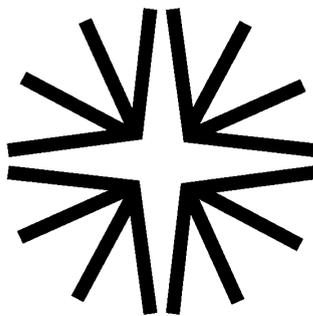


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## EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 3 ON THE FLOOD/CZECH REPUBLIC

1. Although the EADRCC is still receiving further updates on the situation in the **Czech Republic**, the situation as of 171000 Z Aug 02, can be described as follows.

1.1. During the last day, water levels in the Vltava River continue to decrease and reached a level of 5,27 metres at 21.00 yesterday evening and will reach a level of approximately 5 metres today. While an increase in water levels was observed in the lower streams of the Luznice River, water levels in the northern part of the Czech Republic have stabilised. Although in Prague some people could already return to their homes, in other places small scale planned evacuation had to be carried out, particularly in those areas where water levels are still increasing.

1.2. It is anticipated that the situation will continue to improve, as the expected precipitation in most part of the country will be minimal, with the only rainfall (15 to 20 mm) in the North Eastern part of the Czech Republic.

1.3. The culmination of the Labe River is expected this afternoon, when the flow could reach the amount of 5.360 cubic metre per second at a water level of 12,20 metres. This evening, the culmination is expected in Ducin, when more than 5.400 cubic metres of water will flow through the river, pushing the water level up to 12,50 metres.

1.4. 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.

1.5. To facilitate import of any form of assistance, and to avoid the payment of custom duties, any transport should be accompanied with a declaration stating the following:

- Description of the material;
- That the cargo is humanitarian aid, which will not be used for commercial purposes;
- The name of the State Agency of Humanitarian organization providing the assistance;
- The total value of the humanitarian assistance; and
- The name of the person responsible for the transportation



1.6. Czech authorities also reiterated that there is **no requirement** for heavy pumps or rescue personnel.

## 2. National Response

2.1. The Ministry of the Interior coordinates the rescue operations. In the EADRCC situation report N<sup>o</sup> 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. For water pumping and improvement of hygienic conditions special fire fighting units of voluntary fire fighters are being established.

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.

## Situation in Other Countries in Central Europe

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**, where thousands had been evacuated from the provinces of Salzburg and Upper Austria, water levels continue to decrease, and Austrian authorities indicate that the situation following the worst flooding that hit Austria in a century, is under control.

3.2. In the **German** City of Dresden, yesterday the water levels of the Elbe River steadily rose and reach their highest point early Saturday morning. German officials stated that the water level had peaked at 9,39 metres, which is well above the previous highest level of 8,77 metres, which was observed in 1845 and almost 7,5 metres above the normal water levels. As a consequence of the flood, all bridges in Dresden had to be closed. Tens of thousands of people had fled the city of Dresden, where tremendous efforts are underway to prevent flooding of historic buildings in the centre of the city. Press reports indicate that downstream from Dresden a railway bridge was demolished with explosives to open up a flood plain, with the aim to reduce the flow in the main river channel. Since Saturday morning, the water levels in Dresden have stabilised, while water levels in the Elbe River north of Dresden are still increasing, leading to evacuation in towns and cities north of Dresden. In Torgau, about 100 kilometres north of Dresden, water levels are now increasing with 5 centimetres per hour causing the dykes to flood. Most of the 16.000 inhabitants of the city of Bitterfeld have now been evacuated, as the town centre is completely inundated, reaching a height of one metre in some areas. Press reports indicate that the swollen Elbe River is threatening the burst of a dam close to a number of chemical plants in Bitterfeld.

3.3. In Bratislava in the **Slovak Republic**, the Danube River reached its highest level (9,04 metres) on Friday at 22.00 hours. Water level is now decreasing, reaching a height of 8,73 metres at noon Saturday, and some of the sandbag barriers that had been erected to hold the river back from the city are being removed. The situation is managed with own forces and assets. The situation has now stabilised and no serious problems are



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encountered. The State of Emergency, which was in force since 11:00 on 14 August 2002, has now been cancelled. It is expected that in Bratislava water levels will continue to decrease, possibly reaching a level of 7 metres tomorrow. In other parts of the Slovak Republic, Komarno and Sturovo the water levels of the Danube are still increasing. It is expected that in Sturovo the current level of 7,39 metres will increase to 7,70 metres early Sunday morning. In Sturovo, the culmination of the water level will be at tomorrow evening at a height of 7,80 metres. The Office of Civil Protection in Bratislava informed the EADRCC that evacuation of inhabitants is not considered.

3.4. In **Hungary**, water levels are also breaking all-time records on the upper section of the Danube. Saturday, at noon the water level of the Danube River in Budapest, had reached 7,97 metres, and is expected to rise another 75 to 80 centimetres. Water Management Authorities are expecting the highest levels Sunday afternoon, when water levels could reach 8,75 metres. Disaster Management and Municipal authorities are establishing flood protective measures and introducing other preventive measures. Ferries on the Danube rivers have been stopped. Along the whole river flood control preparedness is in force. A total of 13.500 persons are involved in the protection activities. As of today, 1.430 persons were evacuated from the most affected areas.

**4. Outstanding requirements for assistance**

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

	Description	Effective Date
4.1.1.	Small portable dryers (mainly condensation dryers) for drying Damp houses	Immediate requirement

**5. Assistance provided**

5.1. The EADRCC has been informed that the following assistance has been or will be offered:

**To the Czech Republic:**

	Description	Date	Quantity
<b>Belgium</b>			
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	15-08-02	15 pcs
5.1.4.	Pumps with combustion engine	15-08-02	15 pcs
5.1.5.	High pumps (70 M <sup>3</sup> / hour)	14-08-02	2 pcs
5.1.6.	Small Pumps (12 M <sup>3</sup> / hour)	14-08-02	5 pcs
5.1.7.	Hot air cannons (90.000 Kcal / hour)	14-08-02	4 pcs
5.1.8.	Hot air cannons (45.000 Kcal / hour)	14-08-02	4 pcs
<b>Croatia</b>			
5.1.9.	Pumps	17-08-02	20 pcs
<b>Denmark</b>			

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	Description	Date	Quantity
5.1.10.	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
<b>Finland</b>			
5.1.11.	Dryers	19-08-02	35 pcs
5.1.12.	Floating pumps	19-08-02	3 pcs
5.1.13.	Electric submersible pumps	19-08-02	205 pcs
<b>France</b>			
5.1.14.	Persons with unspecified equipment	15-08-02	10
5.1.15.	Blankets	15-08-02	3 tons
5.1.16.	Portable pumps	16-08-02	49 pcs
5.1.17.	Portable pumps	17-08-02	150 pcs
<b>Germany</b>			
5.1.18.	Portable dryers (through German Red Cross)	16-08-02	300.000 €
5.1.19.	Portable dryers (through ADRA Germany)	16-08-02	150.000 €
5.1.20.	Plaids, folding beds, gas cookers, etc. (through "Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund" (ASB))	16-08-02	100.000 €
5.1.21.	Portable dryers (through Caritas International Germany)	16-08-02	100.000 €
<b>Greece</b>			
5.1.22.	Portable floating pumps	15-08-02	20 pcs
5.1.23.	Portable electric submersible pumps	15-08-02	30 pcs
5.1.24.	Personnel	15-08-02	3
<b>Italy</b>			
5.1.25.	Dryers	20-08-02	367 pcs
5.1.26.	Portable Pumps	20-08-02	85 pcs
<b>Latvia</b>			
5.1.27.	Portable pumps with combustion engine	16-08-02	7 pcs
<b>Luxembourg</b>			
5.1.28.	An emergency grant	16-08-02	500.000 €
<b>Netherlands</b>			
5.1.29.	Pumps	17-08-02	100 pcs
<b>Poland</b>			
5.1.30.	Self-sufficient team of 70 fire fighters special pumping equipment and other necessary equipment.	18-08-02	
5.1.31.	Portable dryers	18-08-02	150 pcs
<b>Slovak Republic</b>			
5.1.32.	Portable pumps	16-08-02	24 pcs
<b>Slovenia</b>			
5.1.33.	Electric submersible pumps	17-08-02	20 pcs
<b>Sweden</b>			

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Description	Date	Quantity
5.1.34. 56 Dryers and 59 mud pumps (also 9 personnel for instruction)	16-08-02	541.000 €
<b>Switzerland</b>		
5.1.35. Electrical Submersible Pumps	17-08-02	100 pcs
5.1.36. Dryers	17-08-02	80 pcs
5.1.37. Generators	17-08-02	4 pcs
<b>United States of America</b>		
5.1.38. An emergency grant through the Czech Red Cross, for the purchase of emergency relief commodities.	15-08-02	50,000 USD
5.1.39. Pumps	17-08-02	3 pcs
5.1.40. Various humanitarian items	17-08-02	27.000 USD

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 no current requirements for these disaster response capabilities.

5.3. In addition to the EAPC Nations listed above, Israel has offered 45 pumps and other material, which will arrive on 20 august 2002.

### **To Germany**

5.4. Today, the EADRCC has been informed that the Swiss Disaster Relief has offered 500.000 sandbags to Germany, to deal with the high water in Dresden. If needed, Switzerland could make another 500.000 sandbags available,

### **6. Contact information**

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

Name: General Directorate of the Fire and Rescue Service  
Organization: Ministry of Interior  
Telephone: +420-2-61424048 or +420-2-61424044  
Fax: +420-2-61424035 or +420-2-24232321  
E-mail: [rhzs.opis@grh.izscr.cz](mailto:rhzs.opis@grh.izscr.cz)

### **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 mentioned above, with an info copy to 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:

Telephone: +32-2-707.2676

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