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IDRL

Strengthening Legal Preparedness
for International Disaster Response

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IDRL – Overview

- IDRL: International Disaster Response Law
- IFRC since 2001
- Austrian RC involved for 6 years
- 2007: IDRL-Guidelines adopted
- 2009/2010: Project co-funded by European Commission, DG Environment

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Why IDRL?

- Increasing numbers of disasters
- Increasing numbers and variety of international responders
- Common problem areas: entry & operations, quality and coordination

IDRL-Guidelines

- 2007: 30th Int. Conference of RCRC
- Non-binding advice on areas to look at
- Respect for sovereignty and the primary role of domestic actors
- Evolutionary development of existing international norms
- Excluding armed conflict

EU-IDRL-Study: Overview

- Part of the IDRL Programme (IFRC)
- Lead: IFRC
- Associates: British RC, Bulgarian RC, French RC, German RC, The Netherlands RC, Austrian RC
- Analysis of implementation of the Guidelines under domestic law
- define areas where adjustment is needed
- Desk-research, interviews

Outcome EU-IDRL-Study – so far

- EU-norms partly fulfill the guidelines
- Heterogenous legislation, EU-wide and nationwide
- Significant regional distinctions
- Focus on technical aspects, not on the implementation of the guidelines

