



Procedures of Rescue Organizations in Flood  
Operations Unified in the Danube Region



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# DBX Exercise report

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# Introduction

## Agenda and objectives

- discussing the agenda
- overview of the objectives
  - o preparing for the field exercise
  - o requirements of participating in a large-scale exercise
  - o supporting the development of Plan of Action
  - o from focusing on the Preparedness (logistical planning – how to get ready for the exercise/ mission) phase to getting ready to Mobilization and Operations (mission phases: Preparedness, Mobilization, Operation, Demobilization, Post mission)
  - o coordination
  - o capacities, factsheets, team compositions and structure Management and operations planning
  - o Stakeholder mapping and meeting procedures
  - o S and S planning (safety and security – before and during the exercise, work safety)
  - o BoO planning (accommodation – tents, toilet, shower, how many?)
  - o HNS requests: border-crossing, transport, logistics
- introduction round (everyone)

## Overview and insight on the PROFOUND project (operational level project)

- o Why? – floods
- o exercise: realistic scenarios, opportunity to understand each other, being able to count on each other
- o in every two years we should have exercises, to be prepared for emergencies
- o PROFOUND objectives: identify gaps and good practices, develop procedures, train, fit into UCPM and HNS – and then test all the new skills the project have brought us (unified flood operations)
- o aim: improving cooperation
- o roadmap: planning meetings, training plans, exercise manual, workshop, e-learning, introduction training, local trainings – multiple location full- scale field exercise, evaluations, dissemination and visibility, way forward – need to cooperate further together
- o project management
- o exercise conduct: multiple locations (Budapest, Dunaújváros, Komárom – Danube, Vásárosnamény, Satu Mare – Tisa)

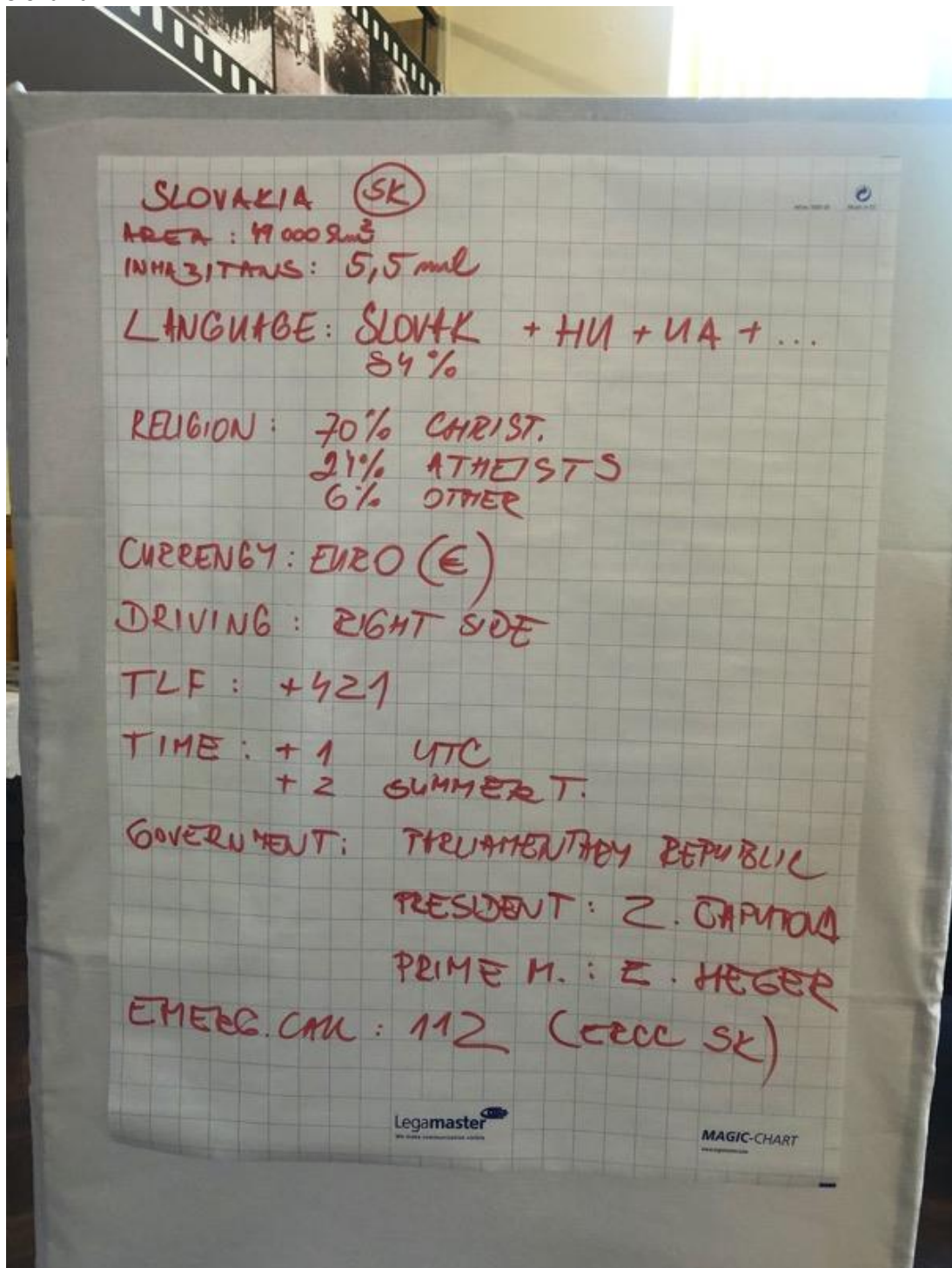
# Discussions

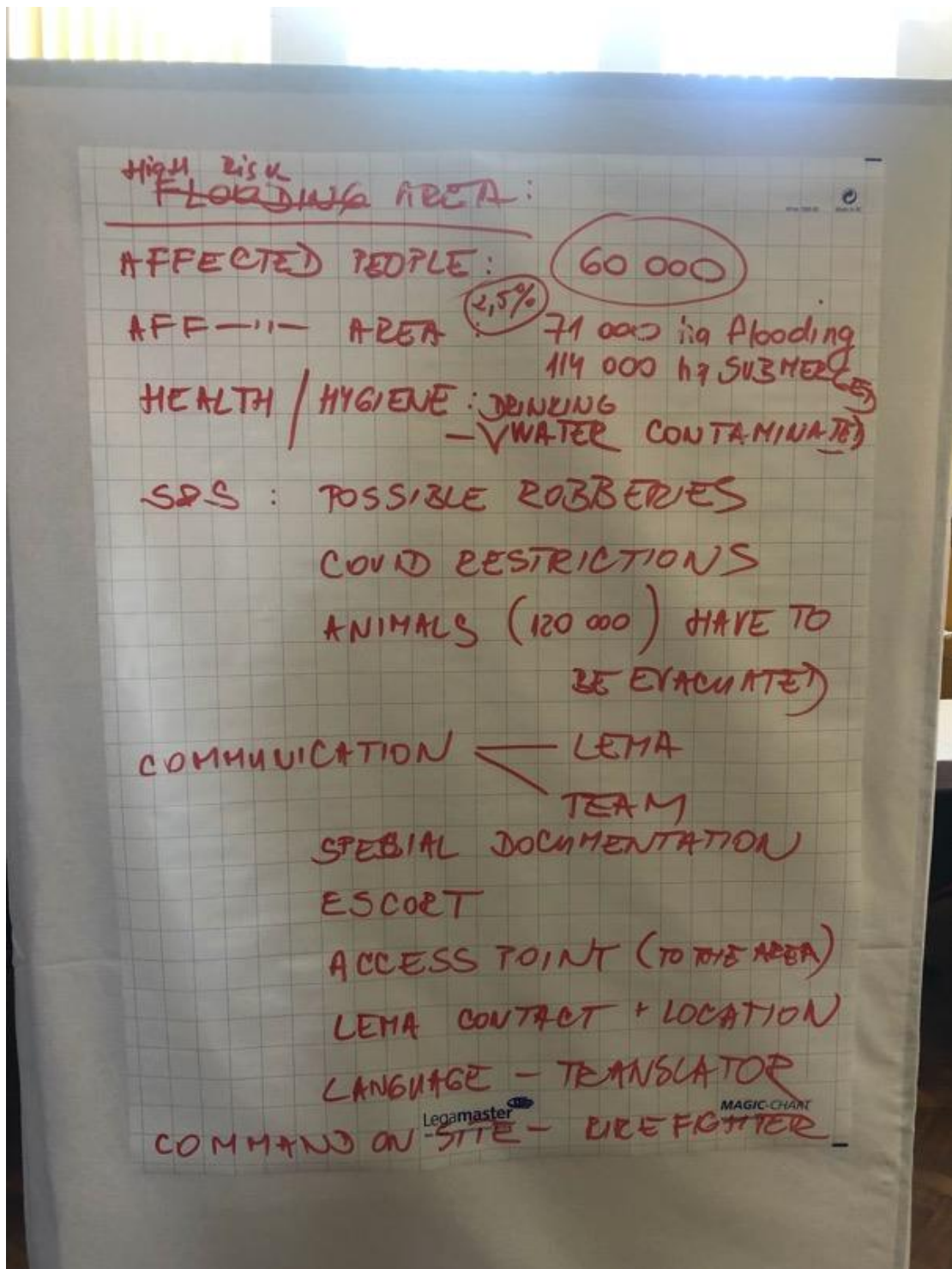
## Discussing the main scenario

- the firefighters are getting ready for heavy storms in the region of Komarom-Esztergom County
- flooding: support needed in Upper-Tisa Region and at certain sections of Danube River
- we made up three teams, so they can prepare for the action part (not a flood yet, but it's expected) – you would like to know something about the countries that are involved, how

does it work with floodings in each country? (countries in danger: HU, RO, SK), Worst flood in the region? They have to make a chart about the information they gather together.

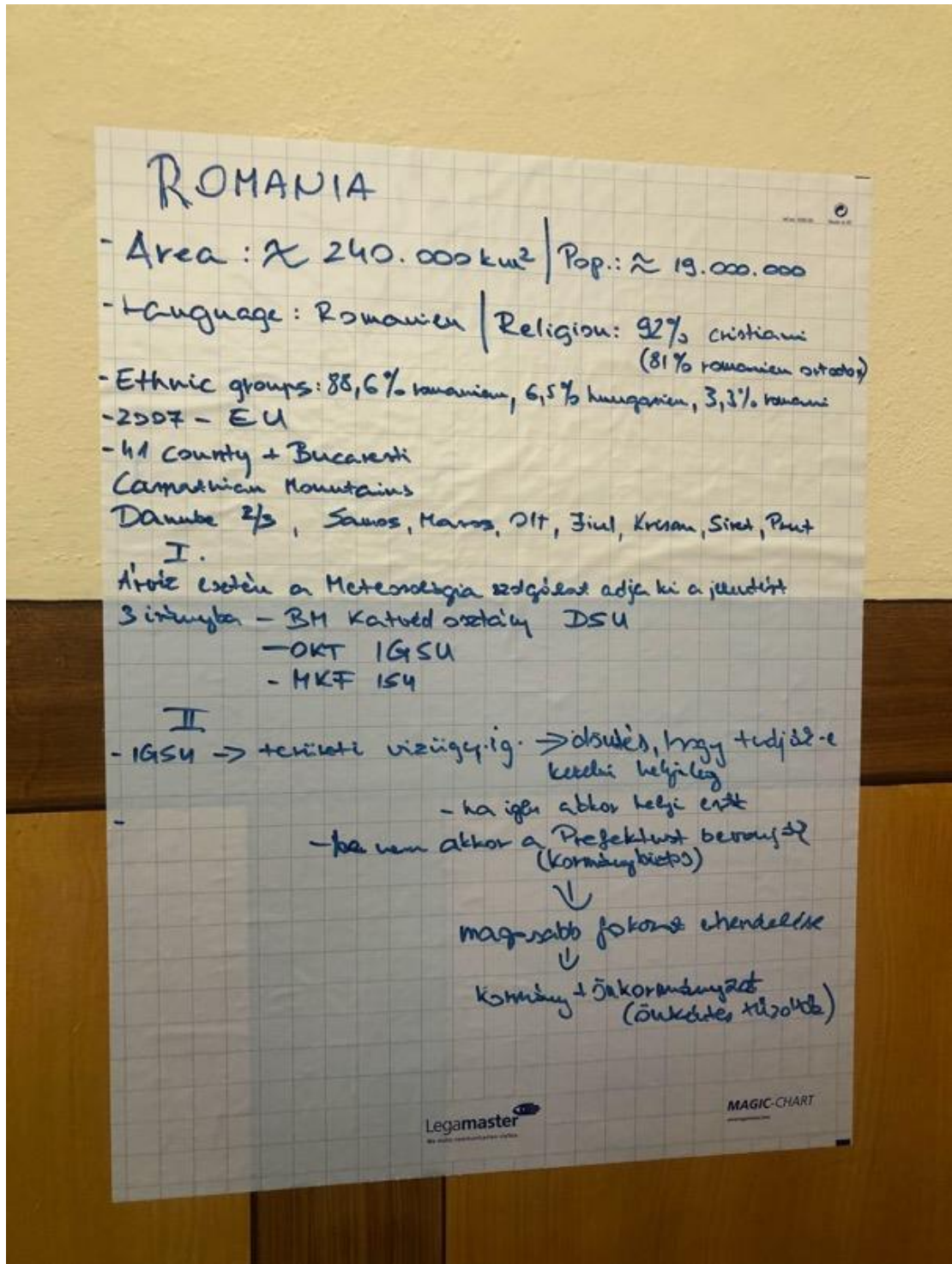
- they have to gather various information about the countries: basic knowledge on the region, languages, religions, currency, driving, government, risks of the flooding area, affected people, health/hygiene, communication, common site, possible problems in the countries, the river area in the country, experience in the area before, who's locally responsible, organisations that are involved in crisis
- Slovakia:





- LEMA – taking responsibility in local management – coordination on district level (not national level), everything goes through ERCC SK, when they ask for international help it goes through ERCC SK as well – crisis management department

- Romania:



- a committee (usually the minister can change their decisions) decides if they can resolve the problems on a local level, then district, then national, then region and then international level

- Hungary:

**HUNGARY** currency: HUF

Time zone: GMT +1 (+2) CET (CEST)  
 Population: approx. 9,7 million

19 counties → 7 regions

Ethnicity:

hungarian	98,3%
romani	3,2%
german	1,8%
not declared	1%

Religion: christian, non-religious  
 jewish, muslims, buddhists

Languages: hungarian, english, german

Ministry of Interior

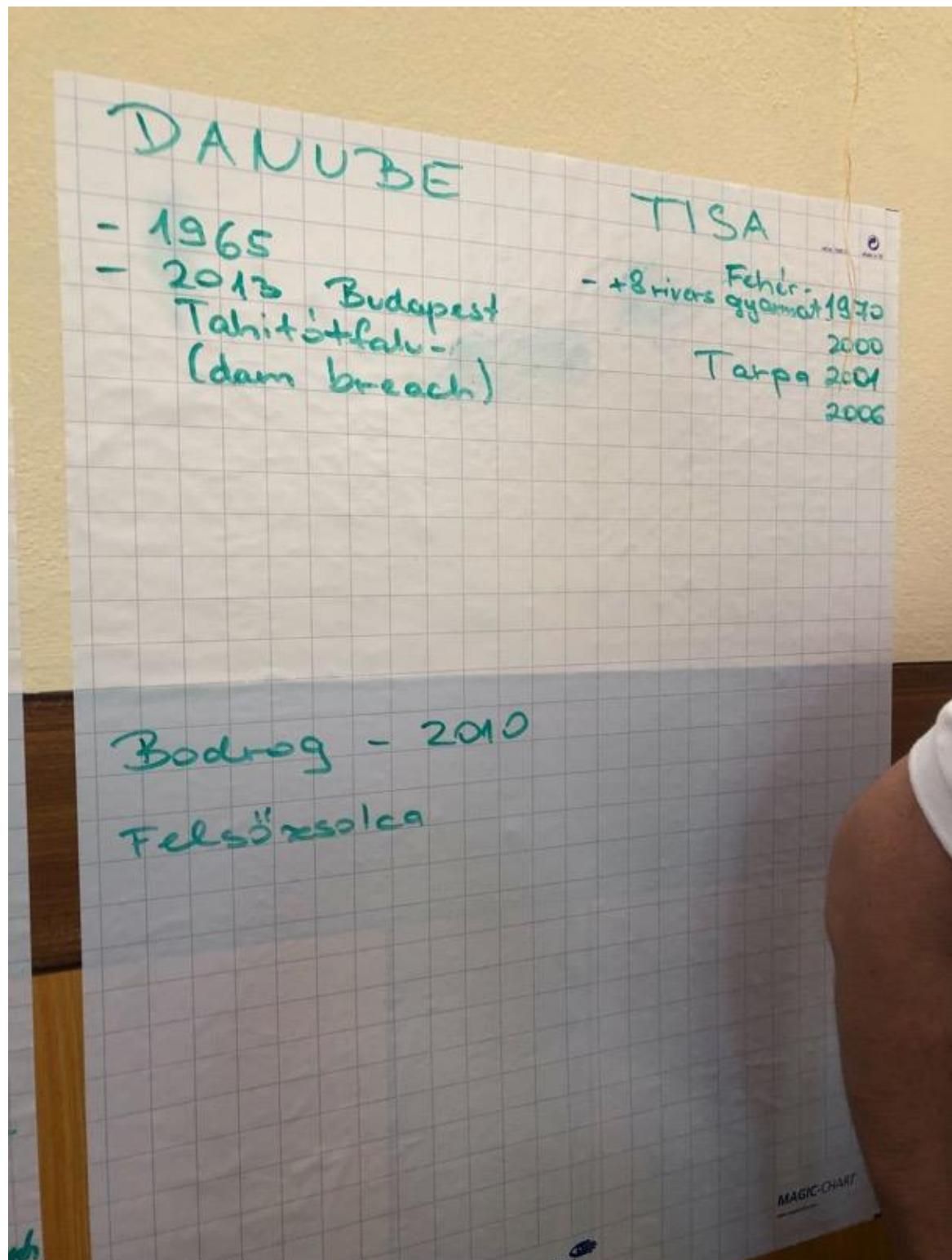
- National DM Directorate →
- National CP Directorate →
- County DM Directorates / CP Directorates →
- County Defence Committees
- Local Defence Committee
- District / county rescue org. volunteer

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Humanitarian organisations  
 Caritative Council - gov.  
 (Malteser, RC, Baptist Aid, Reform Church  
 Caritas, Hungarian Interchurch Aid)

Bilateral / multilateral agreements

Legamaster by state commercial status      MAGIC-CHART www.magic-chart.com



- county defence committee, governmental office is the leader, national societies can communicate and send help without the governments permission, but you have to inform them

## What can your organization/country offer?

- flooding: a new situation occurs, everyone has to come up with ideas about how to resolve it with their own organisation (in just a few seconds thinking time)
  - o the teams have to write informations about their teams down on a board (country, teammate, type, number of members, other info
  - o next step for the national teams

COUNTRY	TEAM NAME	TYPE	NO. OF MEMBERS	OTHER INFO
HUNGARY	HCSOM	HUMANITARIAN AID PSS	~ 40	MOBILE KITCHEN TRANSLATOR SHELTER FIRST AID TEA SERVICE
ROATIA	FPB-01	WATER RESCUE USING BOATS (EG. MOTOR)	11	- WATER RESCUE - BRACK AND BITUM - BRACK - BRACK - BRACK
SLOVENIA	SICP_HCP	EU HCP MODEL	21 pers. + 9 vehicles	20,000 L/water NEED: RPL/dive/boat SUPPORT: 7 days
HUNGARY	SONAR	WATER RESCUE DIVERS	~ 20	DIVERS BOATS QUAD
ROMANIA	MULTISALVA	RESCUE DIVER ALPINE RESCUE CAVE RESCUE	12	QUAD BOARD BOATS PARAGLIDER

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SLOVAKIA	ASSR	FMU+ETC (NS) (RU)	~ 20	MED+PSC+REG ICH
Hungary	H-HERO	EMT-type1 WHQ/IFRC	~ 30	field hospital PSS
Bulgaria	Plovdiv 112	DIVERS CAVE RESCUE ROPE RESCUE WATER RESCUE	12	DRONE ALPHABEDS VEHICLES
Romania	HCVFA	Fire fighting	16	DRONE POWER GENERATOR PUMP



- role-play: the Disaster Committee from Hungary: at the moment the local resources are relocated, local fires emerged and there are floods as well, international assistance is already coming, county level management are the decision makers at Komárom-Esztergom county, the volunteer firefighters are required, Hungary actually needs assistance, and they accept any kind of support, at the moment there are negotiations, EU Civil Protection Mechanism is working as well, Brussel is in contact with this whole thing, we are waiting for the responses to the list about what HU needs
  - o offers starting to come in
  - o IRCC responds(EU Civil Protection Mechanism has been activated), they got the call, that HU needs help, and it is on the platform where the organisations internationally can access it, they clarify what HU needs and the negotiations are still on the table, they need more medical support, but HU already started to communicate in their region, so we only send a minimum 3 person team, and hope they can gather informations and find out what they need, floods didn't only happened in HU, but only they asked for help, we need factsheets, all potential assistance have to prepare the factsheets for the EU – HU gets a list of the help IRCC could gather and can provide, HU chooses which help they will need, and the rest will get cancelled
  - o a capacity can be provided not formally, between organisation for example by a border, it can be locally arranged and then they can do the paperwork
  - o it's an exercise to be the fastest as we can to respond
  - o everyone has to write a factsheet and update it from time to time, so the country who needs help can look at every information they have to know about a modul/organisation before they choose who to ask help from (basically it helps with the planning)

## Plan your mobilization

- role-play: (Szalki-sziget (Dunaújváros) - location to plan the deployment) HU needs support from international organisations, decisions have been made: two type of support assistance is needed: UCPM modules and any kind of help, and by Ministerial agreements, central of coordination: Budapest, as fast as you can with as much capacity as you can come and help, all kinds of informations will be provided
  - o HU accepted help from Slovakia (high capacity pumping) and Bulgaria (diving), they are coming to Szalki-sziget
  - o coordination and support for the units coming will be provided, collecting the requests of the units coming, host nation will do anything to provide the needs, HU will inform the coming units in time, every organisation has to plan all their requests for the ride to the country (in a list form- mobilization phase – every little detail is needed, like number of vehicles, water crossing, equipment, number of people, time of arrival)
  - o Croatia: car comes from the Ministry and from the directorate of Civil Protection, they can get ready and travel to Zagreb in 8 hours, then 4-5 hours to HU, border-crossing, needing escort, they are coming through Nagykanizsa, colorlights are in the vehicles but they can use it only for escort outside Croatia, they have drones that HU can use too
  - o Slovakia: request from the Minister of Interior, team composition – meetings with the team, putting the team to stand by position, 12 hours to get ready and then 4 hours to HU, need: maps, telephone numbers, they make a plan of action – what are the risks
  - o Hungary (Szeged): 5 hours to depart, 2 hours to get to HU,
  - o Bulgaria: 12 hours to prepare and 12 to come to HU, escort will be needed, special equipment: drones – needs to ask for permission,

- Slovenia: maximum 12 hours to prepare, they can operate 2 hours after arrival, they need translators, maps, they will need escorts, they use cell phones, or radio to communicate,
- SONAR: 4 cars, boat, 3 trailer, raft, self-sufficient accommodation, 3 teams together, 10-12 vehicles, they also need escorting, 5-6 hours to Szalki-sziget, diver rescue stuff
- Multisalva: they will need escort, trailers, boat, they have to get permission to use the drone
- Hargita: SONAR and Multisalva collect them and they come together
- HU Málta: sending out a scout team (2-3 persons), they collect infos on assessments, 3 hours to go to Szalki-sziget, meeting at Logistics centre in Budapest, 1 truck, 2 smaller vans, 8 cars, mobile kitchen, no need for support, they can provide food up to a 100 ppl

## Arrival and initial briefing, planning for joint BoO

- Szalki-sziget access point: first official meeting, we have location for the international teams, we are expecting you to be in the operation for 2 days, field coordinator takes over: she's responsible for the area, she will give the updates and results, she is giving orientation with a map, where the teams can make camp (at the camping), there are showers and toilets available, we can extend the place for the basic operations if needed (**HOST NATION SUPPORT** is the most important right now)
  - o there was a huge flooding, lot of missing people, accidents did happen, parked cars are under water, boats sank, water rescue is really needed, evacuation needed for some of the area for habitants (we don't know the exact number of people), might not be only for people, but animals, we have a harbour, where are also boats, and industrial boats, but we don't know exactly about the accidents there, a kayak-canoe club went to help without permission, and went missing, so we have to find them too, aerial reconnaissance is needed too, Hungarian Red Cross is also help, it requires humanitarian assistance, providing: food, hot tea, medical support, social support, neighbours help first – initiative, the HRC SK is coming too, we have to integrate the other humanitarian organisations, because everyone works in another way, a lot of volunteers are coming but don't know the system, health system needs help too, mobile healthcare needs to be set up, but we also need more support from other charity organisations
  - o What we will do now? we can start planning the operation, after arrival, August 31. evening – building up the base of operation or September 1. but then you have to build it fast and do the exercises as well, we have to discuss how each team will start the coordination, how will you communicate – permissions to use the frequencies, radios, planning for logistics – transport, at the spot there are not many distances, but still you have to think about it, fuel – how much, what kind, self-sufficiency, base of operation needs to be planned, how exactly will we put down the tents, etc, safety and security: contract with the Civil Guard – they arrived at August 31, and already planning on getting in contact with EU modules after they survey the terrain
- conclusion: we have electricity, water, shower, toilet, security – SONAR has it's own guard, contact list have been shared, Slovakia will come Aug 31., HERO needs 1 hour to prepare the camp and transport capacity is needed, Slovenia needs 2 hours, Bulgaria can operate immediately after setting up the camp, Multisalva and SONAR can prepare in 2-3 hours – or they can switch up and some people can go immediately to the exercise, Málta HU needs 4 hours, but after 1 hour they can be deployed after 1 hour, too many medical capacities, everyone discussed who will provide it than – transport capacity issues, but Slovakia don't have PSS, Málta can help, then they also needed a translator, they took care of it too, Málta can only provide 1 big lunch or dinner during the whole exercise, so the host nation has to take care of that, waste management? – have to come up with ideas, communication – phones are an option, email too, Slovenia can reprogram their radios if the frequency is

