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# Crisis management in Latvia

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# Legal framework

- National Security Law – defines national security system, competences and tasks of the persons or institutions responsible for national security and principles and procedures of coordination, implementation and monitoring of their activities;
- Civil Protection and Disaster Management Law – defines competences and tasks of the system of civil protection and disaster management subjects;
- Law On Emergency Situation and State of Exception – prescribes procedure on declaration of special legal regime and restrictions of rights and freedom during the special legal regime;
- Law on the State Material Reserves – sets framework for system, as well as procedures for maintenance and involvement
- Different Rules of Cabinet of Ministers – defines concrete procedures of different aspects of national security and civil protection and disaster management system



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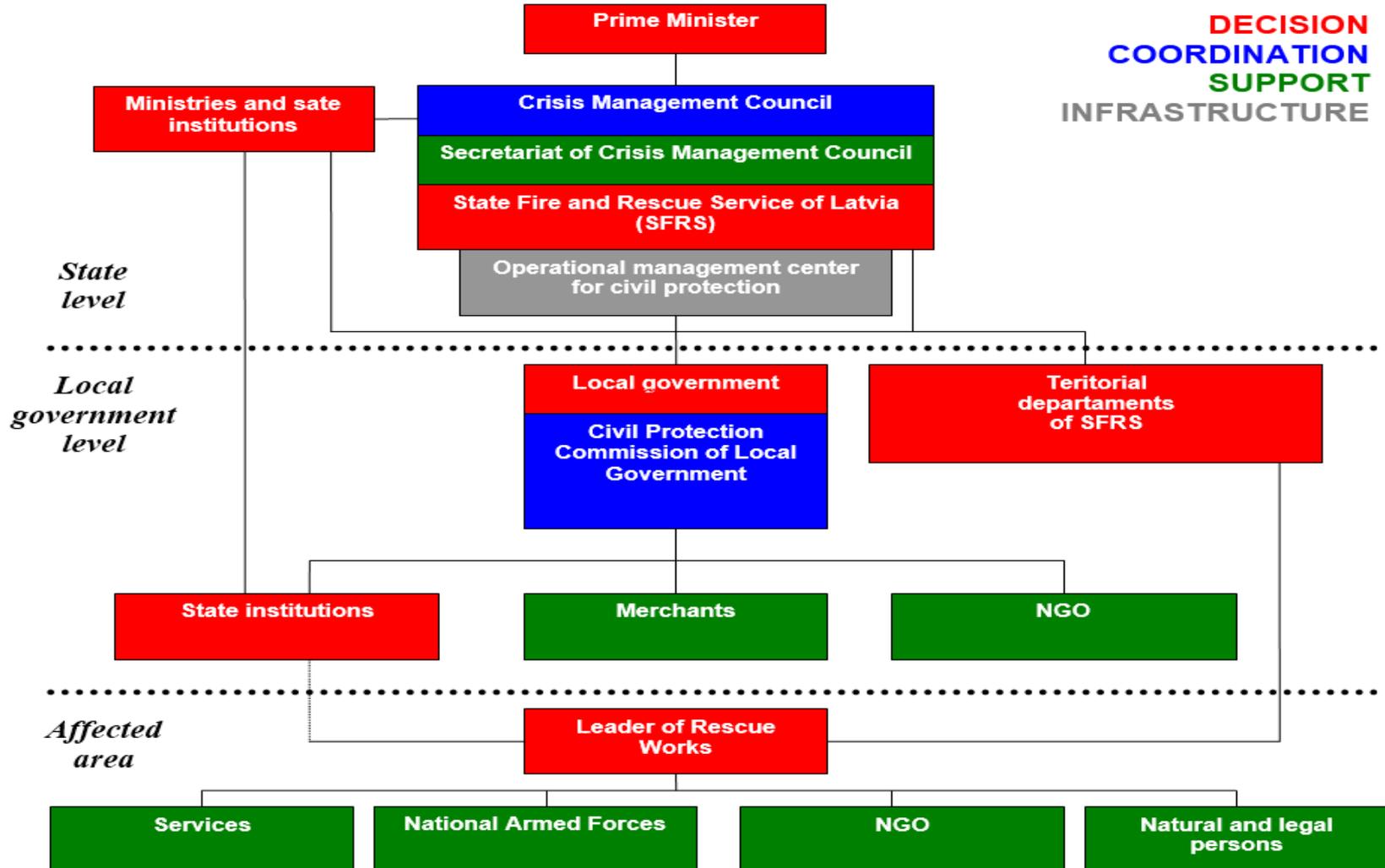
# Operational framework

**Respective plans – National Defence Plan and National Civil Protection plan, as well as plans elaborated on the bases of both.**



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# Crisis Management System for Civil Protection





# Risk Assessment

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Level of probability or plausibility ↓	Disaster risk matrix				
	Insignificant risk	Significant risk	Moderate risk	High risk	Very High risk
Very High		Forest and peat fires	Epizootics		
High			Intense cold Heat Icing	Epidemic influenza	
Moderate		Fluvial flood, floods and ice jam Vehicle accident Railroad accident	Heavy rainfalls (hail) Whirlwinds Drought	Storm surge Storms Fires at buildings and structures	
Low		Epiphyteties	Collapse of buildings and structures Gas leak from major transmission pipelines (grid) Accident with release of chemical substances	Damage to energy networks	Damage / ruptures of hydroelectric power plant dam and structure (Daugava River dams) Marine accident with release of hazardous materials
Very Low	Landslides Earthquakes Public disorder	Terrorist attacks Internal unrest (conflicts) Radiological accident at object (establishment)	Chemical leak from major transmission pipeline Damage / ruptures of port engineering structures Ship grounding Collision of ships	Accident with release of biological substances Aviation accident involving aircraft (outside of airfields)	
Level of consequences →	Insignificant	Significant	Moderate	Heavy	Catastrophic impact



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# COVID-19 Pandemic

- Declaration of the Emergency Situation
- Establishment of the Group for Coordination of Interinstitutional Activities (under leadership of the Deputy Head of the State Fire and Rescue Service)
- Decision making process
- Procurements



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# COVID-19 Pandemic – lessons learned

- Interinstitutional cooperation and chosen way for coordination
- Strategic communication vs. desinformation and conspiracy theories
- Daily work for emergency services
- State reserves
- Need for clear algorithms and clear division of competences of different actors
- Excercises, excercises, excercises
- New normal – opportunities provided by digital tools
- Changes in patterns of criminality



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