



International Offers of Assistance 1999

Greece Offer of Assistance August 1999

7 Sep 2004: a magnitude 5.9 earthquake struck the area surrounding Athens for only 10 seconds in the early afternoon. The epicentre was located just 20 km north of Athens.

The IRO made contact immediately with the appropriate national authorities and alerted several IRO NRO's and put them on call. The following morning the Greek ambassador announced that the scope of damage was not as great as in Turkey and that several rescue dog teams were already on their way to the scene. The IRO teams were taken off call but several IRO affiliated NRO search units were involved in the mission (REDOG, ASB-Berlin) and helped locate and rescue survivors.

Turkey Offer of Assistance November 1999

12 Nov 1999: For the second time within 3 months, a strong earthquake struck Turkey, this time with magnitude 7.2 on the Richter scale with the epicentre located near Düzce. Immediately, during the night, several NRO's of the IRO were alerted and put on call in A, D, CZ, H, SK, SLO. Due to feedback from the NRO's that they would organize their missions themselves this time, no further IRO alerts are maintained.

The IRO is aware of units participating in this mission from the following member countries: 2 NRO's from A and one each from CH, DK, H, S, SLO.