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Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation
on Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants

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- Launched: Copenhagen, August 1997

- Members: EU member states
EFTA member states
EU accession states
EU stabilization on an associate process (SAP)

- Observer NS

- Permanent Observers (ICRC, IFRC, EU office)

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PERCO objectives:

- ✓ to provide a framework to facilitate cooperation and networking among European National Societies (NS);
- ✓ to strengthen the advocacy role of European NS in order to influence national and European policies and developments in the field of asylum and migration;
- ✓ to improve the capacity of the European NS and the IFRC in their work with refugees, asylum seekers and migrants;
- ✓ to promote tolerance and fight against racism, xenophobia and social exclusion.

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Current Developments:

- ✓ Working Groups: Irregular Migrants, Return, Anti-trafficking (procedures, questionnaires on RC assistance)
- ✓ Advocacy (position papers) Examples from ENPS?
- ✓ Migration Policy
- ✓ Return under the Dublin II Convention (Return to Greece - NS advocacy, example of DRC advocacy towards EU based on a psychological screening on all newly arrived families 2009/2010)
- ✓ How we as European NS could become more supportive to the NS in countries in need of assistance – comparison to other emergency response units within RC/RC
- ✓ EU Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors

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Introduction

PERCO is the Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation on Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants. It was launched in Copenhagen in August 1997.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is the world's largest humanitarian network working to assist refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. The mandate for the services provided to moving or displaced people is based on the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's fundamental principles, in particular on the principle of humanity and impartiality.

PERCO aims to develop and strengthen the Red Cross activities for and with refugees and migrants on a national and international level and promote cooperation among European National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in order to improve the situation of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in Europe.

PERCO's objectives are to:

- provide a framework to facilitate cooperation and networking among European National Societies;
- strengthen the advocacy role of European National Societies in order to influence national and European policies and developments in the field of asylum and migration.

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