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COMPARISON BETWEEN ICS AND EUROPEAN COMMAND SYSTEMS WAYS OF INTEROPERABILITY

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ABSTRACT:

After 09/11 U.S federal government generalized Incident Command System (ICS) to all Hazards management, spreading this “art of command” out of the restricted area of forest fires and floods.

Incident management teams (IMTs) are now available 24/7/365 on whole US territory. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in charge of instruction and certification of staff and IMTs. More than 15 type I (biggest accidents) IMTs are on duty with regional assignments.

These specific methods are also used by UN forces (UNOCHA) and other civilian teams.

For European countries, previously detaining their own command system, it's time to draw up a project in respect of European Civil Protection mechanism. Main idea is to reach interoperability for abroad collaborative missions, but also to allow reinforcement in the union for big accidents. But administrative structures and policy makers' organization are very different in Europe than in the United States.

The paper will underline strengths and weaknesses of each system, in a synthetic comparison

- Which one is more adapted to crisis management?
- What about national (EU) systems?
- How to interface the different methodologies?

The presentation will give a state of the art of the command systems evolution Europe. Some works are soon effective in Europe, they will be described, in order to illustrate the difficulties to connect these different ways of command, without disowning national structures and practises.

KEYWORDS :

ICS, Crisis Management, Command System, Interoperability European Union.
