



## FLOODS IN SERBIA and BiH

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### Facts & Figures

**19 Member States** offered assistance through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism so far

**2 EU Civil Protection teams** on the ground, assessing needs supporting national authorities

**Nearly 400 relief workers** from the Member States deployed through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism to Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina



### Key messages

The European Union is providing coordinated assistance through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism which has been activated upon the request of Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina due to the severe flooding in the two countries.

A total of 19 EU Member States offered assistance such as motor boats, helicopters and pumps and deployed nearly 400 relief workers to the two countries. Two EU Civil Protection teams have been sent to Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina to help with the coordination of relief efforts.

Bulgaria, Germany, Slovenia, Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Croatia, Slovakia, Denmark, Italy, Romania and Poland have offered rescue boats, high capacity pumps and operational teams to Serbia.

Austria, Slovenia, Luxembourg, the UK, Belgium, Germany, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Hungary, Romania and Poland responded to the request of Bosnia & Herzegovina for rescue and evacuation helicopters, motor boats, generators, sandbags, tents, blankets and humanitarian aid kits.

The European Commission is also providing satellite imagery of the flooded areas to the relevant authorities in the two countries and is co-financing the transportation costs of aid.

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## Situation and needs

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Due to continuous rainfall that started on 13 May 2014, extreme floods have hit Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina, affecting and displacing thousands of people. Over 45 people have been reported to die in the worst floods in the region in more than a century.

In Serbia, over 24 000 people have been evacuated so far from the affected areas. Over 26 000 households are without electricity. In Bosnia & Herzegovina the situation remains still complex due to numerous landslides, causing houses collapsing and road damages. Rescue teams are evacuating the population at risk. Many cities still have neither electricity nor running water and there is a shortage of bottled water, food, medication and blankets.

### Major needs

Serbia requested assistance in terms of high capacity water pumps and teams operating them, boats and rescue helicopters, while Bosnia & Herzegovina requested helicopters and motor boats to evacuate people and to transport water, medicines and food. In addition, Bosnia & Herzegovina requested pumps, generators, tents, humidity dryers, water purification sets, gas heaters for tents and sanitation items.

## The European Union's response

### EU assistance

On Friday, 15 May, in the evening, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism has been activated due to severe flooding that has affected Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. 19 Member States have so far offered assistance through the Mechanism.

Most of the assistance has arrived to the countries affected during the weekend of 17 and 18 May, the rest of it is underway. Offers for assistance by Member States keep coming in. The European Commission co-finances the assistance transportation costs. In addition, satellite imagery of the affected areas is being produced by the EC.

An EU Civil Protection Team has arrived in Serbia on Saturday, 17 May, and in Bosnia & Herzegovina on Sunday, 18 May, to assist the national authorities in their response to the wide scale flooding and to support the coordination of the incoming EU assistance. On 20 May, an EU humanitarian expert has been deployed to Serbia to support the assessment of humanitarian needs on the ground.

Nearly 400 relief workers from the Member States have been deployed through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism to the two countries, of which around 235 to Serbia and over 150 to Bosnia & Herzegovina.

The European Commission's Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) is in constant contact with both affected countries and with the participating states in the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, matching the incoming offers for assistance with needs on the ground.

**Assistance offered through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism to Serbia**

Country	In-kind-assistance offered
AT	1 high capacity pumping module 4 aluminium boats
BG	2 Fire Engines 1 Draining water Fire Engine 5 pumps with total volume 100 l/sec 6 pumps with total volume 200 l/sec 2 motor rescue boats
CZ	1 High capacity pump 2 trucks, 1 trailer, 1 fuel trailer, 2 4WDs, 1 trailer with boat
	1 Water Search and Rescue Team - FRB module *
	13 boats (7 inflatable, 3 aluminium, 3 rafts)
	1 High capacity water pumping module *
DE	1 High capacity water pumping module
	1 High capacity water pumping module *
	1 helicopter AS 332 L1 - "Super Puma" *
	16 Helicopters *
DK	2 high capacity pumping units
FR	1 water rescue detachment consists of 10 aluminium boats
HR	2 aluminium boats *
IT	5 medium capacity pumps *
PL	1 high capacity pumping module *
RO	1 high capacity pumping module *
SI	2 high capacity pumps modules
SK	1 high capacity pumps module *

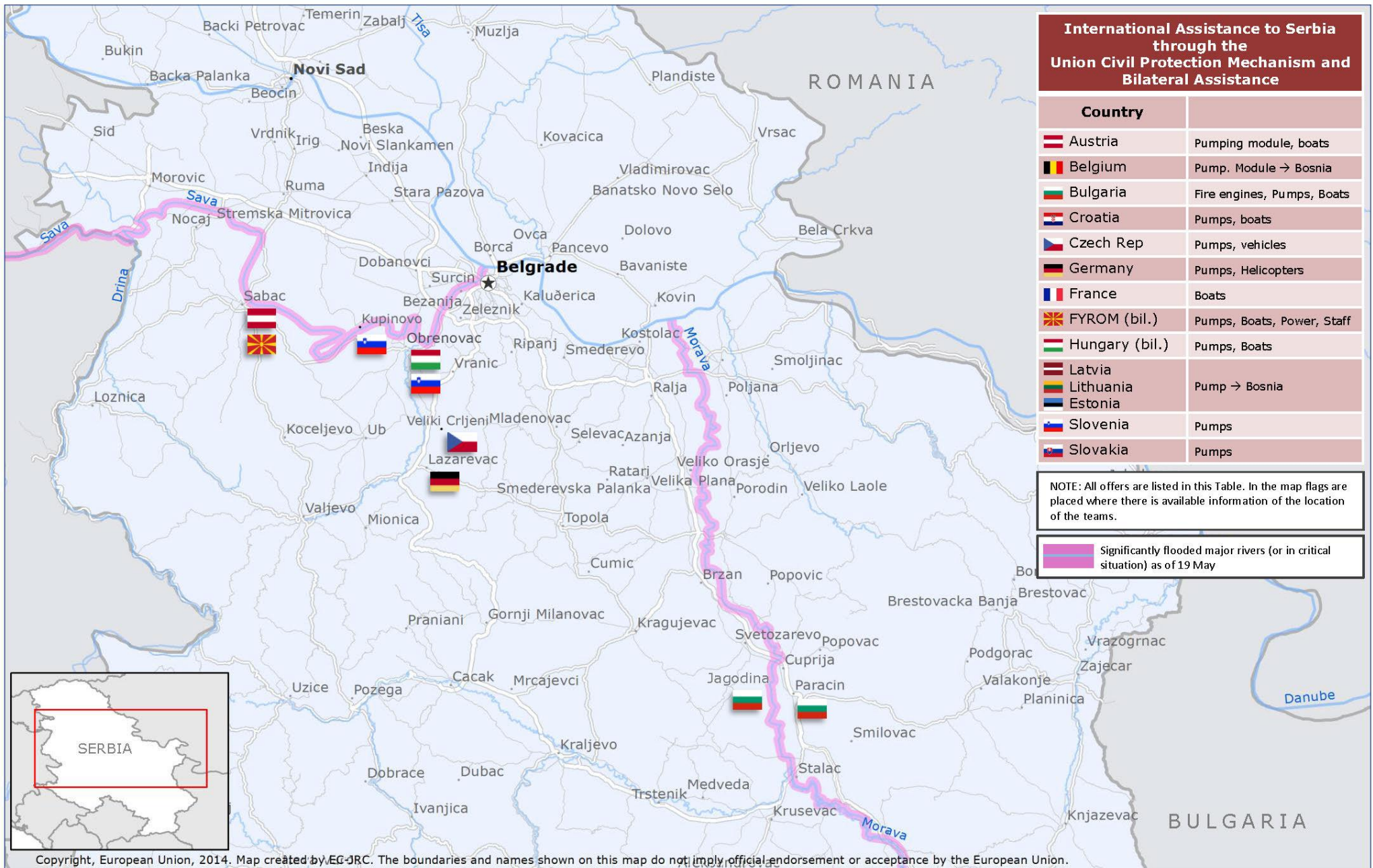
\*Offer pending/not accepted

**Assistance offered through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism to Bosnia & Herzegovina**

Country	In-kind-assistance offered
AT	8 motor boats incl. personnel
BE	- 1 Water purification system + team
	- 1 HCP Module
BG	- 200 blankets - 50 Tents (8 pax)
CZ	- 1120 Humanitarian aid kit
DE	1 HCP Module
	1 HCP Module
	1 helicopter AS 332 L1 - "Super Puma" *
	16 Helicopters *
HU	100 000 sandbags
LU	1 Flood rescue module (5 boats)
LV LT EE	1 high capacity pumping module "Baltic Flood Combat"
RO	1000 blankets, 2000 sheets, mineral water, sugar, canned food
PL	1 high capacity pumping module *
SI	- 1 military helicopter transport & rescue
	- 1 police helicopter AB-212 transport & rescue equipped for night activity
	- 1 Flood rescue module (4 boats)
SK	- 28 Power generators 5,5kW
	- 6 Sludge pumps
	- 1600 Raincoats
	- 60 Rubber boots
	- 10000 Sandbags
	- 28 Pallets
UK	- 4 boats
	- 2 kayaks



# 19 May 2014: Serbia – Floods – EU Assistance locations





# 19 May 2014: Bosnia and Herzegovina – Floods



International Assistance	
Country	
	Austria AT
	Belgium BE
	Bulgaria BG
	Croatia HR
	Czech Republic CZ
	Germany DE
	France FR
	FYRoM
	Hungary HU
	Luxembourg LU
	Latvia LV
	Lithuania LT
	Estonia EE
	Montenegro ME
	Romania RO
	Slovenia SI
	Slovakia SK
	Turkey TR
	United Kingdom GB

## SITUATION

- Following the heavy rains, flood waters have triggered more than 3 000 landslides in Bosnia-Herzegovina, which have buried houses and disturbed land mines laid during the war in the 1990s. Flood alerts are still in place in many areas of northern Bosnia
- The official death toll is 19, with authorities warning this number may increase.
- Assistance is being provided by Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, Turkey, Croatia, Montenegro, France, the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia and Romania.
- A UCP team has been deployed to Bosnia over the weekend to assist the authorities, facilitating the aid provided through the Civil Protection by the participating states.

Source: ECHO

	Affected Country
	Affected Areas (regions/cantons)
	Affected Municipalities (as of 15 May)
	Main roads
	Main rivers