

EUMA Workshop

Cross-Border Disaster Assistance: Legal and Institutional Aspects

11-12 April 2024

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy

AGENDA

Concept

In the EU, the 2022 wildfire season witnessed a 250% increase in the average burnt area. Since the year 2000, the percentage of the global population exposed to flooding has risen by nearly a quarter. These figures highlight the rapid escalation of disaster risk, with scientific projections indicating a continued steady increase due to the impacts of climate change. Furthermore, massive and complex events, such as the COVID-19 pandemic or the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, are exerting additional pressure on our societies. Therefore, establishing a **legal and institutional framework for effective disaster prevention, preparedness, and response activities, including cross-border humanitarian assistance**, is increasingly necessary to manage disasters and other events that surpass national response capacities.

The first workshop organized as part of the EU KAPP project EUMA (Creating a European Higher Education Network for MAster's Programmes in Disaster Risk Management) network's education strategy will delve into these topics. This one-and-a-half-day, discussion-based workshop will explore the international legal framework dealing with disasters and conflicts, as well as institutional and operational aspects related to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and other international disaster management systems. The workshop, conducted in a hybrid format, will be open to roughly 25 participants, primarily targeting disaster management professionals, but also welcoming representatives from EUMA partner institutions. It aims to provide valuable input for the future phases of the project.

Day 1. 11 April (08.30-18.00) The International Legal Framework and Institutional Actors

Time	Activity
8.30 – 09.00	Registration of Participants
9.00 – 09.30	Welcome, Introduction, and Logistics Emanuele Sommario, Scuola S. Anna
09.30 – 10.00	Introduction of Participants and Expectations for the Workshop
10.00 – 11.00	International Disaster Law Emanuele Sommario, Scuola S. Anna
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	Complex Emergencies and the Role of International Humanitarian Law Emanuele Sommario, Scuola S. Anna
12.30 – 13.30	Discussion & Wrap-Up (Participants will be split into groups to discuss specific issues raised during the lectures. Spokespersons will report to the plenary and further discussion)

13.30 – 14.30	Light lunch
14.30 – 15.30	Typology of Civil Protection Organizations in European Countries Peter Billing, Bonn University
15.30 – 16.30	Evolution and Operational Practice of the UCPM Peter Billing, Bonn University
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee Break
17.00 – 18.00	Discussion & Wrap-Up
20.00	Social dinner at Ristorante La Clessidra

Day 2. 12 April (08.30-12.30) Cross-Cutting Issues

08.30 – 09.30	Other International Disaster Management Mechanisms (NATO EADRCC, UNDAC, etc.) and Interaction with Humanitarian Assistance Giovanni De Siervo, Italian Civil Protection Department
09.30 – 10.30	Civil-Military Cooperation Giovanni De Siervo, Italian Civil Protection Department
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Discussion & Wrap-Up
12.00 – 12.30	General Conclusion