



Acronym: EADRCC
Full Name: Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre
Website: www.nato.int/eadrcc
Established: 1998
Location: Brussels, Belgium

Areas of expertise: coordination of the response to natural or man-made disasters within the Euro-Atlantic area, information-sharing on disaster assistance, organization of seminars and annual large-scale field exercises.

Main Partners and collaborations: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA), NATO Military Authorities (NMAs).

Short Description:

The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre (EADRCC) was created in 1998 by the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC) as part of its policy on "Enhanced Practical Cooperation in the Field of International Disaster Relief". To achieve its functions, the EADRCC is designed as a regional coordination mechanism, which provides information to individual NATO and partner nations in the case of a disaster requiring international assistance.

The Centre is part of the International Staff's Operations Division located at NATO's Headquarters in Brussels.

Main activities:

The EADRCC's accomplish its activities in cooperation with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA).

One of the main tasks of the Center is the coordination of the response of NATO and partner countries to natural or man-made disasters within the Euro-Atlantic area. Since 11 September 2001, the EADRCC has been dealing with the consequences of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) incidents, including terrorist attacks. Also, the Centre also functions as an information-sharing tool for NATO and partner countries on disaster assistance. It organizes seminars and an annual large-scale field exercise with a realistic scenario for effective interaction. Recent exercises have included scenarios such as a terrorist attack using chemical agents.

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