



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN AID
OPERATIONS (ECHO)
Emergency Response Coordination Centre
Civil Protection Emergency Response Capabilities

European Civil Protection Pool (ECP) patch etiquette

Once ECP certified, every module or Other Response Capacity (ORC) receives a visibility package from DG ECHO. It contains ECP patches based on the number of personnel listed in the official factsheet submitted during the application, or in the updated version provided at completion of the certification process.

If the capacity in question was granted an adaptation grant, the ECP patches have to be purchased within such grant and will not be delivered by DG ECHO.

If none of the above options works, the organisation owing the response capacity should procure the ECP patches themselves.

The official model of the ECP patch is attached as an annex.

The national civil protection authority is responsible for distributing the patches and making sure the personnel wear them in accordance with the present etiquette protocol.

In case of need and based on availability, each national civil protection authority can request additional patches from DG ECHO (only in case the capacity has not received an adaptation grant to purchase them).

When should the ECP patch be worn?

The ECP patch shall be worn by all personnel of an ECP certified capacity during UCPM deployments and exercises.

How should the ECP patch be worn on civilian uniforms?

The ECP patch shall be affixed to the uniform of civil protection officials and operators including firefighters, volunteers, military personnel and any other member of a module or ORC according to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the certified capacity.

The positioning of the ECP patch on uniforms, vests or jackets is freely selectable among the left or right sleeve and the chest. The decision is left to the discretion of the organization prescribing the wear depending on the kind of uniform and the location of other flags, emblems, patches and insignia already on the uniform. The patch can be placed directly on existing or new Velcro pads pre-positioned on uniforms, vests or jackets, or can be affixed directly to the designated item of clothing. The ECP patch may be worn next to the INSARAG patch or the EMT patch for teams that follow those classification processes.

How should the ECP patch be worn on army uniforms?

In case of deployment of a military capacity under the UCPM umbrella and under civilian command, the ECP patch is worn as directed by the commander/team leader under field conditions.

Annex – Velcro/embroidered patch design template

