

EU EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS in civil protection

EU exchange of experts system is designed to complement a training programme tailored to the needs of civil protection interventions within the framework of the Community Mechanism for civil protection.

It is open to partners of the European Union civil protection mechanism including the candidate country Croatia and the European Economic Area (Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland).

The Community Mechanism consists of a series of elements and actions, which aim at facilitating both adequate preparedness and effective response at Community level. Read more about the **Community Mechanism** for civil protection.

The last EU exchange of experts was set up in 2003 and run by ISPU (Institut Supérieur de Planification d'Urgence), Belgium, under the name "EUCIVEX" until the end of 2006.

In December 2006 the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), Germany, was appointed by the European Commission as coordinator of the EU exchange of experts. Since then, THW has been responsible for its promotion as well as for its administrative and financial management. Read more about **THW**.

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