

Performance Potentials of Civil Protection

In response to new threats such as 11 September 2001 and the flood catastrophe of 2002, the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK) was established on 1 May 2004.

With this Office, the Federal Republic of Germany has a central organisation element for civil safety.

The interdisciplinary approach of this office includes all services of civil safety prevention and links them up to an efficient protection system for the population and its basic survival needs.

Therefore the BBK is not only a technical authority of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) but also gives competent advice and support to the other Federal and Land authorities to help them with the completion of their tasks.

Hence there is now **one** central authority

- To fulfil the tasks of the Federal Government with regard to civil protection and the co-ordination of international co-operation
- To prepare national and area risk analyses, hazard cadastres and emergency planning as well as to co-ordinate civil-military-police co-operation
- To provide conceptual planning and interdisciplinary co-ordination of the protection of critical infrastructures
- To ensure national information, communication and resource management in case of damage
- To co-ordinate technical-scientific research relating to civil protection as well as to the protection of the population against weapons of mass destruction
- To ensure threat-adequate civil protection training of executives at high and highest administrative levels
- To provide national co-ordination of the European integration process in the field of preventive security
- To provide disaster medicine
- To procure equipment for civil protection.



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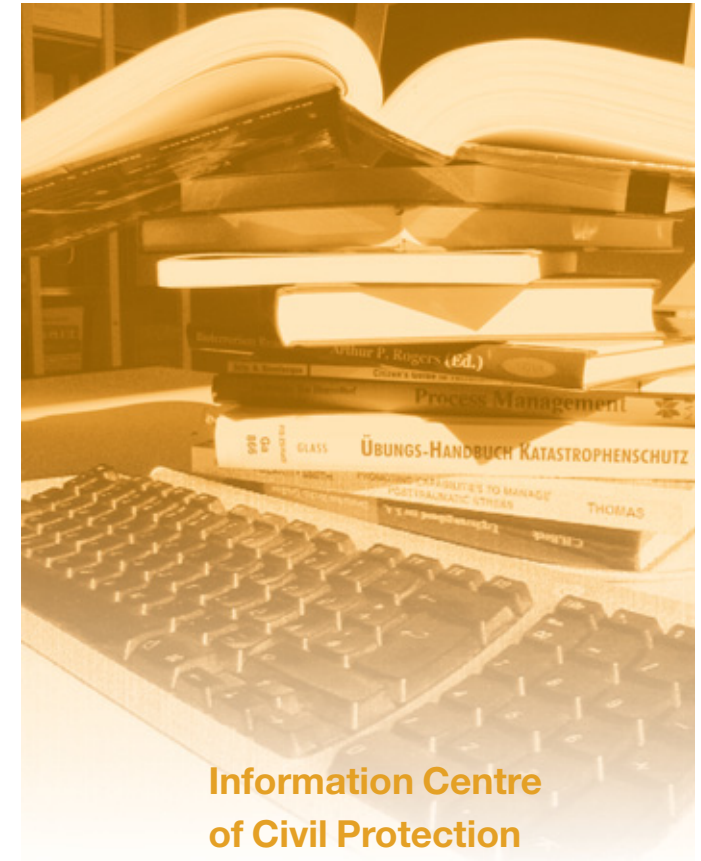
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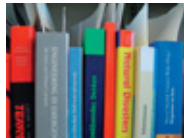
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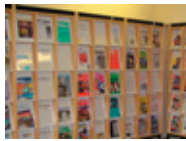
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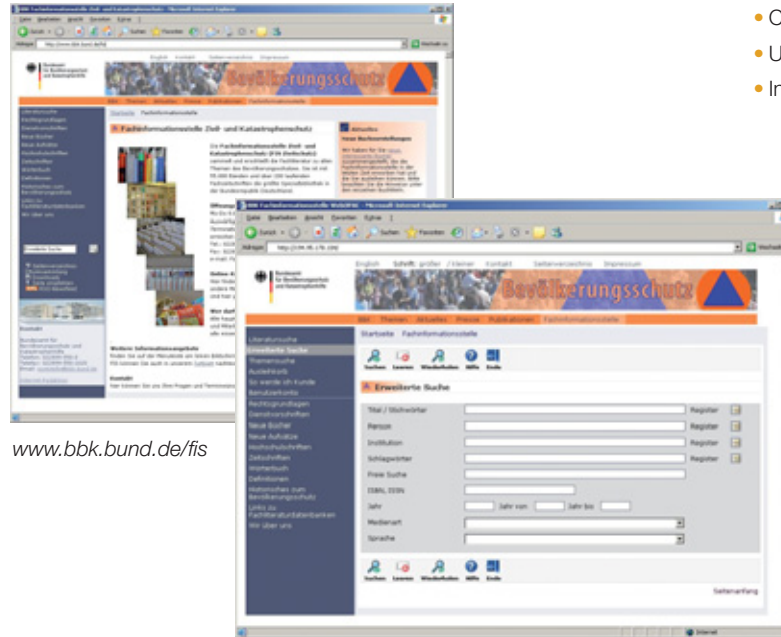
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