



IRO Department of Deployment

International offer of USAR Assistance to Italy

Final report to the earthquake in the centre of Italy



Pictures from ntv.de: Rescue Dogs from Italy in deployment situation

A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.7 magnitude (according to U.S. Geological Survey) occurred on Monday night, April 6th, 3:32 am local time and hit central Italy, in the region of L'Aquila Province. The Italian Civil Protection Department coordinated the overall response in the area. According to official data over 250 humans were killed. All national components are operational on site and more than 100 people have been extracted alive from the rubble. Search and rescue operations are still ongoing. On Thursday afternoon the search with rescue dogs was stopped. Rescue dog teams from our Italian IRO member organizations were in deployment to search with dogs for trapped victims. IRO stands in close contact with the Italian civil protection authorities. IRO was fully available to assist Italy immediately, if requested. For the time being, Italy has not requested international assistance; they have enough national USAR capacities.

Special thanks must go to our rescue dog teams from Italy, which were in use with their dogs. The requirements to the teams were very high, both with their knowledge and also the tactical know-how. Personal thanks to our rescue dog teams should exhibit their selfless, volunteer action into the rescue dog activities.

Thanks to all rescue dog teams of our member organizations, for an offer of assistance for Italy.