**FTS and EDRIS**

**What is FTS and what is EDRIS?**

The Financial Tracking Service (FTS) is a global, on-line, real-time database of all humanitarian funding needs and international contributions. FTS is managed by OCHA Geneva.

The European Disaster Response Information System (EDRIS) contains real-time information on contributions to humanitarian aid by the European Commission (through DG ECHO) and by the EU Member States. EDRIS is managed by DG ECHO. It was rolled out in 2011 and replaces the previous “14-point” system.

**What is the relationship between the two systems?**

All information entered in the EDRIS system is transmitted electronically to FTS. FTS also contains information reported by non-EU Members States and the recipients of humanitarian funding.

**How does FTS record ECHO contributions (HIPs and emergency decisions)?**

When an ECHO Humanitarian Implementation Plan (HIP) or an emergency/ad hoc decision has been formally adopted, FTS records that information as a commitment to “UN Agencies, NGOs and/or Red Cross” outside the appeal because details are not immediately available regarding the exact amount to be allocated to each contracting partner or to specific sectors/clusters.\(^1\) FTS records the full amount in euros and the decision date in the contribution description. As contracts are signed (by both ECHO and the receiving partner), information is transmitted to FTS electronically via EDRIS. If there is an appeal (Consolidated or Flash) for the particular country and the allocation is to an organization with a project(s) in the appeal, every attempt is made to match the allocation with a specific appeal project code(s). If the organization does not participate in the CAP (for example IFRC/ICRC), then the funding is recorded outside the CAP.\(^2\) Either way, the amount of the contract is subtracted from the original decision amount and what remains is the “balance” of the full ECHO decision. You can see the ECHO decision code and the unallocated balance in the description: “Humanitarian Implementation Plan for the occupied Palestinian territory [ECHO/PSE/BUD/2011/91000 - unallocated balance of total original funding decision of euro 42 million]”. Each contract is recorded separately and the ECHO contract code is included in the description.

**How does FTS record EU Member States contributions?**

FTS receives an e-mail confirmation for any insertion, being new ones or modification of existing reports. This allows FTS to be quickly updated.

**Why doesn’t FTS fully reflect the DG ECHO information available at the field level?**

Although DG ECHO field experts/offices may have a breakdown of how funds will be spent and which partners will be signing contracts with DG ECHO, this information will only appear on FTS once the contracts have been signed and the information has been reported through EDRIS, and as a first step, encoded by geographical units in HOPE, DG ECHO's database.

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\(^{2}\) Contributions that are not to projects in the appeal (bilateral, in-kind, Red Cross/Red Crescent, activities/organizations not in the appeal) are considered “outside” the appeal.
In the FTS tables, DG ECHO’s position as a donor to the CAP seems too low—why?

This could be because some of the funding has not been recorded against the appeal either because the information has not yet reached FTS from EDRIS, or because some recipients of DG ECHO funding do not participate in the appeal. To see DG ECHO’s total humanitarian funding (appeal and non-appeal), see Table B on FTS for any appeal country or emergency. To see ECHO’s CAP funding (appeal only), see Table G for any appeal country. For a list of DG ECHO contributions recorded against an appeal, see Table F. DG ECHO representatives working at headquarters and in the field and OCHA field office focal points are encouraged to work together to improve how information is presented on FTS (particularly for CAP funding), however all information must be reported through EDRIS, as per standard procedures.

Is it possible to see a combined reporter for DG ECHO and all EU Member States?

Yes, click here for a global overview of all DG ECHO and EU Member States contributions. If you would like this information organized by recipient country, click here.

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3 Please note that “none” indicates multilateral/core contributions, and “region” indicates sub-regional contributions.