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Crisis Response Unit

The Integrated Political Crisis Response arrangements - IPCR

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Introduction: Why?

The need for a crisis response mechanism at the EU level emerged in the early 2000s in the aftermath of several dramatic events, including: 9/11 attacks; Madrid 2004 and London 2005 bombings; the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004



2013: EU Integrated Political Crisis Response arrangements (IPCR)

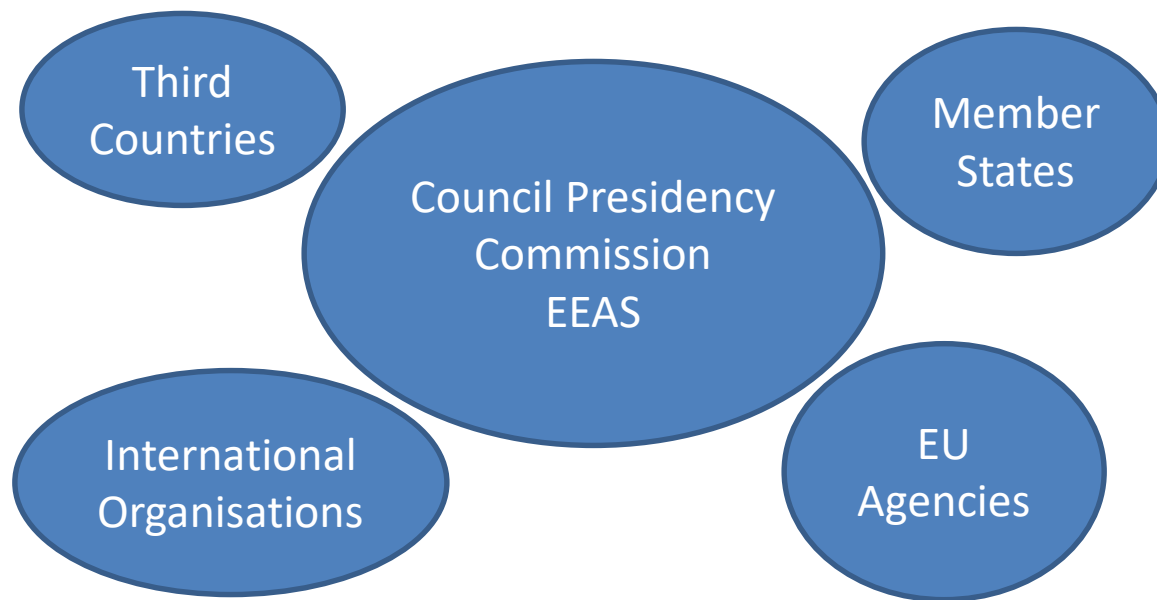
What?

The EU crisis mechanism ... for cross sectorial / complex crises requiring coordination ... at strategic / political level in the Council / European Council

- ✓ Flexible and scalable (*proportionality*)
 - ✓ Based on existing procedures and working groups/committees (*no adhocery*)
 - ✓ Under Presidency "political control and strategic direction" (*governance*)
 - ✓ Organized around COREPER (*rapidity, cross-cutting responsibility*)
 - ✗ ... infringe on MS responsibilities (subsidiarity)
 - ✗ ... replace existing sectorial arrangements (Civil Protection Mechanism, other....)
- «IPCR fully exploits synergies between stakeholders and existing means, structures, and capabilities at EU level»



Who?



How?: the tools

1. **The IPCR web platform.** An online tool allows for the exchange of information, including the ISAA report, situational maps and stakeholders' contributions. It also facilitates the gathering of information for the ISAA reports through questionnaires.
2. **The Integrated Situational Awareness and Analysis (ISAA) report.** This is an analytical report, drafted by the Commission and the EEAS to provide decision makers with a clear common picture of the current situation. (*⌘ Presidency Guidance, 📄 Questionnaire*)
3. **The roundtable.** This is an informal meeting that allows the Presidency to bring key actors and expertise together around the same table
4. **The central IPCR 24/7 contact point,** established within the emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) at the Commission, ensures 24/7 liaison with key actors.



How? the operational IPCR modes

3 OPERATIONAL MODES ARE AVAILABLE:

MONITORING

INFORMATION-SHARING

FULL ACTIVATION

Sharing of existing
crisis reports



24/7 contact point



Analytical reports



Web platform to exchange
& collect information



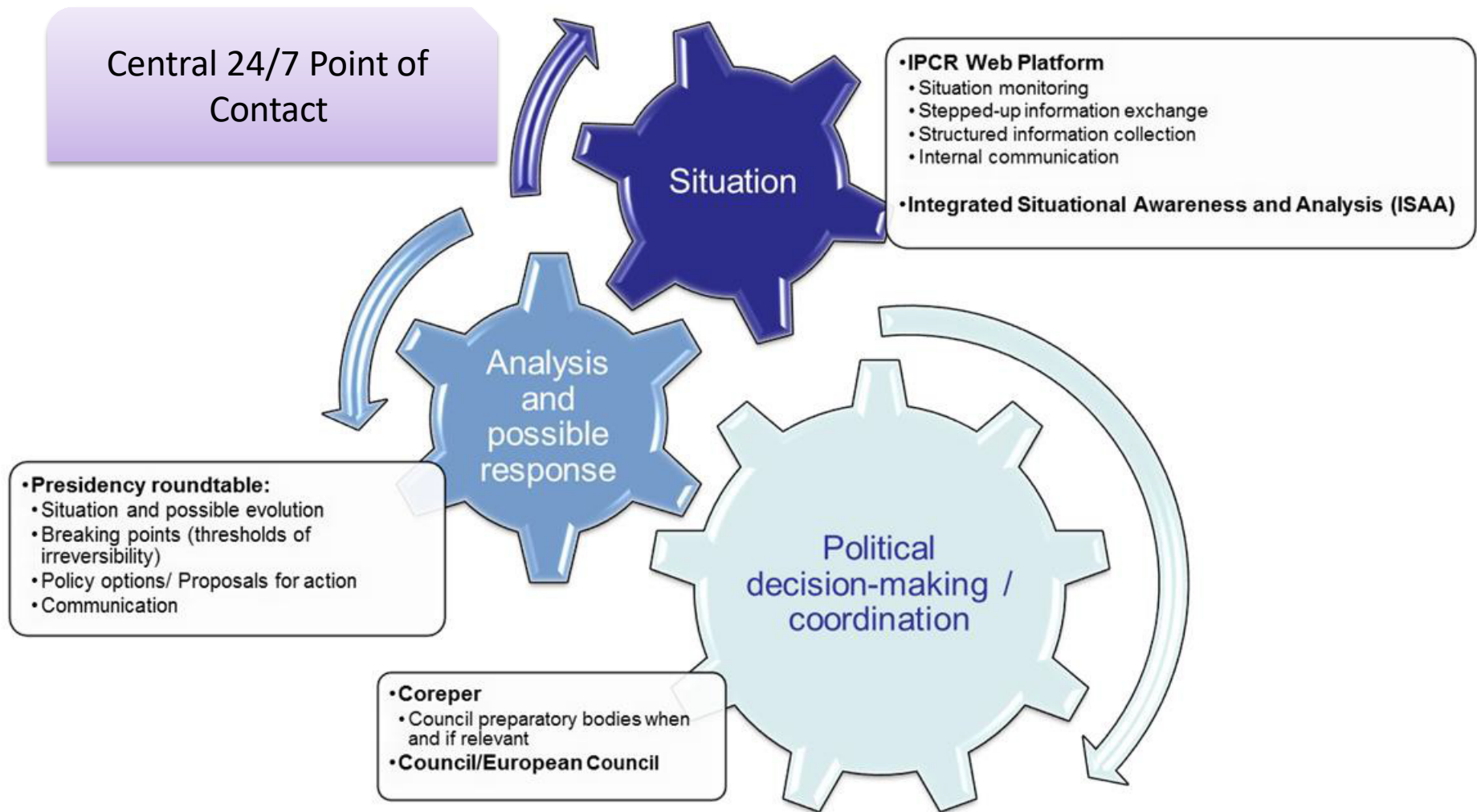
Crisis meeting with EU
ambassadors or ministers



Proposals for EU action decided by
European Council or the Council of the EU



How? the IPCR architecture

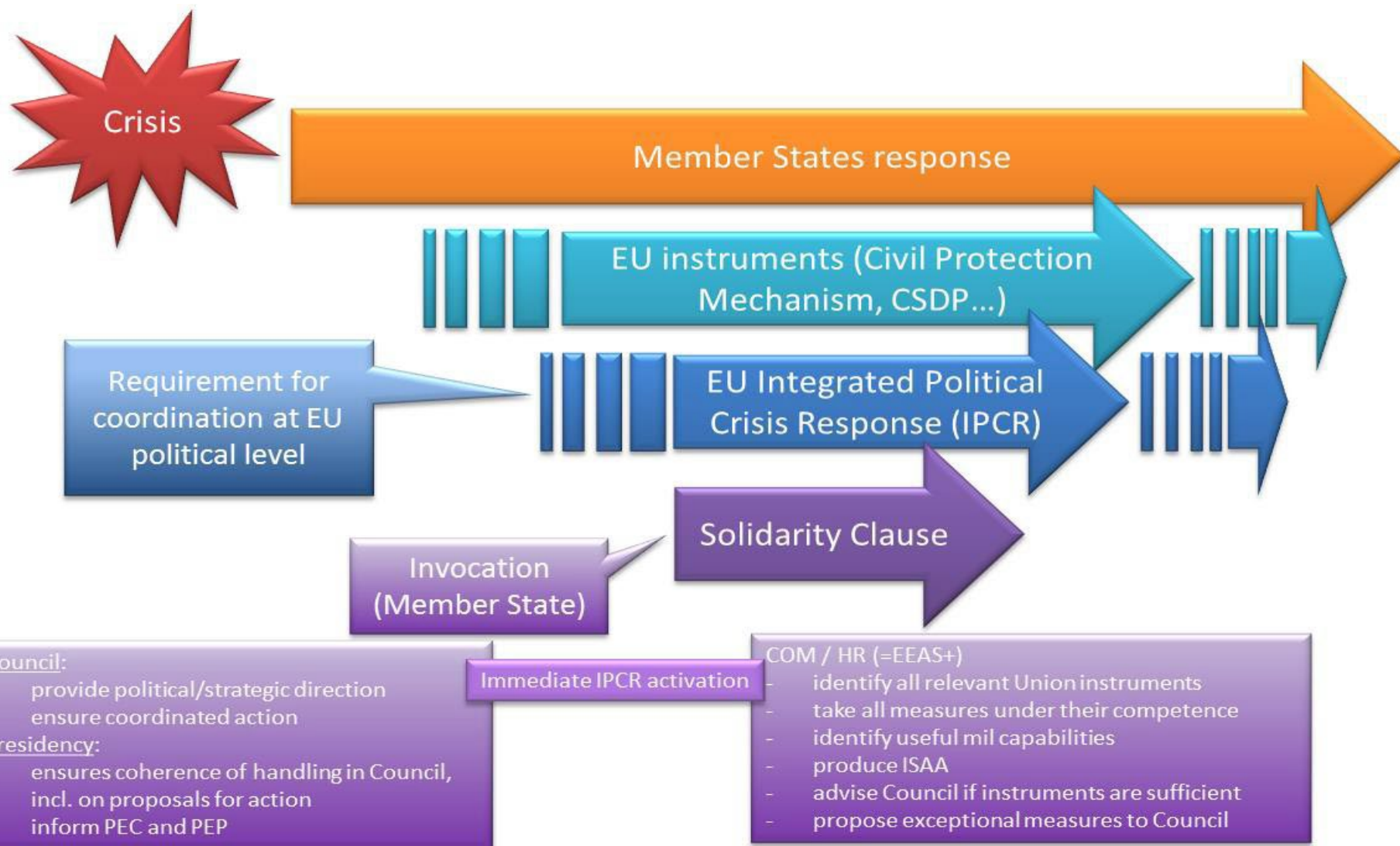


The Solidarity Clause (ART 222)

- ✓ Art 222 TFEU: *The Union and its Member States shall act jointly in a spirit of solidarity if a Member State is the object of a terrorist attack or the victim of a natural or man-made disaster*
- ✓ IPCR – the implementing mechanism in case of invocation



IPCR in the Crisis Continuum:



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