

Framework for Enabling Technical and Organizational Interoperability in the Management of Environmental Crises and Disasters

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OUTCOMES/OVERVIEW

- There are a lot of crisis events in the world, and the number is rising
 - Majority weather-related
 - Millions of people affected, economies suffer
- Necessity of effective response and crisis management
 - Interoperability issues on technical and organizational level
- Presented Framework offers a solution

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- Conforming data and communication standards
- Alignment of operations and procedures







1. DISASTERS AND CRISES CHALLENGES







EMERGENCY EVENTS WORLDWIDE IN 2015



Source: EM-DAT Figures from unisdr.org 5





EMERGENCY EVENTS WORLDWIDE IN 2015

346 reported disasters 22 773 people dead 100 million people affected 000.000 100.000.000 98 580 793 \$66.5 billion economic damage 173 241 621 85 139 394 Africa 56 10 592 279 India Storm 17 778 34 888 330 Philippines Americas 50 551 354 15 Drought Indonesia 35 427 852 50 332 Bangladesh Landslide 299 127 Chile Earthquake Tsunami 7 166 633 Per Continent 25 8 401 843 Australia 494 713 Oceania 12 0 193 534 1 262 627 Extreme Per Country 1 24 8 755 064 temperature Volcanic 958 592 6 8 activity 136 103 126 Mass 0 2 (1): Natural disasters: Epidemic and insect infestations not included movement (dry) 373

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Trends in Reported Disasters

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The Emergency Interoperability Framework



Sources: Oxfam, EM-DAT

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2. RESPONSE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT







INVOLVED RESPONSE ENTITIES









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Italy

France







Occurred Issues in Known Disasters

Haiti Earthquake (2010) – lack of interoperability of equipment and procedures among the European field hospitals -> less efficient cooperation and response

Hurricane Katrina (2005) – lack of data interoperability -> reduced evacuation cooperation between the governmental and voluntary organizations

Danube river floods (2002+) – Transboundary issues (regulations, procedures)





Crisis Management Issues and Needs

- Lack of interoperability in heterogeneous and multi-user environments
 - among systems, sensor networks
 - communication
- Responders have needs:
 - accessing data provided by the first responders in the field
 - having a joint operational picture of a crisis by accessing sensor data and maps
 - having a possibility of real-time effective communication with other crisis managers
- Typical Issues
 - usage of different hardware and software solutions, conforming to different data and communication standards
 - not fully adjusting to the legal and administrative policies and procedures of involved organizations and responders

• using communication-error-prone technologies (fax, phone, etc.) C2-SENSE The Emergency Interoperability Framework



3. C2-SENSE FRAMEWORK AS A SOLUTION







Challenges and Goal of the Framework

Challenge: enhanced level of cooperation, where technical, linguistic, legal, procedural and information exchange barriers are no longer an obstacle

Goal of the Framework:

- fully interoperable response
- every organization has the possibility to use any software, data and communication formats and language that best suits their procedures and methods of operation, *while*
- maintaining independence, but
- being able to take part in a joint crisis response





THE FRAMEWORK AND COLLABORATION ENVIRONMENT



Responder Network

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The Emergency Interoperability Framework



Interoperability Stack



Components, Applications₆

& Rules



(C2-SENSE) Framework

Two parts to it:

- 1. Components related to the physical nature of the Framework, software/hardware ("body")
- 2. Profiling approach incorporation of rules orchestrating the functionalities of those components and rules for achieving interoperability ("soul")





Components and Applications



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Components and Applications – 2 Groups



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Components and Applications for Decision Making

Software components and tools as a part of the Collaboration Environment





PROFILING APPROACH

Sets of rules orchestrating the functionalities of the Framework

- Profiles define
 - a standard set of messages and documents, business rules, processes, constraints and choreographies that allow even a new entity to join an already existing response network
 - no additional integration efforts, as long as the entity conforms to one or more predefined profiles.
 - otherwise, conformance achieved by adapter implementations
- Approach helps in improving interoperability as it eliminates the need for prior bilateral agreements





Profiling Approach – 4 Steps

- 1. Register as a new organization (in the C2-SENSE Framework)
- 2. Choose a *default* profile for data exchange
- 3. Specialize the chosen profile by providing the network access point (e.g., URL) of the receiver/sender of the data
- 4. Activate the specialized profile





See presentation in tomorrow's session "Achieving Semantic Operability", Gençtürk, M.

Components and Applications for Profile Management

Software components and tools for management of profiles

Profile Definition Tool (PDT)

• Create, update and maintain default profiles

Profile Specialization Tool (PST)

- Customize generic profiles
- Create business rules



Profile Monitoring Tool (PMT)

- Visually trace the execution of profiles
- Monitor status, bottlenecks, tasks, etc.





HOW DOES THIS PLAY OUT?





OUTLOOK / DISCUSSION / CONCLUSION

- Increase of environmentally challenging events (floods, heatwaves, etc.)
- Challenging crisis response (heterogeneous and multi-user environments, lack of appropriate tools and joint operational picture, no access to relevant data, etc.)
- Technical and organizational interoperability needed
- C2-SENSE offers framework enabling interoperability in crisis management domain:
 - Profiling approach facilitating interoperability on a level that relieves a crisis manager from most burdens related to crisis response (access sensor data, reliable and accurate communication, etc.)
 - Tools and Applications for profile management and decision making
 - Flexible, adjustable (to the end-user needs), easily implementable, etc.
- Tested in a pilot few days ago





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