The counties, which are not directly involved in the flood, have started to prepare their personnel and assets to be ready to assist the affected settlements.

6.3. In **Croatia**, there is no immediate threat of flood at the moment. The water level on 19 August at 13.00 was 657 cm at the village Batina and 506 cm in Vukovar. Preparation measures against flood are in force for the rivers of Danube and Drava. The main flood wave is expected at the village of Batina tomorrow around noon. All necessary measures of reinforcing the existing embankments and building the new ones with using the sandbags have been carried out. An emergency HQ has been established, which constantly controls the situation.

6.4. Although **Germany** did not appeal for international assistance, the EADRCC has been informed about the following assistance offered to Germany, to assist with the floods in the Eastern Part of the country:

Description	Date	Quantity
Luxembourg (following a bilateral German Request)		
6.4.1. Sandbags	17-08-02	64.000
6.4.2. Beds	17-08-02	1.300
6.4.3. Blankets	17-08-02	2.500
Netherlands		
6.4.4. Sandbags	t.b.d	500.000
Switzerland		
6.4.5. Sandbags	t.b.d.	500.000
6.4.6. In case of need more sandbags	t.b.d.	500.000

7. Coordinated Response

7.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to the remaining requirements of the stricken nation, nations in a position to meet these requirements, in full or in part, are invited to reply the Operational Point of Contact in paragraph 5.1 above, with an info copy to the EADRCC, by any of the means of communication listed below:

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