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Bilateral agreements between Poland and Germany Polish – German cooperation in rescue work

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Legal basis:

International agreement

- Agreement between the Republic of Poland and the Federal Republic of Germany on mutual assistance in the event of natural disasters, catastrophes or other major accidents, signed in Warsaw on 10 April 1997

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German partners

- Federal Ministry of the Interior (*BMI*) – Information and Situation Centre (*LZ*)
- Federal Agency for Technical Relief (*THW*)
- Academy for Crisis Management, Emergency Planning and Civil Protection (*AKNZ*)
- State Ministries of the Interior of Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Saxony
- Fire Services Association (*DFV*)
- Committee on Regional and Cross-border Cooperation at the Polish-German Intergovernmental Commission on Regional and Cross-border Cooperation
- Districts and communes/municipalities along the Polish-German border

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Legal basis:

SFS-ATR agreement

- Agreement between the Chief Commander of the State Fire Service and the Federal Administration of the Agency for Technical Relief, signed in Warsaw on 20 August 1998.

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Cooperation with ATR

- 1993 – beginning of the cooperation
- participation in flood recovery efforts in Poland (1997 and 2001)
- participation in international humanitarian aid campaigns in Albania, Turkey, India and others
- in the years of 1997 – 2006 the Federal Government of Germany handed over more than 80 technical rescue vehicles from the resources of ATR
- coordinators for SFS-ATR cross-border cooperation
- two-year plans of joint undertakings comprise such activities as international competitions in high-altitude rescue, international exercises of SAR teams, competitions for fire fighters/divers, training and collaboration in EU undertakings
- **joint project - „Transboundary activities related to the prevention and control of flood consequences” (2007-2010)**

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Legal basis:

State agreement

- Arrangement between the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Poland and the State Ministry of Interior of Brandenburg on mutual assistance in the event of catastrophes, natural disasters and other major accidents, signed in Ślubice on 18 July 2002.

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Legal basis:

State agreement

- Arrangement between the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Poland and the State Ministry of Interior of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania on mutual assistance in the event of catastrophes, natural disasters and other major accidents, signed in Ślubice on 18 July 2002.
- Arrangement between the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Poland and the State Ministry of Interior of Saxony on mutual assistance in the event of catastrophes, natural disasters and other major accidents, signed in Ślubice on 18 July 2002

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Key regulations of the Arrangements:

- delegation of the authority as regards cooperation and mutual provision of rescue assistance to the level of county/district, province and federal state
- authorisation of the Chief Commander of the State Fire Service, provincial governors and respective county/district administrators to collaborate, request and provide assistance
- mutual exchange of information on threats, hazards and their effects
- preparation of prevention and rescue operations, if required, in the border zone
- mutual exchange of information on the strength and rescue resources made available to the other party in the event of a dangerous incident
- contact details of operational control centres and bilingual forms for the purposes of notification, requesting assistance and information exchange – enclosures to the Arrangements

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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EU pilot project of SFS-ATR

„Transboundary activities related to the prevention and control of flood consequences” (2007-2010)

- The project was developed by the ATR in collaboration with the Zachodniopomorskie Headquarters of the SFS (Lubuskie and Dolnośląskie provinces)
- Total project budget is € 1.2m, 80% of which (€ 0.9m) is UE funded
- A1 – Analysis of flood hazards on the River Odra
- A2 – Assessment of defensive and rescue potential (flood embankments)
- A3 – Examination of technical capabilities of underwater rescue and salvage
- A4 – Development of joint response procedures
- A5 – Analysis of fire control actions in fires resulting from flooding
- A6 – Analysis of high-altitude rescue methods
- A7 – Organisation of an international conference – “The Odra 1997 – 10 years after the flood” (Szczecin, 20-21.11.2007)

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EU pilot project of SFS-ATR

The Polish-German joint project is an opportunity to increase the safety of people living in areas situated along the River Odra. Expected results:

- harmonized operational procedures for flood recovery efforts
- practical application of new methods of hazard suppression in training and exercises
- multilingual documentary resources from the 2007 conference, presenting experiences of the countries affected by floods
- digital map with potential hazards in the 25 km wide border zone and available resources (personnel and equipment) of the SFS and ATR