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The aim of the National School of Civil Protection is to deliver on the training requirements of the parties involved in Spain’s civil protection system in order to contribute to the maintenance and enhancement of its ability to manage risks and to intervene in emergency situations. Created by Royal Decree 901/1990 of 13 July, the School reports to the Directorate-General of Civil Protection and Emergencies.

Duties

Pursuant to Law 17/2015 of 17 July on the National Civil Protection System, the School is the core plank for specialised and senior command training and performs the following activities:

1. Trains and coaches the civil-protection service personnel of Spain’s central state government and other public and private institutions.
2. Develops R&D&I activities in the area of civil-protection training.
3. Work with partnerships with the civil-protection training centres of other public authorities.
4. Engages in the training activities provided for under the European Commission’s EU Civil Protection Mechanism and other EU initiatives to encourage team and service interoperability. It can also implement training activities for other countries and foreign/international institutions.
5. The National School of Civil Protection can, with authorisation from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport and the Ministry of Employment and Social Security, respectively, teach courses leading to the attainment of vocational training qualifications and professional certificates in relation to civil protection.

The School thus contributes to the training of the service personnel of entities that comprise the system, supplements the training provided by other institu-
missions and promotes the adoption of criteria and methodologies that facilitate coordination and boost joint work efficacy among intervention groups or different public services.

The School also serves as a meeting forum for technical officers and specialists in disciplines related to risk and emergency management and the development of the social culture of prevention and citizen self-protection.

MISSION OF THE SCHOOL

Implement the training policies approved by the parties responsible for the national civil protection system to maintain the skills levels of its members in accordance with the role they play in the sphere of public organisations.

Strategies that define the School’s mission:

1. Collaboratively lead the national public training system in civil protection so that the effort made by all the training centres concerned is coordinated and targeted at previously established common goals.

2. Act as a benchmark centre in civil protection training.

3. Cooperate with public systems on civil protection training from other countries, particularly the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa, to strengthen their planning, prevention and response capacity in an emergency.
Preparation
To design the training plan, all the training requirements of the national groups involved in the national civil protection system are first collected and studied at meetings and through needs-detection questionnaires addressed to the different central state government organisations with personnel involved in different functions within the system.

Their training managers and services are the parties who, together with the National School of Civil Protection, detect the groups’ requirements in this field. They furthermore study the evaluation conclusions of the previous year’s plan and take them into consideration when designing the new plan.

Structure
Activities are classified into knowledge modules and sub-modules covering the actions of the comprehensive risk and emergency cycle: Risk analysis and prevention, planning, operational intervention and rehabilitation. There is a general module for training in the basics of civil protection and an international module compiling activities targeted at professionals from other countries.

The principal training activities and their duration, divided into modules and sub-modules, are listed in the attachment to this document. Another and more strategic division of the training plan is by programmes expressed in line with the knowledge areas and/or groups at which they are targeted. Of special note are:

- Courses for personnel involved in nuclear emergency plans.
- Advanced civil-protection courses covering different risk and technical areas,
- Courses for civil protection volunteers.
- Self-protection programme.

Teaching methodology
The training activities are principally conducted face-to-face, both at the school and on an outreach basis across other parts of Spain and in centres abroad. They are eminently practical in nature. The school also engages in an important number of technical seminars which are meeting forums for technical officers and specialists in different areas of interest, intended to promote knowledge about new issues in civil protection and to exchange technical expertise with other institutions.
Target audiences

The training courses are aimed at the members of the civil protection services, first and foremost from the central state government but also from other public administrations, although certain activities are aimed at other groups of interest to the civil protection system, such as civil protection volunteers.

The target audience and priorities to consider when selecting students are specified in the announcement of each training activity. Applicants must meet the required profile to be admitted onto the course and those who are already serving in organisations that form part of the national civil protection system will be prioritised, firstly those that work for the central state government, then autonomous community personnel and finally city council staff, in that order. Applications endorsed by the applicant’s line manager at the entity or institution where they provide their services will be prioritised over those that do not have this endorsement.

Registration process

Personnel who comply with the requirements established in the target audience section can apply for the activities on offer. Applications will be processed online only, through the school’s training activities management system, except where expressly stated otherwise. If interested parties are not registered as students on the computer application, they must sign up before being able to apply.

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Covering an area of approximately 200,000 m², the National School of Civil Protection is located in Sureste Regional Park in the municipality of Rivas Vaciamadrid, Madrid. Operations began at this location in 1997.

The school boasts a comprehensive range of infrastructures that enable the training activities to be run well, including practical training carried out in the most realistic-possible scenarios and training in work techniques and methods for emergency interventions.

School building

The building covers 24,000 m² of extensive, modern facilities, fully equipped with wifi and an outdoor parking lot for more than 100 cars.

Classrooms

- 12 classrooms with seating for 360 students
- 1 virtual classroom with scale models
- 1 computer room
- 4 rooms for Operation Coordination Centre scenarios

Facilities

Conference room
Accommodates up to 100 people. The conference room is regularly used for national and international events.

Assembly hall
On two floors: ground and amphitheatre. Can seat up to 550 people. The assembly hall is equipped with audiovisual and simultaneous translation equipment.

Student and teacher residence
68 rooms with a total of 100 beds available free of charge for students and teachers. Occasionally the limited number of beds makes it necessary to share a double room. Guests must book in the day before the course starts (11 pm at the latest) and book out on the last day of the course (before 12 midday). The residence must be booked when signing up for the course.

Common areas
- Computer room, relaxation areas, and laundry.
- Cafeteria serving up to 300 people. Breakfast and lunch, Monday to Friday.

Meeting rooms
Practice grounds

The practice grounds cover 50,000 m² divided into the following training areas:

Fire and hazardous materials area
- Surface area: 7,500 m², divided into three platforms.
- Training in the handling of extinguishers and firefighting fixtures.
- Outdoor firefighting.
- Suppression of fires confined in buildings.
- Hazardous material accident simulation.

Water rescue area
- 9,400 m³ pool up to seven metres deep in parts.
- Earmarked for training in the handling of rescue vessels, underwater rescues and flooded area scenarios.

Accidents area
- Surface area: 12,500 m².
- Dedicated principally to the training and simulation of multiple road and rail accidents.

Collapsed structures area
- 2 x 7,500 m² zones.
- Over 150 hidden points.
- Underground galleries, 240 m long.
- Vertical accesses.
- Vehicles trapped in rubble (bus, train carriage).
- Constructions simulating collapsed buildings, with five-floor structures measuring 100 m² per floor.
- Dedicated area for strutting, bracing, load movement and slab breakage.

Landslides area:
- Surface area: 4,500 m².
- Training in the rescue of people who have been buried, either from the surface or through underground galleries.

The practice grounds also feature inland and bypass roads and other ancillary structures such as a classroom, changing rooms and toilets, car parks and storage areas. The grounds are also used to train specific groups from different public administrations.
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National Institute of Public Administration.
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and Environment.
Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.
Security Forces and Law Enforcement Authorities.
Armed Forces. Military Unit for Emergencies.
Nuclear Safety Council.
Mining and Geology Institute.
National Geographic Institute.
State Meteorological Agency.
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#### 6.3 Africa
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