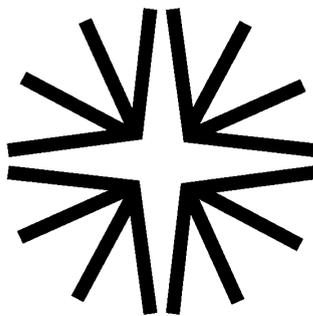


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 1 ON THE FLOOD/CZECH REPUBLIC

1. Although the EADRCC is still receiving further updates on the Situation in **Czech Republic**, the situation as of 151545 Z Aug 02, can be described as follows.

1.1 The worst floods in over a century occurring since 12 August 2002, continue to devastate the Czech Republic. The most affected areas are the Capital City of Prague, the districts of Central Bohemia, Southern Bohemia, Pilsner, Carlsbad and Usti. In the city of Prague, the worst situation is in the districts Lahovice, Zbraslav, Radotin, Chuchle, and part of Suchdol-Sedlec. Parts of the inner city, such as Mala Strana, Karlín, Liben, Holesovice, Smichov and Troja, including parts of the Old Town have been also hit severely.

1.2 Many of the affected areas have been left without electricity or gas. High waters have closed portions of major thoroughfares, including main highways from Prague west and north to the German borders. Many crossing points on Bohemia's northern and southern borders are out of commission. Also, the rail transportation has been dramatically affected.

1.3 Nine lives are reported to have been lost in the country as a whole, and more than 200,000 persons have been evacuated in southern, central, western, and northern Bohemia, including as many as 40,000 in Prague itself.

1.4 The water level in a number of endangered areas has stabilised. Water has slowly begun to recede from hard-hit upstream cities such as Cestky Krumlov, Ceske Budejovice, and Strakonice; downstream cities such as Usti nad Labem are evacuating and preparing for the worst.

1.5 As of today, the situation is getting better in the south and central parts of the country. The water level in Prague is decreasing (100 cm today). More problems are now expected in the northern part of the country where an increasing of water level is anticipated. The Czech Local Emergency Management Authority, indicated that a need for dryers and small pumps which can be operated by inhabitants, still exists. They also indicated that there is **no requirement** for heavy pumps or rescue personnel.



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

2.1 In **Germany**, the city of Dresden the water of the Elbe River was expected to reach a level of 8,5 meters on Thursday morning, which is four times the normal height. The water level in the river Elbe is still increasing and may reach an eventual level of nine meters. Also in Dresden, some 170 intensive care patients were transferred to other hospitals in the region, while more patients might need to be evacuated. In the region of Saxony-Anhalt, including the city of Bitterfeld where a chemical plant is located, hundreds of emergency workers and volunteers are employed in fighting the rising water with inter alia sandbags.

2.2 In the **Slovak Republic**, the level of the Danube River is increasing in Bratislava, County Bratislava, County Nitra, and County Trnava. In Bratislava, where the dikes of the Danube river are heightened and reinforced, the water level was 968 cm at 09:00 on 15 August 2002, the prognosis for 06:00 tomorrow is 1000 cm. At 11:00 on 14 August 2002, a State of Emergency was declared. Measures for evacuation in case of need are prepared. Three Rescue Brigades of the Civil Protection are operating in the territory of the western part of the Slovak Republic. In other parts of the country the situation has stabilised and no serious problems are encountered.

2.3 In **Hungary**, at present there is no immediate threat. The water level in Budapest was 657 cm (14:00 on 15 August 02); the prognosis for Sunday is 875 cm. So far, 160 people were evacuated from territory close to the Slovak Republic. Further evacuation may be considered; therefore, evacuation measures have been prepared. Hungarian Authorities continue to monitor the situation.

2.4 Also in **Romania**, heavy rains over the past two weeks, particularly in the Western, Central and South Eastern part of Romania, have caused some local floodings, leading to seven casualties and material damage. Although the Romanian authorities indicated that the flood alert is high, the situation remains under control.

3. **Deployment of National Disaster Relief Elements in the Czech Republic**

3.1 Approximately 4.000 policemen, 2.000 fire fighters, 7.000 volunteers and 2.000 soldiers have been mobilised to tackle the consequences of the floods in the affected areas.

4. **Outstanding requirements for assistance**

4.1 The following requirements for assistance to the Czech Republic are still outstanding:

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| 4.1.1 | Portable dryers (mainly condensation dryers) for drying damp houses | Immediate |
| 4.1.2 | Small floating pumps with an internal combustion engine | Immediate |
| 4.1.3 | Small Electric submersible pumps | Immediate |

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5. Assistance provided

5.1 The following assistance has been or will be offered to the stricken country:

Belgium

5.1.1	An Engineer team with drying equipment	14-08-02	7 peoples
5.1.2	Individual civil protection kits	15-08-02	10 pcs
5.1.3	Electrical pumps		15 pcs
5.1.4	Pumps with combustion engine		15 pcs

Denmark

5.1.5	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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Poland

5.1.6	Dryers for damp houses, special pumping containers, floating pumps and mud pumps.	15-08-02	150 pcs
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Switzerland

5.1.7	Electrical Submersible Pumps	17-08-02	100
5.1.8	Dryers	17-08-02	80
5.1.9	Generators	17-08-02	4

United States of America

5.1.10	An emergency grant through the Czech Red Cross, for the purchase of emergency relief commodities.	15-08-02	50,000 USD
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6. Contact information

6.1 The Operational Point of Contact in affected area can be contacted in the following way:

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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 EADRCC, by any of the means of communication listed below:

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



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