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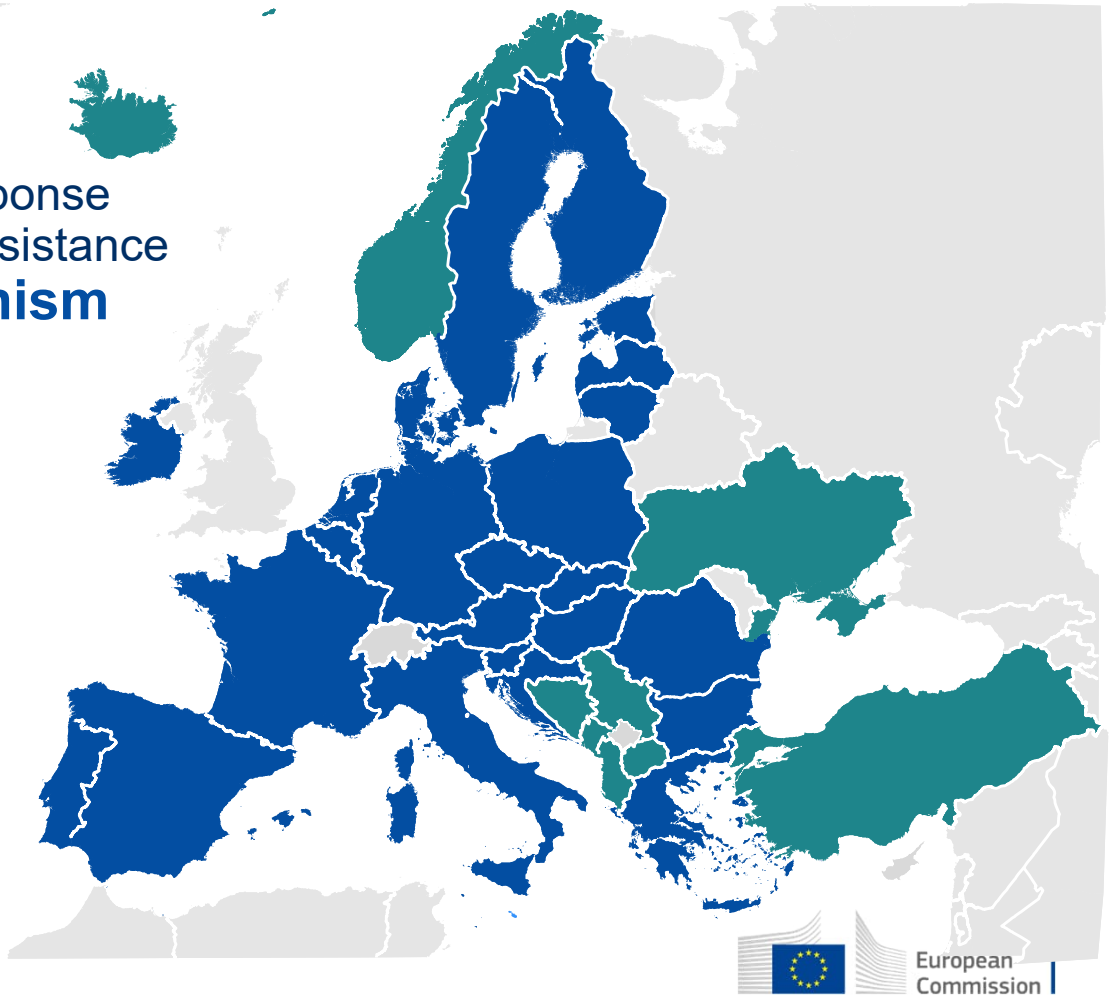
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EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

When an emergency overwhelms national response capacities, the affected country can request assistance through the **EU Civil Protection Mechanism**

- **27 EU Member States**
- **10 Participating States:**





Do you know how the EU Civil Protection Mechanism works?



A disaster happens inside or outside the EU

The affected country requests assistance through the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)



EU Civil Protection Mechanism activated!

Member states and Participating States offer assistance, such as personnel and equipment





The ERCC coordinates the deployment and delivery of assistance



The ERCC may deploy a team of EU Civil Protection experts

Assistance is delivered!
The experts return



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Since its creation in 2001 to November 2025,

the EU Civil Protection Mechanism

has been activated for over **836 emergencies**



UCPM Emergencies and Ukraine Request for Assistance 2002-2025

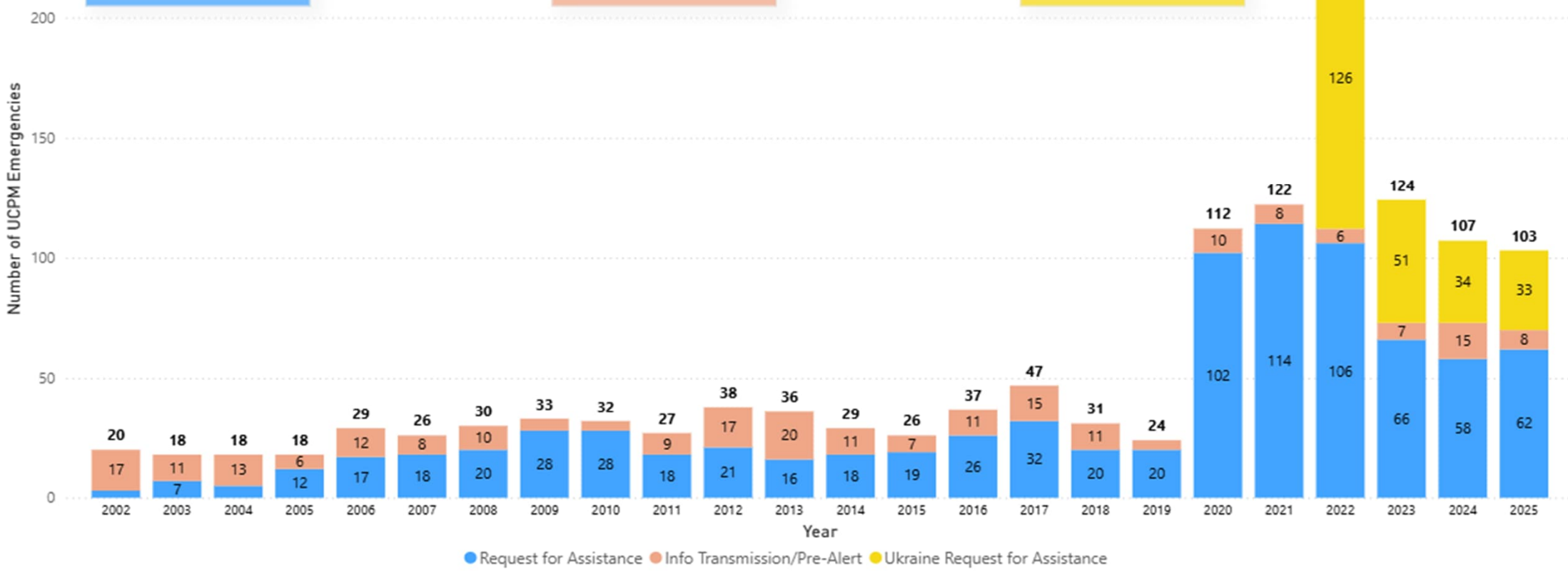
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2002 2025

836
Total RFA

245
Total IT/Pre-Alert

244
Total Ukraine RFA



The UCPM (response) framework

NATIONAL



NATIONAL CAPABILITIES

First response

Key role of the national Civil Protection

MUTUAL



MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

Ad hoc offers from other Member or Participating states.

POOL



EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION POOL

Pre-committed Assets
(2013)

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Safety net
(2019)

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What is rescEU?

- **UCPM's own reserves and capabilities fully funded** by the EU
- **Clear capacity gap**
- **Last-resort mechanism** or **safety-net principle**
- Nationally-owned capacities but **with EU obligations**
- Minimum quality requirements **defined** via EU **implementing acts**
- Adequate **geographical distribution**
- **ERCC deployment decision**
- **Available for UCPM response operations,** including in **PS**
- Possible for national purposes (**two-hats regime**)
- Deployment outside the EU is **conditional**



rescEU capabilities



Aerial forest firefighting



rescEU 'proper'



rescEU 'transition'



Medical



CBRN



Shelter



Medical and CBRN stockpiling





Transport & Logistics



EMT-2s



CBRN Decontamination



Energy



MEDEVAC

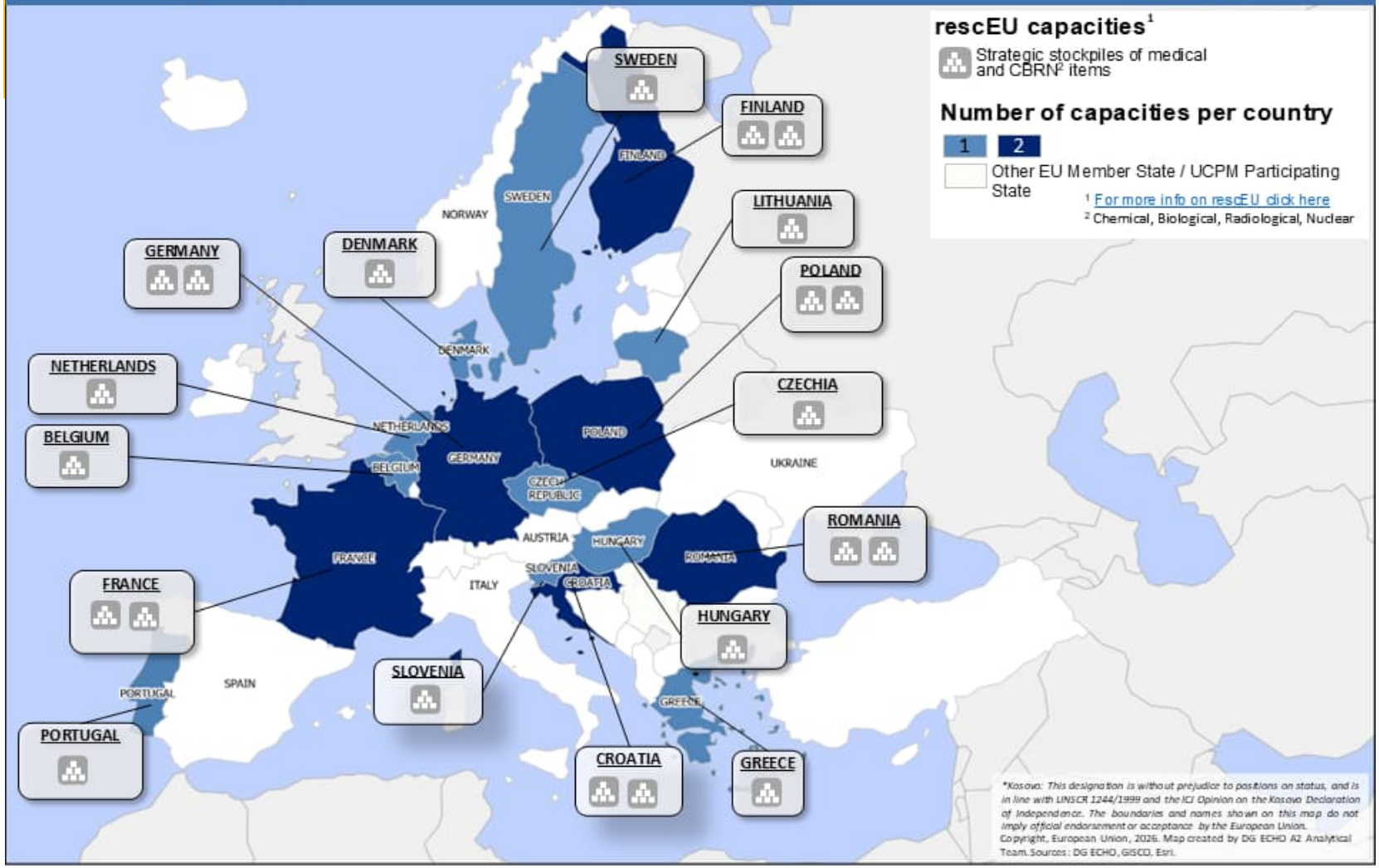


CBRN DSIM

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Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) | 24/02/2026

rescEU strategic stockpiles of medical and CBRN items in 2026



rescEU stockpiles composition



Medicines

e.g. intensive care drugs (sedatives, analgesics, vasopressors), antibiotics, antivirals, vaccines, antitoxins, antidotes, IV fluids and electrolytes.

Medical devices

e.g. ventilators, monitors, infusion pumps, ultrasound, blood gas analysers, defibrillators, portable diagnostic tools

PPE

e.g. FFP2/FFP3 masks, respirators, protective suits, gloves, goggles, face shields, aprons, shoe covers, decontamination items

CBRN equipment

e.g. Dosimeters, rapid test B, radiations monitors, radiation surveillance backpack, R-N detection and sampling, CBRN body bags, CBRN isolation units for transport, CBRN containers, CBRN decontamination spray and units, CBRN decontamination products

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Structure

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rescEU EMT Composition

- 3 EMT 2
- 1 **Mother & childcare**
- 1 **Burn** rapid team
- 2 **ICU** (truck)
- 1 **ICU** (pallet)
- 1 **Public health**
- 1 **Rehabilitation** service
- 1 **Psychosocial** Support
- 1 Complex **orthopaedic**
- 1 Ground **MedEvac**
- 1 **Telecommunication**
- 3 **oxygen** supply
- 2 **Laboratory** specialized cell
- 1 Portable **CT scan**
- 1 **Dialysis**

Ordinary beds
n= **37**

Monitored beds
n= **53**

Intensive C. beds
n= **21**

Surgery theatres: n=**7**

Dialysis beds
n= **4**

Total:
115 Beds

Coordinators
n= **81**

Medical (Dr/Nr/Tc)
n=**354**

Pharmacist
n=**13**

Paramedics
n=**24**

Technical / others
n= 140+ 179=319

Total:
App. 800 professionals

Surface: almost 7000 m2

Focus on

Medical Evacuation

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MedEvac
rescEU Norwegian Jet Ambulance



Capacity

Fixed-wing ICU aircraft, readiness ≤24h

2 supine critical patients + 1 relative

ICU layout for advanced intensive care

Team

CU anaesthesiologist, nurse, paramedic

Equipment

ICU set: ventilators, monitors, pumps, ultrasound, blood gas analyser, ECMO

Patients

Critical cases, burn patients, HID isolation, CBRN

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Disposable
Pressure Infuser
HAMILTON-T1


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MedEvac
rescEU Polish transport capacity (MedEvac)



Capacity

Multipurpose aircraft
Fixed-wing (Embraer 195)
Readiness ≤24h
Range ~3 000 Km
Up to 112 pax, 16 non-intensive care and 6 intensive care patients (based on configuration)

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UCPM Medevac Support

- Coordination
- Transport
- Specialized expertise (including on Burns Injuries)

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Medevac Capacities

- **rescEU**: NOJAHIP: Air Ambulance for CBRNe + burns patients
- **ECPP**: SK Euracare flight and shelter. Not a medevac capacity, but has performed Medevac missions for WHO/Gaza RfA
- **Spontaneous offers** MS/PS
- Burns Assessment Teams





Mass medical Evacuation

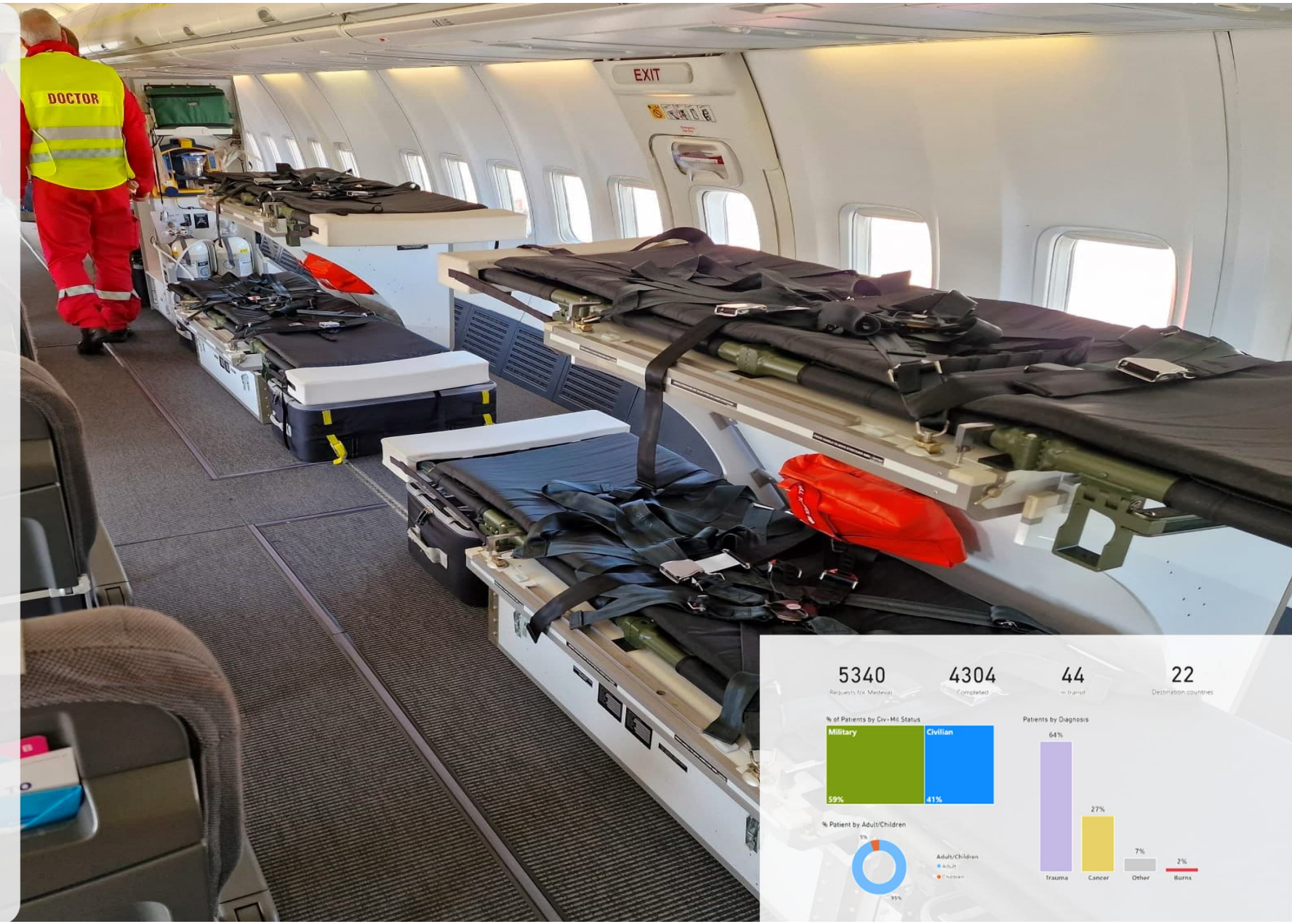
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ERCC coordination
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Recent / ongoing UCPM medevac operations



Ukraine (2022 - ongoing)



Gaza (2024 – ongoing)

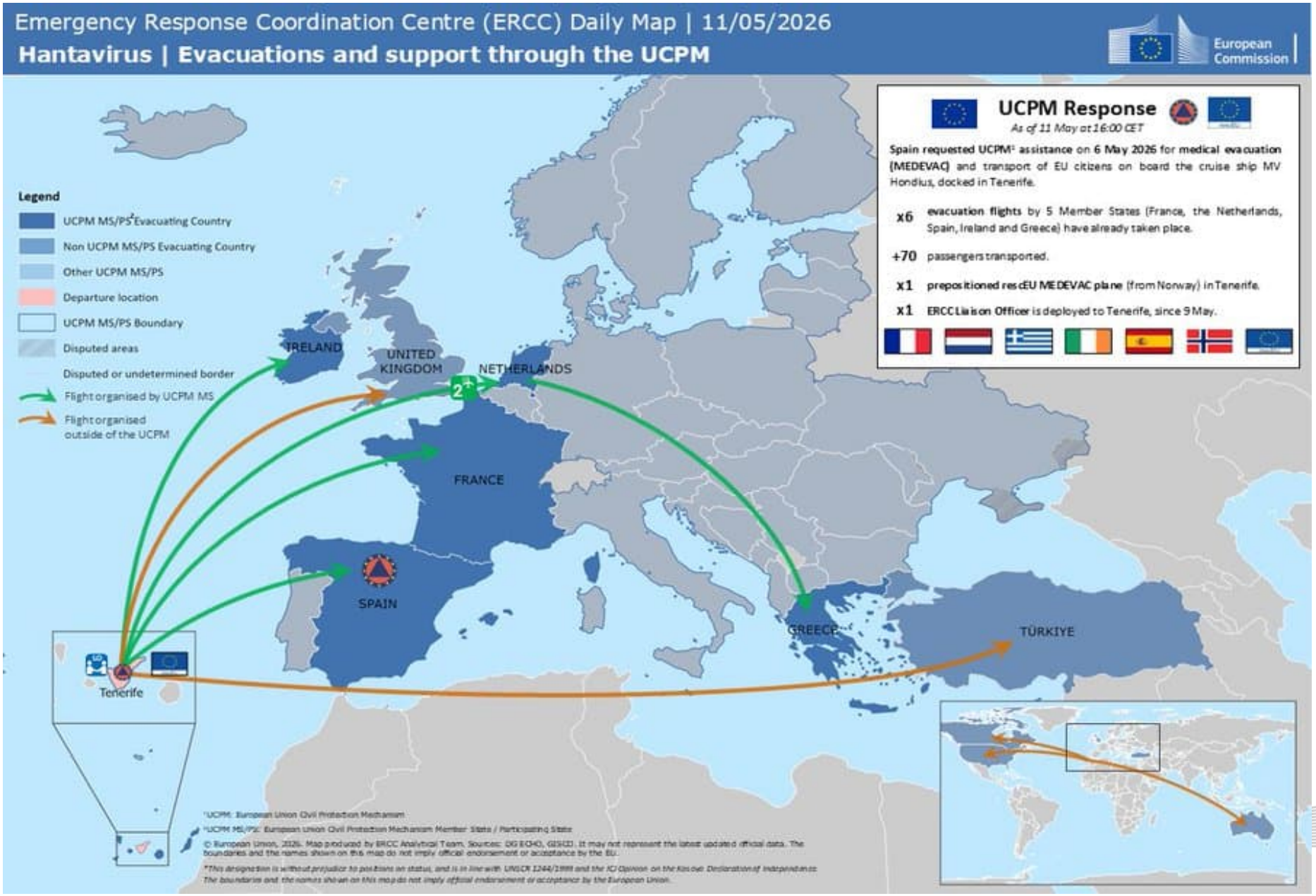


Switzerland – Fire in Nightclub (2026)





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Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) Daily Map | 11/05/2026
Hantavirus | Evacuations and support through the UCPM
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UCPM Response
As of 11 May at 16:00 CET
Spain requested UCPM[1] assistance on 6 May 2026 for medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) and transport of EU citizens on board the cruise ship MV Hondius, docked in Tenerife.
x6 evacuation flights by 5 Member States (France, the Netherlands, Spain, Ireland and Greece) have already taken place.
+70 passengers transported.
x1 prepositioned rescEU MEDEVAC plane (from Norway) in Tenerife.
x1 ERCC Liaison Officer is deployed to Tenerife, since 9 May.
Legend
UCPM MS/PS[2] Evacuating Country
Non UCPM MS/PS Evacuating Country
Other UCPM MS/PS
Departure location
UCPM MS/PS Boundary
Disputed areas
Disputed or undetermined border
Flight organised by UCPM MS
Flight organised outside of the UCPM
IRELAND
UNITED KINGDOM
NETHERLANDS
2+
FRANCE
SPAIN
GREECE
TÜRKIYE
Tenerife
[1]UCPM: European Union Civil Protection Mechanism
[2]UCPM MS/PS: European Union Civil Protection Mechanism Member States / Participating States
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