

Slovenian System of Protection against Natural and other Disasters

Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia
Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief





Facts about Slovenia

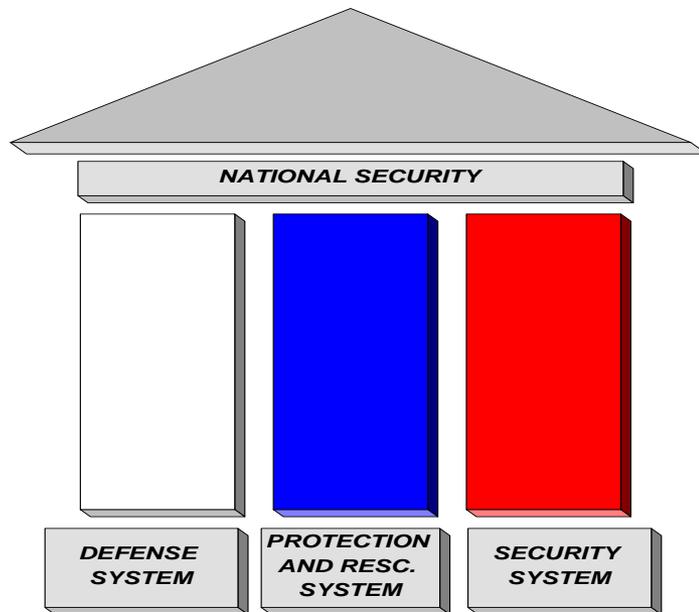


- Area: 20,273 km²
- Population: 2 mio
- Official Language: Slovene
- Capital: Ljubljana



NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE RS

The Resolution on the National Security Strategy of the Republic of Slovenia (2001, 2010) - three pillars:

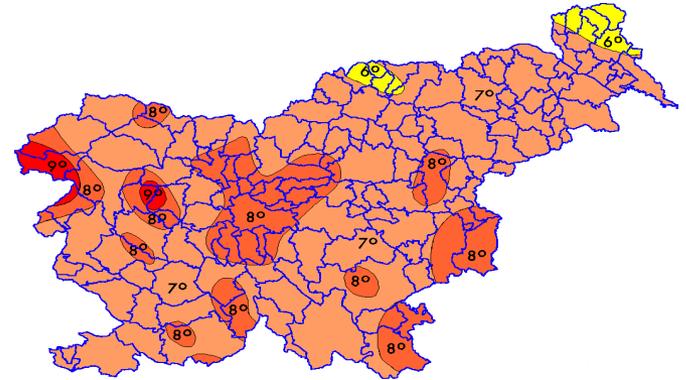


- defense system
- internal security system
- system of protection against natural and other disasters (all rescue units and services are merged into an organizationally and functionally unified system, humanitarian principles, non-military)



DISASTER RISKS PROFILE - SLOVENIA

- earthquakes
- floods
- fires
- landslides, avalanches
- sleet, frost
- road, railway and aircraft accidents
- industrial and other accidents involving hazardous material
- large-scale outbreaks of contagious diseases in people,
- massive outbreaks of highly dangerous animal diseases,
- recently: weather related disasters (hail, storms, strong wind)

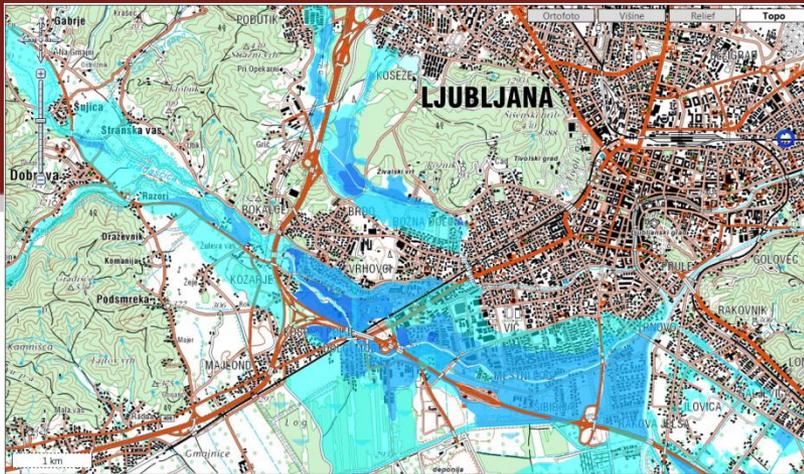


Earthquake zones in Slovenia



Ljubljana earthquake, 1895





Floods in Ljubljana , Sept. 2010



Floods (Franja), Sept. 2007



Landslide (Slano Blato)



Forest fires Karst area, 2003, 2006



FLOODS 2014, Slovenia



Floods in Slovenia – Ljubljana, 2014



RESPONSIBILITIES

The system is based on the obligation of:

- **Municipalities (Mayors)**
- **The State (Slovenian Government –Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief - ACPDR)**
- **Commercial companies, institutions and other organizations (Directors)**
- **Citizens**



ACPDR ORGANISATION

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Notification
Centre of RS

Regional
Offices (13)

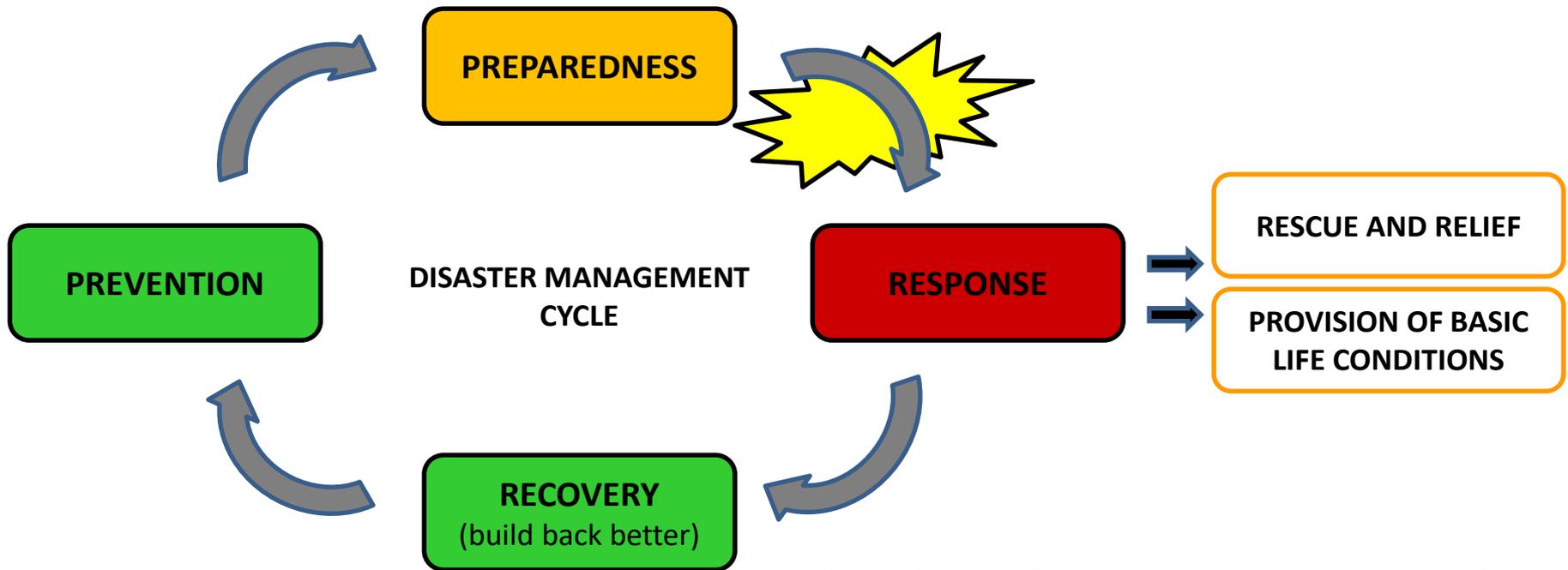
- 13 Regional Notification Centres
- 13 Logistical Centres



PROTECTION AGAINST NATURAL AND OTHER DISASTERS

MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE SYSTEM

The system is intended to protect people, animals, cultural heritage and the environment from natural and other disasters.



TASKS OF THE ACPDR

PREVENTION and PREPAREDNESS:

- **disaster risk assessment** – ACPDR coordination role
- **tasks in the field of protection against fire, drowning**
- **national disaster response plans** – ACPDR coordination role
- organizing and implementing an autonomous **system of monitoring, notification and warning**
- **providing education and training** for protection and rescue units and services, as well as for the population
- **organizing and equipping** the national protection and rescue **units and services**
- **maintaining the national reserves** of material assets for protection, rescue and relief purposes



TASKS OF THE ACPDR

RESPONSE:

- **assisting local communities** in emergency response
- coordinating response **to major disasters**
- providing support to the Civil Protection commander of the Republic of Slovenia and his/her staff during major emergencies
- providing basic conditions for life

RECOVERY:

- assessing the damage caused by disasters

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- responsible for coordinating and implementing international cooperation of the Republic of Slovenia in the field of disaster management
- providing and coordinating rescue assistance in the event of major disasters abroad



SINGLE EUROPEAN EMERGENCY CALL NUMBER 112

Single Emergency Number 112:

- Introduced in 1997
- 24 hours a day, 13 Regional Notification Centres
- eCall introduced on 1st December 2015
- Regional Notification Centers activate all protection rescue and relief services
- 600.000 calls per year – 600- 700 calls daily
- Several applications related to emergency number 112
- From landline or mobile phones (also SMS), free of charge



PROTECTION, RESCUE AND RELIEF UNITS AND SERVICES

- **Local, National/Regional**
- **Voluntary, Professional (Fire Brigades), Civil Protection**

60.000 members of protection and rescue services and units:

- approx. 45.000 volunteers
- approx. 2.800 professional firefighters and emergency medical technicians
- approx. 15.000 members of Civil Protection
(intention: 3.000-5.000)



PROFESSIONAL

- Slovenian Professional Fire-fighters (in municipal fire brigades and in companies)
- Emergency Medical Service (Ministry of Health)
- Service for Protection and Rescue in a Case of **Ecological and Other Disasters at Sea**
- **Forensic Unit** of the Forensic Institute at the Medical Faculty
- **Ecological Laboratory with a Mobile Unit - ELME**
- **Mining rescue unite**
- **Mobile meteorological and hydrological unit**
- **National institute for biology**
- Various **other public services** (Institute for microbiology and immunology, Institute for microbiology and parasitology, etc.)



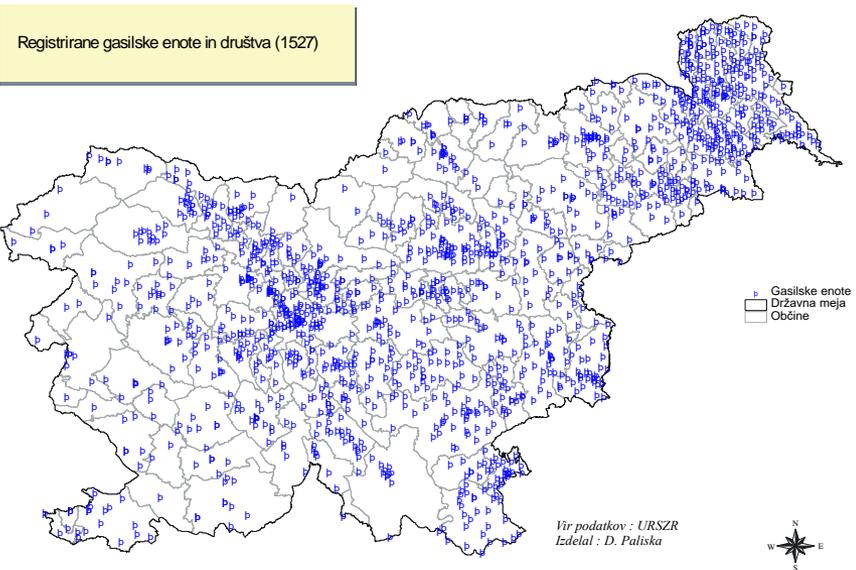
VOLUNTARY UNITS AND SERVICES

- Slovenian **Fire Fighting** Association
- Slovenian **Mountain Rescue** Association
- Slovenian **Cave Rescue** Service
- Slovenia Federation of **Divers**
- **Rescue Dog Handler** Service
- Slovenian **Scout Organization**
- Slovenian **Red Cross**
- etc.



VOLUNTARY FIRE-FIGHTERS

- Together in Slovenia 150.000 fire-fighters (45.000 operational)
- 1527 voluntary fire-stations
- Strong historical tradition (Austro-Hungarian Empire)
- Important social role
- Financing: municipality + ACPDR



CIVIL PROTECTION



Civil Protection commander and staff (responsibility to coordinate all protection, rescue and relief services) at all levels: National, Regional and Local

- **Rapid Response Unit**
- NBC Protection and Decontamination Units
- Technical Rescue Units
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit
- Support Services



COOPERATION WITH SLOVENIAN ARMY AND POLICE FORCES

When civilian forces and resources are insufficient to manage the situation also the Slovenian Armed Forces and Police Forces can assist in rescue and relief activities

- Airborne Unit
- NBC Protection Unit
- Engineers Unit of Slovenian army
- Airborne Police Unit
- Special Police unit



TRAINING CENTER FOR CIVIL PROTECTION AND DISASTER RELIEF

ACPRD provides trainings and education for rescue and relief services in the National Training Center for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief - 3 locations

- Preparation of educational programs approved by Minister of Defence: basic, advanced and refreshment training courses



INTERNATIONAL - BILATERAL COOPERATION

Bilateral agreements with neighboring countries:

Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Italy - Protocol with Friuli-Venezia Giulia

Bilateral Agreements with countries in the region:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovak Republic, Russian Federation

Agreement on Cooperation between national CP organisations:

Sweden and Germany

Annual cooperation programmes:

France, USA

Other countries according to the interest and capacities



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION - REGIONAL

- **South Eastern Europe - Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Initiative for South Eastern Europe – (DPPI SEE)**
- **Central European Cooperation Frameworks**
- **Alpine region – Alpine Convention**
- **Adriatic-Ionian region**
- **Danube region**



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

EUROPEAN UNION

- **Union Civil Protection Mechanism**
- Other policies (112, industrial accidents, marine pollution)

UNITED NATIONS

- Co-operation with UN-OCHA, INSARAG, UNDAC
- UN-ISDR: **Sendai framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**
- **UNEP: Convention on Trans-Boundary Effects of Industrial Accidents**

NATO

- Civil Emergency Planning, EADRCC



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- EU Civil Protection Mechanism



Involvement of ACPDR:

- **Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC):**
 - a national representative in the center from 2009 to 2012
 - Contact point in Slovenia: ACPDR - National Emergency Notification Centre
 - **Common Emergency and Information System (CECIS):**
 - System is installed in CORS (National Emergency Notification Center, ACPDR)
 - Database: MUSAR, Cave Search and Rescue, six experts
 - **Civil Protection Modules: Cave Search and Rescue - in the certification process**
 - **Union Mechanism Training Programme:** Slovenia participates in several Training Programmes and organizes together with partners different courses and exercises:
 - MBC and TEC Courses
 - Modules Table Top Exercises
- Slovenian Presidency to the Council of the EU in 2021**



RESCUE AND RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF SLOVENIA TO OTHER COUNTRIES

2014-2017

- **2014: Croatia** – floods; material assistance
- **2014: BiH, Croatia, Serbia** – floods; rescue units, helicopters, material assistance
- **2015: Ukraine** – internal conflict; material assistance
- **2015: Macedonia** – floods and avalanches; expert in rehabilitation of landslides
- **2015: Hungary** – migrant situation; material assistance
- **2016: Greece** – migrant situation; material assistance
- **2016: Macedonia** – floods; an expert assessment of the situation in the EU team
- **2016: Bosnia and Herzegovina** – assistance in finding missing Slovenian citizen
- **2016: Italy** – earthquake; an expert in the observation mission to assess the situation after the earthquake
- **2016: Albania** – floods; assessment expert in the EU team
- **2017: BIH** – searching for a missing person
- **2017: Albania** - floods; assessment expert in the EU team



Slovenian assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia during floods, May 2014





SLEET IN SLOVENIA – International assistance

- During the first week of February Slovenia **received offers from 14 countries** (Austria, Bulgaria, **The Czech Republic**, Germany, France, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Serbia, Kosovo and USA)
- Slovenia accepted and received assistance in the form of **172 generators from 11 countries** (Austria, **The Czech Republic**, Germany, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Serbia, and USA)
- Altogether **650 rescuers** from other countries participated within the emergency response (3-28 February 2014)























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MIGRANT SITUATION 2015-2016

Significant influx of refugees/migrants through Slovenia 2015-2016

- **First migration wave**: September 2015
3605 migrants entered Slovenia in one week (23 applied for asylum)
- **Second migration wave**: 16 October – 5 March 2016
more than 470.000 migrants (roughly 25% of the SI population)





MIGRANT SITUATION INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- **Request:**

EU Civil Protection Mechanism: 22 October request for items to manage the migration situation – equipment for reception and temporary accommodation centers (material means, technical equipment, protective means)

- **Response:**

- **12 countries through UCPM** (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Denmark, Hungary, France, Latvia, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom)
- **4 countries bilaterally:** France, Hungary, Switzerland, USA
- **International organisations/UN agencies:** UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, IFRC
- **NGOs:** Freunde der Erziehungskunst, Arbeiter Samariter Bund – ASB, Save the Children, Maltese Knight Order, Samaritan's Purse , NET HOPE



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