

HNS: Glossary of Terms

Assisting State: Participating State offering and providing its modules/teams and/or other capacities, including in-kind assistance

Base of Operation (BoO): serves as the international response team's site for headquarters, communications hub, sleeping/resting/eating areas, equipment stock set-up and refuge from the elements while operational in a disaster affected country

ERCC: Emergency Response Coordination Centre in Brussels

EUCP Module: predefined operational elements like USAR (Urban Search and Rescue), EMT (Emergency Medical Team) or WP (water purification) teams. An EU module is built up and registered according to Commission Decision 2010/481/EU

EUCPT: European Union Civil Protection Team, to assist the requesting state and the European assistance.

EU Delegation (EUDEL): the EU is represented through the EU Delegations and Offices in many countries.

Host Nation: in the context of HNS the PS which by agreement:

- receives international intervention modules/teams deployed by other PS or other nations to cope with consequences of a disaster
- receives in-kind assistance and/or other equipment/material to cope with consequences of a disaster

Host nation recipient: host nation civil protection institutions and/or their staff who receives the incoming international teams or modules

In-kind assistance/donation: In-kind assistance/donations are those that are done in goods and services rather than money

LEMA: Local Emergency Management Authority (Agency)

LO: Liaison officer

MOU: Memorandum of Understanding

NGO: Non-governmental organisation

OSOCC (On-Site Operations Coordination Centre): serves as the entity for the coordination of the operational activities undertaken by international assistance teams responding to the emergency

Participating state (PS): State participating in the EU Civil Protection Mechanism

POA: Plan of Action

POC: Point of Contact

Reception Departure Centre (RDC): is established at points of entry into an affected country for international response with primary responsibility of facilitating the arrival and then later, the departure of international response teams

Requesting State: State affected by a major emergency and requesting assistance through the EU CP Mechanism

RFA: Request for Assistance

Sending Nation (SN): in the context of HNS the PS providing its modules/teams and/or other capacities, including in-kind assistance

TAST: Technical Assistance and Support Team

TOR: Terms of Reference

Transit Nation (TN): a State through which territory a sending nation transports its assistance

UCPM: Union Civil Protection Mechanism

VOSOCC: Virtual On-Site Operations Coordination Centre (UN)

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EU Mechanism and HOST NATION SUPPORT

Natural or man-made **disaster** inside or outside the EU



Affected country requests assistance from the Mechanism through the **Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)**

Once the affected country has **accepted the offers** ...

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



EU Civil Protection Mechanism activated



ERCC coordinates the deployment and delivery of assistance

ERCC may deploy a team of **EU Civil Protection experts**



End of the emergency response

Assistance delivered, experts return

HNS C

HNS A

HNS R



The HNS cell is organised in three main areas of activities:

HNS-R: registration and support at the entry point or RDC established by the affected country

HNS-A: assistance for teams during activities performed in the affected country

HNS-C: coordination of HNS at LEMA collecting and disseminating information coming from the international teams

Request for Assistance (RfA)

This is a formal request from the affected country to the ERCC or to the EU Delegation in the country. This specific request is disseminated to the EUCPM members, the members offer assistance.

Establishing Host Nation Support

In the affected country an **HNS** cell is established to support the international assistance like intervention teams and manage in-kind contributions. The **HNS** cell should be established by the LEMA as part of the overall Host Nation Support concept.

HNS Liaison officers

Trained HNS officers from the requesting state are in frequent contact with the EUCPT and the modules and teams from the EU assistance.

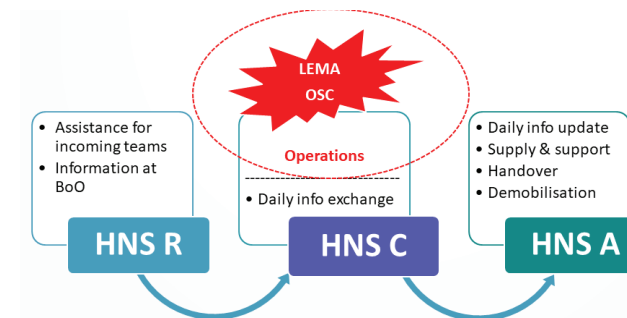
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TOR for Host Nation Support (HNS) CELL

The **HNS** cell represents the direct link between the Local Emergency Management Agency (LEMA) and the international teams for the duration of their mission in the country and is designed to:

- ensure the better use of the capabilities of the teams from their arrival,
- integrate teams' operations with the ongoing response effort,
- support the teams in all logistic needs including fuel, transport, food and accommodation,
- assist the teams in all contacts/relations with population and/or administrations;
- facilitate the liaison between the teams and local/national operational centres.



HNS cell has to be considered apart from the local incident/on-site commander and it is NOT responsible for:

- operational coordination of the team
- technical advise during the rescue/relief operations