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Preface

The interest in the European Union as a crisis manager has grown intensely during the last years. Large-scale accidents – floods, forest fires and terrorist attacks – do not recognise national borders, and policy makers have increasingly realised that cooperation within the Union is a necessary prerequisite for efficient crisis management.

As an agency for defence and security studies, the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) has for more than a decade closely followed the development within the sphere of European crisis management, and is today regularly engaged as a consultant on security issues within the Union by the Swedish Government.

Based on our experience, we have come to understand that knowledge of the features of the EU crisis management system is not widely spread, either among the Member States or within the EU itself. The system is still being developed and basic information on how the system works is not easy to obtain. Therefore we decided to write this book. The content is based on our work as advisors to government agencies in Sweden. It gives a basic introduction to the system, both to specific details and to its overall context. We hope that it will be useful for anyone interested in the working of crisis management within the EU – policy makers, researchers, journalists and students.

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Finally, we would like to encourage readers to communicate to us comments and suggestions of possible future editions. The field of crisis management in the European Union is constantly changing. This book is our portrait of the system as it is today, and we would be happy to include insights from all the corners of Europe.

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Abbreviations

ADNS	Animal Disease Notification System
ARGUS	The Commission's internal general rapid alert system
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CCC	Cross-cutting criteria
CCA	Crisis Coordination Arrangements
CECIS	Common Emergency and Communication Information System
CI	Critical infrastructure
CIP	Critical infrastructure protection
CIWIN	Critical Infrastructure Warning Information Network
CNI	Critical national infrastructure
COCON	Working Party on Consular Cooperation
COREPER	Permanent Representatives Committee
COREU	Correspondance Européenne
COSI	Committee on internal security (Treaty of Lisbon)
CVO	Working group of Chief Veterinary Officers of the Member States
DG	Directorate-General
DG JLS	Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security
DG RELEX	Directorate-General for External Relations
EADRCC	Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response and Coordination Centre
EAS	European External Action Service (Treaty of Lisbon)
ECDC	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
ECHO	European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department
ECI	European critical infrastructure
ECURIE	European Community Urgent Radiological Information Exchange
EEA	European Economic Area
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
EPCIP	European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection
ESDP	European Security and Defence Policy
EUROJUST	European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit

EUROPHYT	European Network of Plant Health Information Systems
EUROPOL	European Police Office
EUSF	European Union Solidarity Fund
EWRS	Early Warning and Response System for Communicable Diseases
FRONTEX	European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders
GAERC	The General Affairs and External Relations Council
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICT	Information and communication technology
JHA	Justice and Home Affairs Council
JRC	European Commission Joint Research Centre
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MIC	Monitoring and Information Centre
ODA	Official Development Aid
OIE	World Organisation for Animal Health
OSP	Operator security plan
PPCT	Prevention, preparedness and consequence management of terrorism and other security related risks (i.e. the financial programme connected to EPCIP)
PROCIV	Working Party on Civil Protection
RAPEX	Rapid Alert System for Non-Food Products
RAS	Rapid alert system
RAS BICHAT	Rapid Alert System for Biological and Chemical Attacks and Threats
RAS CHEM	Rapid Alert System for Chemical Threats
RASFF	Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed
SG/HR	Secretary-General/High Representative
SitCen	EU Joint Situation Centre
SLO	Security Liaison Officer
UN OCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
WHO	World Health Organisation