

maps and in digital environment of geoinformation systems. Therefore, the development of a comprehensive, carefully designed and generally accepted set of map symbols specially customized for maps and activities in crises is of great importance.

This paper provides an overview of results of an initial research on existing map symbols for crisis management conducted in Croatia, Europe and worldwide. Different approaches (or lack thereof) developed among various national and international organizations for response in crisis situations show there is still a long way to a unique cartographic approach to crisis management. Therefore, this paper discusses general rules, requirements and guidelines for graphic design of map symbols for efficient visualization of spatial information and the process of cartographic communication in crisis situations, as well as evaluation methods for measuring their recognition.

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