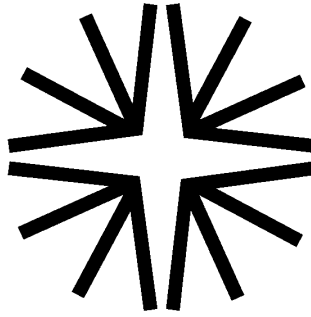


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 2 ON THE FLOOD/CZECH REPUBLIC

1. Although the EADRCC is still receiving further updates on the situation in the **Czech Republic**, the situation as of 161500 Z Aug 02, can be described as follows.

1.1 As reported in the EADRCC Situation Report N° 1 (EADRCC(2002)109), the Czech Republic has been suffering tremendous floods since 12 August 2002. The most affected areas are Northern, Southern and Central Bohemia, the Capital City Prague, parts of the Western Bohemia, and several towns and villages in Southern Moravia.

1.2 Today, rainfalls are minimal and the weather forecast for the next 48 hours indicates also minimal rainfall. Although in Southern and Central Bohemia, Prague, in the upper flows of the river Vltava and other streams, water levels are decreasing, in Northern Bohemia the lower flow of the river Labe is slowly raising. In Southern Bohemia, the water level of the rivers Dyje and Moravia are also decreasing.

2. **National response**

2.1 The Ministry of the Interior coordinates the rescue operations. In our situation report N° 1, the national resources used were listed. In addition to these resources, units of the Professional Fire Rescue Service from non-affected areas are deployed to flooded areas and rotated according to the changing situation in different parts of the country. Also, Voluntary Fire fighter units with pumps work in affected areas. Within this framework of inter-regional assistance, 378 professional fire fighters and 85 trucks are deployed at present. The Czech Local Emergency Management Authority, indicated that at the moment sufficient small pumps have been offered to deal with the present situation. However, there is still an urgent requirement for small portable condensation dryers (dehumidifiers) for citizens in affected areas to be able to dry their houses by themselves. The dryers should be complete with instructions for use to be sent by the assisting country in advance, in order to allow the Czech authorities to make the necessary translations. Czech authorities also reiterated that there is **no requirement** for heavy pumps or rescue personnel.

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

3.1 In **Austria**, the water levels are now decreasing and Austrian authorities indicated that the situation is improving and under control.



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3.2 In **Germany**, in the city of Dresden, the water of the Elbe River reached a level of 913 cm on Friday morning, which is more than four times the normal summer level. The water level is still increasing. Friday morning, an evacuation of affected population has started in the region of Saxony-Anhalt. More than 120.000 inhabitants of Dresden have been evacuated, while from other parts of Saxony-Anhalt another 36.000 people were evacuated. Compulsory evacuation has been introduced in Bitterfeld, Dessau, and Magdeburg. Special rescue efforts are concentrated in the city of Bitterfeld, where the chemical factory Chemieparks Bitterfeld is located. Hundreds of emergency workers from Technische Hilfswerke (THW), the army and volunteers are working on constructing sandbags barriers to prevent a possible environmental pollution. Press reports indicate that so far fourteen people have been killed in the affected areas in Germany.

3.3 In the **Slovak Republic**, the culmination of the water level of the Danube in Bratislava has started today (16 August 2002) in the early morning hours. The water level in Bratislava was 977 cm at 12:00 and the prognosis for 06:00 tomorrow is 890 cm. Measures for evacuation in case of need are prepared. The situation is managed with own forces and assets. The situation has stabilised and no serious problems are encountered.

3.4 In **Hungary**, at present there is no immediate threat. The water level in Budapest was 675 cm (06:00 on 16 August 02); the main flood wave is expected in Budapest on Saturday morning and expected water level is 775 cm. So far, approximately 1500 people have been evacuated from the most affected areas close to the Slovak Republic. Further evacuation may be considered; therefore, evacuation measures have been prepared. Hungarian Authorities continue to monitor the situation.

4. **Outstanding requirements for assistance**

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

4.1.1	Portable dryers (mainly condensation dryers) for drying damp houses	Immediate requirement
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5. **Assistance provided**

5.1 The EADRCC has been informed that 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 people
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
5.1.5	High pumps (70 M ³ / hour)	14-08-02	2
5.1.6	Small Pumps (12 M ³ / hour)	14-08-02	5
5.1.7	Hot air cannons (90.000 Kcal / hour)	14-08-02	4

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5.1.8	Hot air cannons (45.000 Kcal / hour)	14-08-02	4
Denmark			
5.1.9	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
5.1.10	Portable dryers (German Red Cross)	16-08-02	300.000 €
5.1.11	Portable dryers (ADRA Germany)	16-08-02	150.000 €
5.1.12	Portable dryers (Caritas International Germany)	16-08-02	100.000 €
5.1.13	Plaids, folding beds, gas cookers, etc. (NGO "Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund" (ASB))	16-08-02	100.000 €
Poland			
5.1.14	Dryers for damp houses, special pumping containers, floating pumps and mud pumps.	15-08-02	150 pcs
5.1.15	Rescue Team (70 rescuers, 20 special vehicles, 3 pumps containers, 2 logistic containers, 3 trailer mud pumps, 10 floating pumps and 20 portable mud pumps)	18-08-02	2
Switzerland			
5.1.16	Electrical Submersible Pumps	17-08-02	100
5.1.17	Dryers	17-08-02	80
5.1.18	Generators	17-08-02	4
United States of America			
5.1.19	An emergency grant through the Czech Red Cross, for the purchase of emergency relief commodities.	15-08-02	50,000 USD
Luxembourg			
5.1.20	An emergency grant	16-08-02	500.000 €
Sweden			
5.1.21	Dryers and mud pumps (also personnel for demonstrate if necessary)	16-08-02	541.000 €
Latvia			
5.1.22	Portable pumps with combustion engine	16-08-02	7
France			
5.1.23	Persons with unspecified equipment	15-08-02	10
5.1.24	Blankets	15-08-02	3 tons
5.1.25	Portable pumps	16-08-02	199
Greece			
5.1.26	Portable floating pumps	15-08-02	20 pcs
5.1.27	Portable electric submersible pumps	15-08-02	30 pcs
5.1.28	Personnel	15-08-02	3
Netherlands			
5.1.29	Pumps		100 pcs
Slovenia			
5.1.30	Electric submersible pumps	17-08-02	20 pcs

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Slovak Republic

5.1.31 Water Pumps

16-08-02

24 pcs

5.2 In addition, **Belarus**, **Belgium** and **Italy** have offered to the Czech Republic high capacity pumps an/or rescue personnel. However, the Czech Republic indicated to the offering countries that there are now current requirements for these disaster response capabilities.

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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