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NATO Civil Emergency Planning“**

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Curriculum vitae

Guenter Bretschneider, has been working in NATO Civil Emergency Planning since June 2003. He was appointed Head of the Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre in May 2005. Before joining NATO, he had worked for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations in New York, where he was in charge of logistical support for peace operations in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He has a military background and has some 25 years of service in the German Air Force. He holds a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and has a Master of Science in Operations Research.

Since its inauguration in 1998 the EADRCC has been involved in more than 40 operations of which over twenty fall in Mr. Bretschneider's tenure. Most notably he dealt with NATO's support to Greece during the Summer Olympic Games in 2004, assistance to Indonesia after the tsunami, support to the United States in the wake of hurricane Katrina and the NATO Pakistan earthquake relief operation.