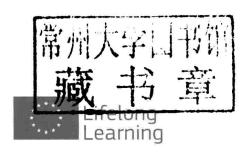


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Preface

Nothing comes out of nowhere.

The broader context to this book on "Management of Global Emergencies, Threats and Crises by the European Union" is to be situated in a joint Pisa-Ghent project on "EU Governance of Global Emergencies". The working basis was first provided by a duo-VLAC Fellowship sponsored by the Royal Flemish Academy of Sciences and Arts. It was in this framework that Sara was invited to develop the project further and for us to collaborate in performing research at the beautiful location of the Palace of the Academies in Brussels.

As the ambitions of the project grew both in terms of objectives and scope, financial input for the substantive research, the organisation of a high level conference and platform for discussion as well as the current book project was sought and graciously provided by the European Commission in the framework of Jean Monnet funding. Without the financial support in the form of a Jean Monnet life-long learning project hosted at Ghent University these activities would simply not have been possible.

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Foreword

Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response

We live in a fragile world. Through force of nature, conflict or economic meltdown—emergencies are becoming more frequent and more severe. In more cases than ever before, they affect people regardless of national borders and go beyond the capacity of any one country to respond effectively on its own. The global financial crisis has demonstrated the speed with which contagion can tear through the markets in an interconnected world economy. The collective effort to deal with its consequences—be it at the G20 summit in London in 2009, or the massive mobilization of the EU and Eurozone since then—has underscored that only a concerted response can be effective.

Natural disasters, too, are striking with greater frequency and severity. Parts of the world that have traditionally been prone to recurrent emergencies—such as the Sahel, or the Horn of Africa—are being hit harder and with increasing frequency. It is the most vulnerable people who are most exposed but the developed world is not immune. Events such as Hurricane Sandy have underscored that we are all vulnerable. Climate change is an important driver of this, but it is by no means the only factor. Population growth and urbanization are compounding existing fragilities. All too often, conflict overlaps with and aggravates natural disasters—such as in the Horn, or in parts of the Sahel.

The only way to deal effectively with the impact of such emergencies is to strengthen our capacity to anticipate them, to mobilize our collective assets and respond swiftly—in short, to improve the governance of emergencies. It is heartening in this context that the economic and financial crisis has not diminished the willingness of European citizens to help respond to emergencies outside Europe's borders. Collectively, together with its Member States, the EU has done a great deal to step up its capacity not only to respond, but also to help prepare for the worst. To mobilize assets when emergencies strike but also to help the most vulnerable become more resilient to crises which we know will not go away and which in many cases are likely, if anything, to hit with ever greater frequency and severity.

This book is timely in that it allows us to take stock of how far Europe has come in dealing with global emergencies, including emergencies originating outside Europe but which affect the EU as well as emergencies outside Europe in which Europe plays a major role as a responder. It will also no doubt show how much more remains to be done. This book is timely also because it comes just as the dust from the first few years of implementation of the Lisbon Treaty is starting to settle and we are getting a clearer

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idea of how a new institutional architecture, new legal bases and new instruments may contribute further to responding to and preventing emergencies. It promises to be an invaluable compass to a complex issue that will not go away.

 ${\it Kristalina~Georgieva}$ European Commissioner for International Cooperation

List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

AASM Association of the Associated African States and Madagascar

ACP African, Caribbean and Pacific countries

AGIR Alliance Globale pour l'Initiative Résilience Sahel

AJIL American Journal of International law AMISOM African Union Mission in Somalia

ASEM Asia-Europe Meeting

ATAA Air Transport Association of America
Aust. YBIL Australian Yearbook of International Law
BIMCO Baltic and International Maritime Council

BMP Best Management Practices

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity

CBRN Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defence

CCA Crisis Coordination Arrangements
CCP Common Commercial Policy
CCS Carbon Capture and Storage
CDM Clean Development Mechanism

CECIS Common Emergency Communication and Information System

CFSP Common Foreign and Security Policy

CGPCS Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia CISAR Chinese International Search and Rescue Team

CJEU Court of Justice of the European Union

CMCO Civil-Military Coordination CMF Combined Maritime Forces

CMPD Crisis Management Planning Department

CO₂ Carbon dioxide

COP Conference of the Parties

COSI Committee on Internal Security

CPCC Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability

CPM Civil Protection Mechanism

CPR European Civil Protection Mechanism

CRED Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters

CSDP Common Security and Defence Policy

DG ECHO Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

DG HOME Directorate-General for Home Affairs

DG SANCO Directorate-General for Health and Consumers

EBA Everything But Arms initiative

EC European Community

ECB European Central Bank

ECHO European Community Humanitarian Office

EDA European Defence Agency
EEA European Economic Area

EEAS European External Action Service EEC European Economic Community

EFSF European Financial Stabilisation Facility

EFTA European Free Trade Association

EGS European Global Strategy

EJIL European Journal of International Law

EMO Chinese State Council Emergency Management Office

EMU European Monetary Union

EPA Economic Partnership Agreement

ERC European Emergency Response Centre

ERCC Emergency Response Coordination Centre

ESA European Space Agency

ESCAP United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

ESS European Stability Mechanism ESS European Security Strategy

ETS Emissions Trading Scheme

EU European Union

EUCAP EU Capacity building mission

EUMC European Union Military Committee

EUMS European Union Military Staff
EUSF European Union Solidarity Fund

EUTM EU Trainings Mission

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization

FLEGT Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade

FTA Free trade agreement

GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GDP Gross Domestic Product GEO. L.J. Georgetown Law Journal

GHGs Green House Gases

GSP Generalised System of Preferences

HFA Hyogo Framework for Action

HFC-23 Trifluoromethane

IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization

IFRC International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies

IfS Instrument for Stability

ILC International Law Commission
ILO International Labour Organisation
IMB International Maritime Bureau
IMF International Monetary Fund

IMO International Maritime Organization

INSARAG International Search and Rescue Advisory Group

INTCEN EU Intelligence Analysis Centre

IRTC Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor
ITTO International Tropical Timber Organisation

LDC Least developed country

LRRD Linking relief, rehabilitation and development

MCDA Military and Civil Defence Assets

MEAs Multilateral Environmental Agreements

MFN Most Favoured Nation

MIC Monitoring and Information Centre
MoU Memorandum of Understanding

MSCHOA Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa

N2O Nitrous Oxide

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NAVFOR Naval Force

NIEM Chinese Institute for Emergency Management

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OCHA UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OECD-DAC Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for

Economic Cooperation and Development

OJEU Official Journal of the European Union

OPCW Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

OpsCenter Ad-hoc military Operations Center

PCIJ Permanent Court of International Justice

PS Participating States

PSC Political Security Committee
QMV Qualified Majority Voting
RCSC Red Cross Society of China

ReCAAP Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed

Robbery against Ships in Asia

REDD+ Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation in

developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stock in

developing countries

SARS Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome SCO Shanghai Cooperation Organisation SHADE Shared Awareness and Deconfliction SHARE Supporting Horn of Africa Resilience

SLOCs Sea Lines of Communications
TEU Treaty on European Union

TFEU Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

TFG Transitional Federal Government

TSCG Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and

Monetary Union

UAE United Arab Emirates

UK United Kingdom

UKMTO United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

UN United Nations

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

UNISDR United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

UNOCHA United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime UNPOS United Nations Political Office for Somalia

UNSC United Nations Security Council

USA United States of America
USAR Urban search and rescue

VPAs Voluntary Partnership Agreements
WASH Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WEU Western European Union

WEU Western European Union WFP World Food Programme

WG Working Group

WTO World Trade Organisation

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