

Acronym: EADRU
Full Name: Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Unit
Website: www.nato.int/eadrcc/sop/sop.htm
Established: 1998
Location: Belgium

Areas of expertise: Relief missions in case of major disaster.

Main Partners and collaborations: Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC), United Nations (UN), NATO.

Short Description:

The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Unit (EADRU) was established in 1998 by the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC) as element of the EAPC policy on "Enhanced Practical Cooperation in the Field of International Disaster Relief". The EADRU is a non-standing, multi-national force of civil and military elements (qualified personnel of rescue, medical and other units; equipment and materials; assets and transport), which can be deployed in the event of a major natural or man-made disaster in an EAPC country and works in cooperation with United Nations and other international organisations in disaster response.

Main activities:

EADRU concentrates its relief mission's activities in case of major disaster on five phases, namely: preparedness, emergency, deployment, withdrawal and after withdrawal.

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