

## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1. This Glossary contains abbreviations; acronyms and some definition used in this document as well as other commonly used in disaster management operations. The definitions used in this section are in accordance with the “Internationally agreed glossary of basic terms related to Disaster Management “<sup>1</sup>

CECC	Civil Emergency Crisis Cell
CEP	Civil Emergency Planning
CEPD	Civil Emergency Planning Directorate
CMX	Crisis Management Exercise
CPC	Civil Protection Committee
Disaster	A serious disruption of the functioning of society, causing widespread human, material and environmental losses which exceed the ability of affected society to cope using its own resources.
Disaster Response	A sum of decisions and actions taken during and after disaster, including immediate relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction.
Disaster Management	The body of policy and administrative decisions and operational activities which pertain to the various stages of a disaster at all levels.
EADRCC	Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre
EADRU	Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Unit
EAPC	Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council
ECHO	European Commission Humanitarian Office
Emergency	A sudden and usually unforeseen event that calls for immediate measures to minimize its adverse consequences
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
EU	European Union
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
Hazard	A threatening event, or the probability of occurrence of a potentially damaging phenomenon within a given time period and area.
HQ	Headquarters
IDRO	International Disaster Relief Operation
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
INSARAG	International Search and Rescue Group
IPOC	Initial Point of Contact
KG	Kilogram
LEMA	Local Emergency Management Authority
MCDA	Military and Civil Defence Assets
MCDU	Military and Civil Defence Unit
Mitigation	Measures taken in advance of a disaster aimed at decreasing or eliminating its impact on society and environment.
NAC	North Atlantic Council

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NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NMA	NATO Military Authority
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OSOCC	On-site Operations Coordination Centre
POC	Point of Contact
Preparedness	Activities designed to minimize loss of life and damage, to organize the temporary removal of people and property from a threatened location and facilitate timely and effective rescue, relief and rehabilitation.
Prevention	Encompass activities designed to provide permanent protection from disasters. It includes engineering and other physical protective measures, and also legislative measures controlling land use and urban planning.
Relief	Assistance and/or intervention during or after disaster to meet the life preservation and basic subsistence needs.
Risk	Expected losses (of lives, persons injured, property damaged and economic activity disrupted) due to a particular hazard for a given area and reference period. Based on mathematical calculations, risk is the product of hazard and vulnerability
SAR	Search and Rescue
SCEPC	Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee
Search and Rescue	The process of locating and recovering disaster victims and the application of first aid and basic medical assistance as may be required.
SitRep	Situation Report
Situation Report	A brief report that is published and updated periodically during a relief effort and which outlines the details of the emergency, the needs generated, and the responses undertaken by all donors as they become known.
SOA	Standing Operating Arrangement
SOP	Standing Operating Procedures
SPOC	Single Point of Contact
UN	United Nations
UNDAC	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Vulnerability	Degree of loss (from 0% to 100%) resulting from a potentially damaging phenomenon
WT	Weight