

PACES: Preparedness for Appropriate Accommodation in Emergency Shelters

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Introduction

- Malta
 - Maltese Islands (Statistics 2013)
 - Malta (population 393,938)
 - Gozo (population 31,446)
 - Comino (population depends on tourists)
 - Area 316 km²
 - Population 1200 p/km²







Civil Protection Department



- Civil Protection 1996 2000
 - Non operational Office (tenders for engines, boats and Xemxija Station)
 - 1998 National Contingency Plan carried out by a consortium of local and Italian experts
 - 2000 CPD acquires an operational section and takes over the function of fire and rescue services from the Malta Police Force
- Main Responsibilities:
 - Assistance and Rescue Force, Marine Pollution response, contingency plans for natural man-made disasters, prepare regulations







CP - CPD

Earthquake, floods, chemical spills, adverse
weather, oil spills, aircraft emergency,
coastline protection, major blackouts, drinking
water shortage, drainage outflow on a wide
scale, sea emergencies particularly on the
Gozo ferry, fire emergency





National Contingency Plan – Timeline

- Contingency Plan Timeline
 - -1998
 - Italian Protocol between both countries finalised the National Contingency Plan for all risks that could affect the Maltese islands / population
 - -2010 2013
 - Revision of the 1998 CP
 - 2015 (updating CP)
 - National Risk Assessment project (Ex Ante conditionality for funding for EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 instruments)





National Risk Assessment

Owners



- MHAS (Ministry for Home Affairs and Internal Security)
 - Project Leaders
 - CIP Critical Infrastructure Protection Directorate
 - CPD Civil Protection Department
- Risk by category
 - Earthquake (classified 3rd)

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Table 5: Risk Analysis scenarios

Number	Scenario	Description
1	Pandemic	A pandemic of a new strain affects Malta.
2	Maritime oil spill	An oil tanker suffers a hull breach off Malta's coast, causing a major oil spill.
3	Earthquake	An earthquake with an intensity VII-VIII, a PGA of 0.12g and a return period of 475 years occurs in Malta.
4	Major mass casualty incident	A major mass casualty incident occurs, resulting from a civil aviation accident, a maritime accident or a major (social) event.
5	Terrorist attack	A major terrorist attack on Maltese territory.
6	Irregular immigration	Major influx of irregular immigrants (e.g. 20,000 people) over a short period of time.
7	Drought	A significant drop in the water table level, or a prolonged disruption to Reverse Osmosis Plants.
8	Flood	Heavy rainfall produces extensive stormwater flooding on multiple locations in Malta.
9	Severe weather	Multiple severe weather events, including severe winter weather and heat waves.
10	Major hazardous materials release	Major hazardous materials releases from fixed facilities (Seveso III/COMAH or not) or during transportation.





Evacuation – Gozo > Malta

- CP Evacuation
 - 2015 carried out evacuation exercise during SIMIT (Italy Malta 2007-2013 project)
 - Evacuated around 250 persons from Gozo to Malta
 - Xaghra Square meeting place
 - Given shelter at Golden Sands; Malta in Tents
 - Food was provided for the whole 2 days.
 - Partners in evacuation:
 - Malta Police
 - Armed Forces of Malta
 - NGO's
 - Gozo Channel

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Identified Shelters

- Outside Shelters
 - Football pitches
 - Open areas (biggest area in Malta is Ta' Qali hosting around 20,000)
- Roofed Shelters (if not affected)
 - Gymnasiums
 - Government / Private Schools
 - Conference Tent







Identified sheltered areas







Identified hazards areas







Mix of shelters and Hazard areas







Tent capabilities



- Italy (Ministry of Interior and Civil Protection)
 - Donated 44 family tents during the Libyan Crisis
- UNHCR
 - Donated 99 family tents



- Malta Red Cross
 - Have around 300 family tents
- Other commercial tents by third parties



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NGO's

- NGO's
 - Red Cross
 - St John Ambulance
 - St John Rescue









- E.R.R.C Emergency Response Rescue Corps)
- E.F.R.U (Emergency Fire & Rescue Unit)
- M.A.R.L (Malta Amateur Radio League)







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