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## EU's 112 emergency number now available in all but one of the bloc's nations

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**BRUSSELS, Belgium:** An EU official says all but one of the bloc's 27 nations have set up the 112 emergency phone number but few people know it exists.

EU Telecoms Commissioner Viviane Reding says only Bulgaria has failed to launch the hot line the equivalent of the 911 number in the U.S.

But Redding said Tuesday a poll has shown only 22 percent of EU citizens know that they can use the number in an emergency outside of their home country. She said governments must do a better job promoting the number.

The 112 number complements national emergency hot lines, different in each EU country.

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