

The EU Exchange of Experts Programme in the field of Civil Protection

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What does the EU Exchange of Experts programme entail?

The EU Exchange of Experts system

- complements the Community Mechanism training scheme
- aims at promoting networking amongst experts and organisations
- is funded by the European Commission
- is implemented by THW

Overall objective:

To enable national experts to travel to another country, in order to gain and share professional experience.



Who can participate ?

- All **European Union Member States** and **EEA Countries**
- Organisations and experts working on an **administrative, operative** or **scientific** level
- Functioning in **areas** such as
 - ✓ coordination and incident management
 - ✓ technical expertise, response to disaster
 - ✓ contingency and emergency planning
 - ✓ emergency calls management (PSAP's)
 - ✓ response on shore to marine pollution
 - ✓ coordination of training



Target groups

Special consideration is given to

- Team leaders and their deputies
- Liaison officers
- Technical and Assessment experts
- Members of coordination teams
- Key national contact point staff
- Emergency Call Centre Staff



Types of activities

- Learning different techniques
- Observing the operational structures of the host country and host organisation
- Attending training courses or simulation exercises, seminars or conferences, as long as they represent only one part of the exchange agenda
- Visiting the MIC (Members of National Point of Contact)

Note: EU-funded activities are not included in the program



Exchanges are tailored to the needs and focus of the experts

- Exchanges may be arranged for an individual or for small groups of up to 10 persons
- The length may vary from a few days up to two weeks
- More than one country may be included
- One or more institutions may be visited

Costs covered by the program

International Transport

Flight, economy class

Train, first class

Rental car, up to 90€ per day if more economic than train or flight ticket, no use of private car

Public Transport

Covered if pre-payable or if provided by host organisation

Accommodation

Room rates according to standards set by EC.

Lunch and dinner are possible if they can be paid by THW in advance or on account.

Please note:

Out- of- pocket expenses paid directly by the experts are not refundable.

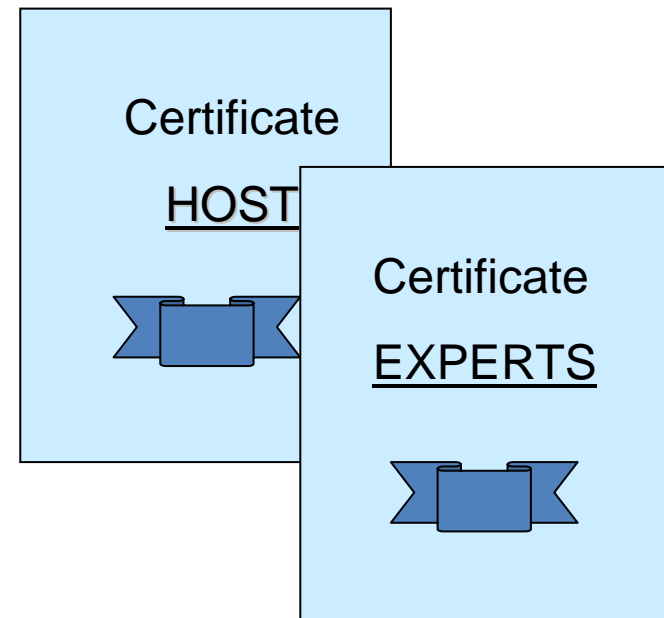


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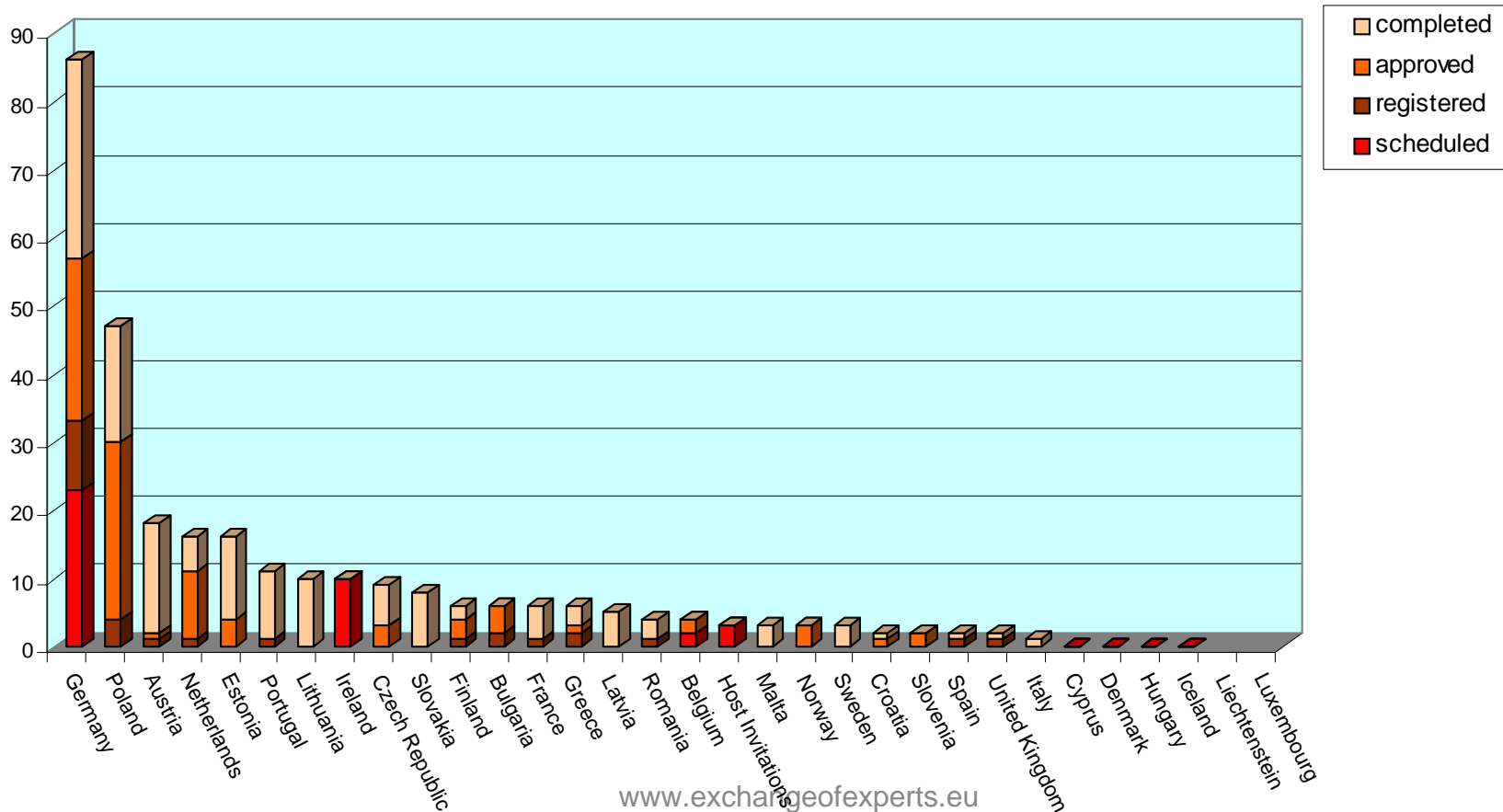
Confirmation of Participation

Following the exchange, experts and host organisations will receive a **“Certificate of Achievement”** documenting their participation in the EU Exchange of Experts programme.



Status of Applications

EU Exchange of Experts - 2nd phase
289 applications ranked by country



Key notes

The EU Exchange of Experts Program is an important supplement to the EU training courses and exercises in the framework of the community mechanism

- ➔ Relevant for the **professional development of experts**
- ➔ an **incentive** for experts (motivation for personnel)
- ➔ an enhancement of their **international skills**
- ➔ an **added value** for host organisations (transfer of know how)

Impressions



We encourage you to make use of the exchange program!

Thank you for your attention.

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