

IRONORE International Civil Protection Online Seminar

Red Cross and Civil Protection collaboration

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Red Cross auxiliary role

- Red Cross mandate, Red Cross law
- Disaster risk management roles
 - Disaster response
 - Disaster preparedness
 - Disaster risk reduction
 - Climate change (adaptation)
- Changes in the role – Migration, COVID-19



STRATEGY
2030

Right time
place
capacity
skills
focus

**People anticipate,
respond to, and
quickly recover
from crises.**

Civil protection collaboration

- Focus on response preparedness
- Risk management:
 - Risk assessment; attention to most vulnerable or most at-risk people/areas
 - Assessment of risk management capability
 - Disaster risk management planning
- Exercises, trainings, networks
- IFRC-ERCC Administrative Arrangement and SOP

Operational collaboration between IFRC and Emergency Response Coordination Centre

Enhanced operational cooperation and coordination

Administrative Arrangement (May 2019)

Standard Operating Procedures (March 2020)

Ongoing:

- Information sharing on emergency response capacities
- Daily situational awareness
- Regular dialogue
- Training (Red Cross quota)

Operation specific – ensuring EU is informed about the Red Cross Red Crescent response:

- Early warning, pre-deployment, deployments
- Evaluations, lessons learnt

Exercises to test the SOP

IFRC GO Platform <https://go.ifrc.org/>

COVID-19 response:

- 22 updates to ECHO/ERCC (since 27 Jan)
- 2 operational info sharing meetings

Potential for increased collaboration

- Strengthening UCPM; Cross-border
- Public awareness
- Early warnings, anticipatory action
- DRR, CCA
- Greening
- Legal preparedness, Host Nation Support

Should the focus be shifted? ... and what it would mean for the civil protection actors?

1. Beyond reactive asset-centred preparedness

- to more anticipatory and early action and building resilience

2. To local level and ensuring locally led risk reduction and response capacities

- Moving from external short-term interventions to empowering people to take action, especially on climate risks and necessary adaptive actions in Europe

3. To more effective partnerships to be better fit for the future

- to comprehensive joint and systems approach rather than silos of different authorities/communities (civil protection, public health, climate change, security...)
- to be ready for a combined crisis of e.g. a major natural hazard, CBRN accident, disruption of critical infrastructure, happening simultaneously