



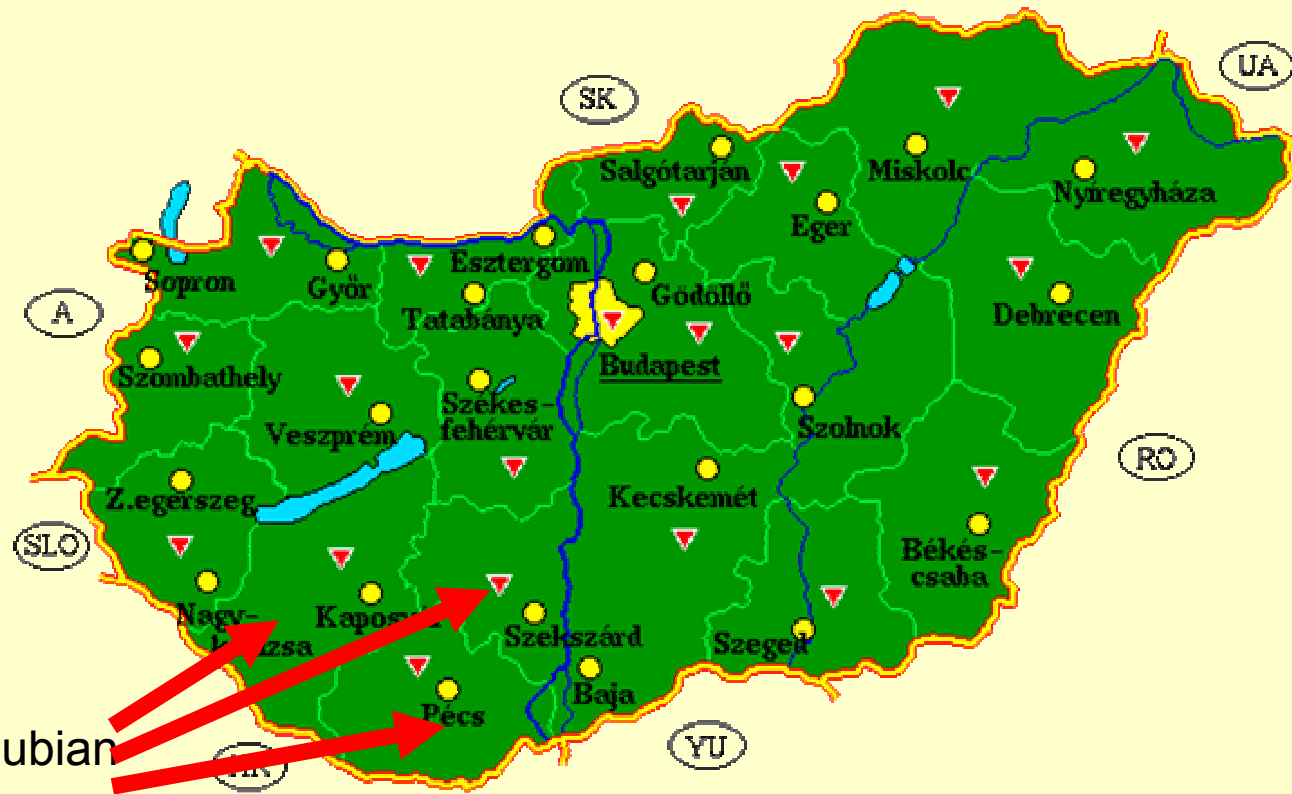
“Rescuing Injured Disabled Persons in case of Disaster – Civil Protection’s challenge in the Challenge”

WORKING GROUP 5: "Policy and Regulation”

From the Hungarian point of view...

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Location of the country and region



South-
Transdanubian
Region

Participating partners from Hungary

- National Ambulance Service, Budapest
- Regional Ambulance Service, Pécs
- Regional Civil Protection, Pécs
- Fire Department in Baranya, Tolna and Somogy Counties
- Ministry of Health and Labour Affairs
- National Federation of Associations for Disabled People



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Legislative framework

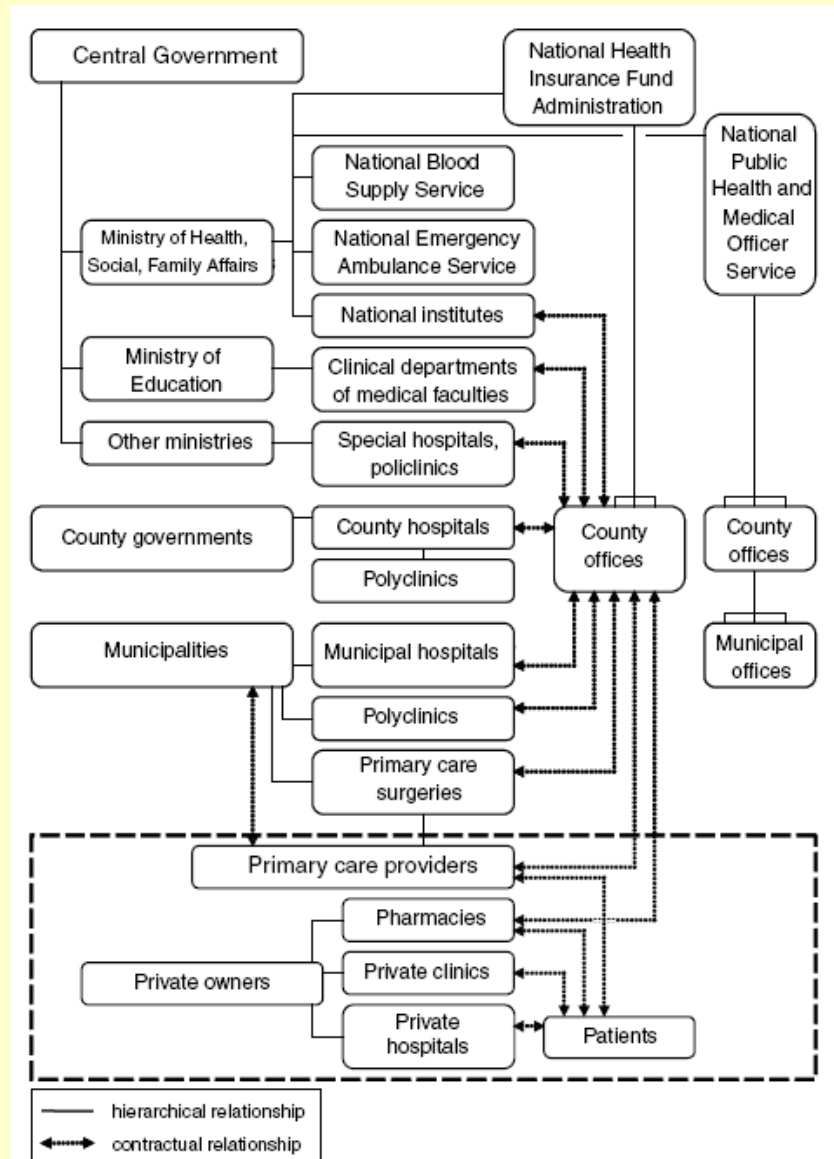
- 1997. CLIV. Law about Health Care
- 20/1998. (VI. 3.) MoW ruling about the rescue
- 19/1998. (VI. 3.) MoW ruling about the patient transport
- 158/1999. (XI. 19.) MoH Ruling about the disaster-medicine
- XXXVII./1996 Law about Civil Protection
- LXXIV./1999 Law about Disaster protection
- XXVI./1998 Law about the rights and equality of disabled people

- LXXIV/1999 3. paragraph: “... civil protection: related to protection from various disasters civil protection is a complex of planning, organizing, implementation, leading, establishing, action, reporting, informing and alarming tasks for prevent disasters, decrease damages of disasters, rescue victims, save lives and material values, provide essential life conditions...”

The following organizations work together with civil defense:

- Police
- Border guards and Hungarian Army
- Fire departments
- Local civil defense organizations (voluntary organizations)
- National Meteorology Service
- National Ambulance Service
- National Public Health and Medical Officer Service (NPHMOS)
- Local governments

The structure of HC in Hungary



Preparing disabled persons for emergency situation

- First aid trainings for disabled people should be available!
 - They can learn basic skills
 - like recognizing emergency,
 - calling support,
 - attention to others,
 - basic life support (BLS).
 - Changing of training methods are recommended, but it has not elaborate yet. First aid schools or institutions organizing courses are responsible for programs for people living with disabilities.
- The course provides good opportunities for disabled people to meet experts, firemen, nurses, doctors and others working in emergency services.

Basic Life Support (BLS) course for disabled people

- Courses should include practical training with simulated cases, where disabled participants can learn how to communicate with providers in case of emergency. It is also useful for those who work in it.
- Major part of these exercises would be reaching the most secure place of the building, practicing emergency calling or using emergency/alarm signal.
- Location of phone or other emergency signal equipment should be stable.
- There should be an easily reachable number for disabled (like 999); it would be a general support for those who living with any kind of disability and in case of emergency or disaster the dispatcher could give recommendations and information, or he/se could reroute calling to the fire department or ambulance service.

Art. 10 Norms & Legislations

Relevant legislation and norms should deal with all aspects of the rescue of persons with disabilities in situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural and/or man-made disasters, including special needs of persons with disabilities during all phases of an emergency situation (planning, mitigation and reconstruction) in order to guarantee equal access to disaster response and relief.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

