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Organization of the Austrian Federal Alarm Centre, and the Federal Crisis and Disaster Protection Management

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Overview

General Aspects regarding a Point of Contact

FAC as Point of Contact

Information Sharing as a Mission Critical Issue

Cooperation with Other Alarm and Early Warning Systems



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Requirements to operate an international PoC

- Legal basis
- Procedures
- 24 hours manned office
- Technical infrastructure and secure communication lines
- Duty officer with experience in emergency management
- Human Resources (Experts and Support)
- Conduct of exercises

Flow of Notifications and Information



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Federal Alarm Centre Main tasks

Protection of the population by:

- Early warning of the authorities
- Alerting of the population in a timely manner
- Instruct preventive actions and give directives for countermeasures



Competence Knowledgebase

Threats with possibility
of elevated radioactivity:

i.e. Incidents in NPP's
Nuclear weapons
Industrial incidents
Transportation accidents
Illegal trafficking
Nuclear-Terrorism

Natural disasters
i.e. earthquakes,
floodings, avalanches

Technical disasters
i.e. explosions
dangers by chemicals
Satellites

Further tasks, by appointment
by the federal Government



Organization of the FAC

Resources	Readiness	Capacity
Alarm Centre Duty Officer	immediately	1
Superior	by phone 24 hrs/day	1
Ops Centre	1 - 2 hours	Dept II/4
SKKM Platform	Depending on pol. decision	

Main tasks during an emergency situation

- 1. Recognition / Detection**
of any forms of threats and dangers
- 2. Get Information / verify**
facts of the incident or issue, environmental monitoring
- 3. Assessment**
in relation to the danger:
Instruction of protective measures and enactment of restrictions
- 4. Orientation**
of authorities in Austria and abroad
as well as international organizations
- 5. Information to the Public**
as well as to international organizations
- 6. Support**
of the federal government and the provinces in incident mitigation



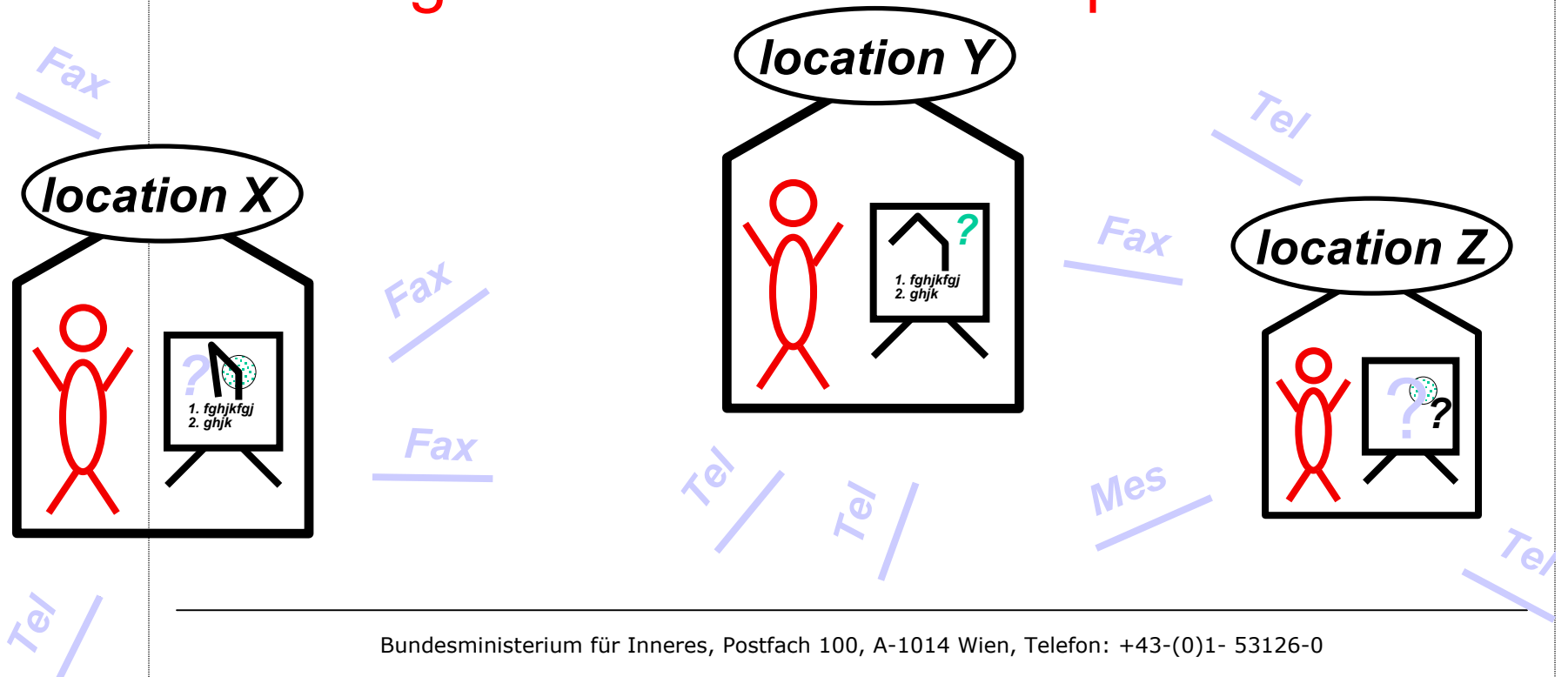
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Information sharing

One of the crucial questions in an emergency situation: “How can we reach the same knowledge of a situation at all places”



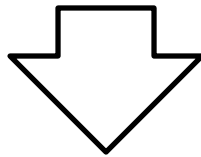


Difference between Notification and Additional Information

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Notification

As fast as possible



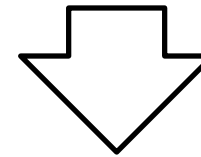
Push principle

Classical
technical means

2.

Information

As much as needed



Pull principle

Why not using the
web technology?



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International collaboration: Objectives

Protection of and information to the population by

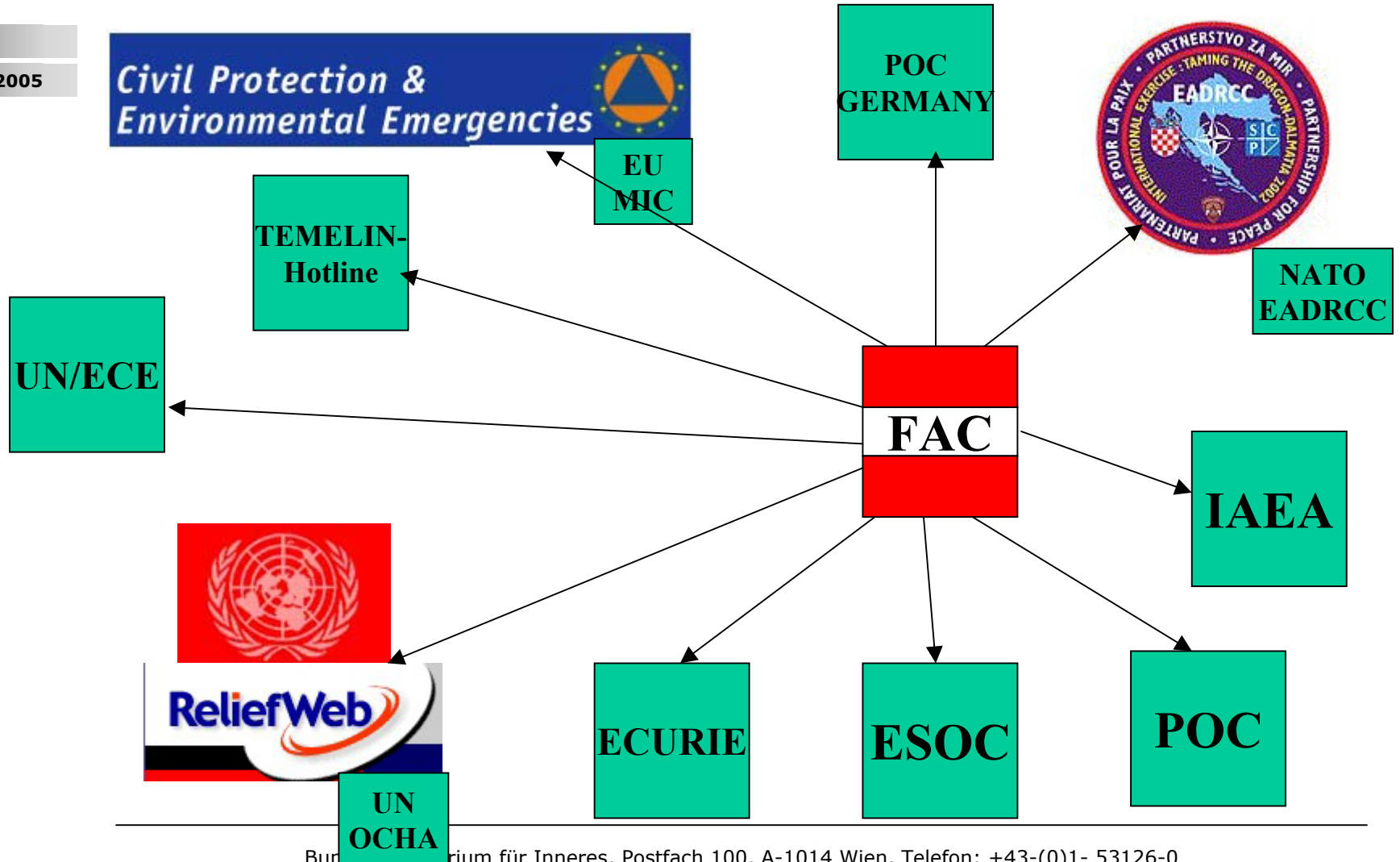
- Timely recognition of an arising threat
- Guarantee a current knowledge of the situation during an incident
- Comprehensive assessment of the consequences of an accident
- Harmonized countermeasures
- Mutual assistance (bilateral or international)



Bilateral and International Network

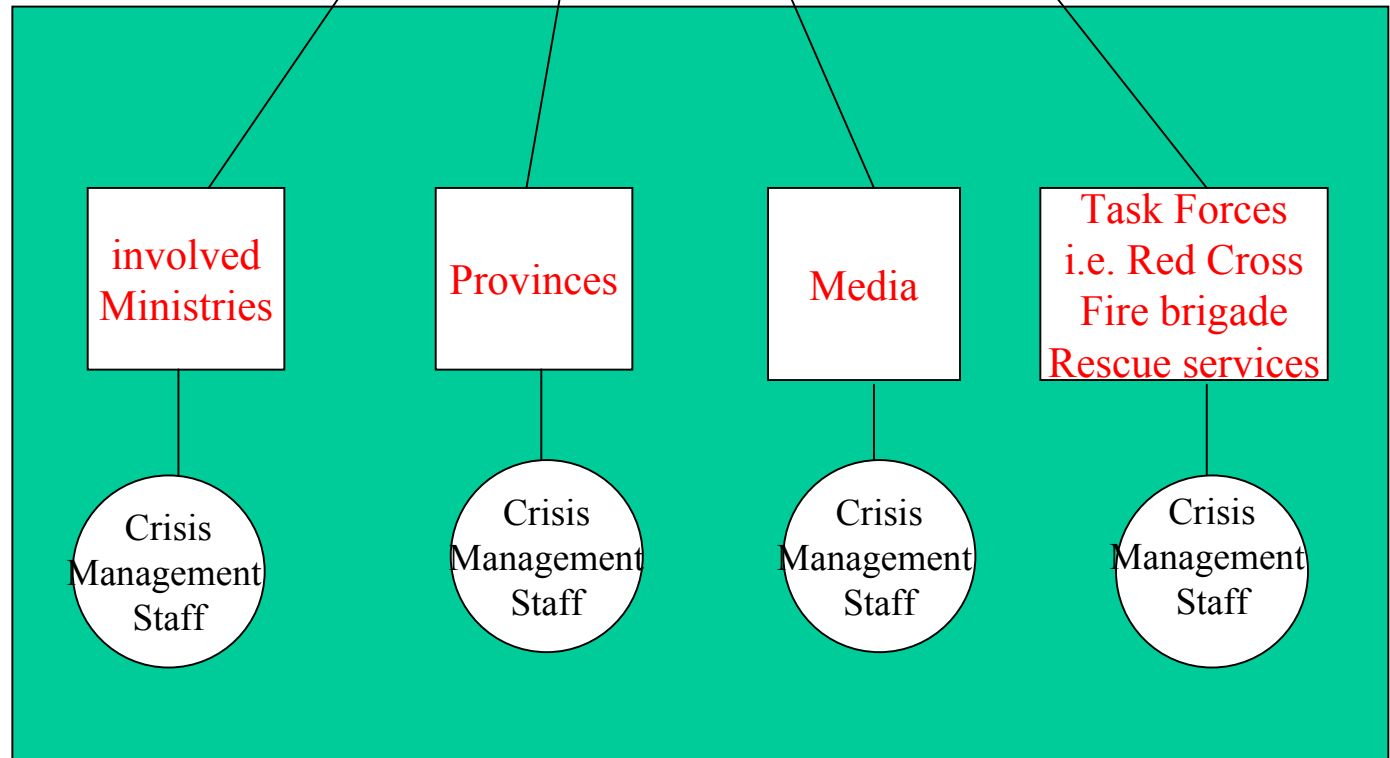
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