Activity Overview

„COVID-19 Pandemic - Crisis Management On-line Seminar”
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Background: The COVID-19 crisis, both due to its actual effects and consequences and due to the media amplification of the potential risks at the perceptual level, has grounded the world to a halt as we have known it for decades. The uncontrolled spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (SARS-CoV-2) has affected all countries and societies of this world harder than many other challenges we have faced so far. The crisis has caused numerous market disruptions and a major impact on certain industries, has produced additional clashes within international community, highlighted the impotence of International organizations and led to the return of states to the center of international relations and communications, a role they have not been in for a long time. States have proven to be the undisputed actors and creators of policies and conditions that most directly affect the functioning of life, society and the economy during this crisis. Depending on their attitudes and ability to cope with the crisis, they determined the current action within their own borders, as well as the international environment and the future of relations between many actors in their society. It is the ability of states to organize an effective crisis management system, with all its components, phases of the crisis management cycle, application of knowledge of effective crisis communication, assessment and daily strategic decision-making that produces the preconditions for analyzing how successful individual countries have been in dealing with this crisis. This subject is of central interest to our on-line Seminar.

The Seminar will be organized by RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation in partnership with the Faculty of Political Science of Zagreb University, Croatia.

Purpose and Objectives The main purpose of the Seminar is to present and analyze national crisis management concepts, inter-agency cooperation, challenges, best practices and lessons learned in dealing with the coronavirus crisis, by providing the platform for interaction among national crisis/emergency management, public health and civil protection experts thus contributing to the improvements of crisis management capabilities of RACVIAC Members.

Participation National crisis/disaster/emergency management, public health and civil protection academic and professional experts involved in COVID-19 pandemic crisis response or analysis, capable of discussing the challenges and practical experiences in the multi-organizational response system, are expected to participate.

Due to technical limitations five (5) participants from each RACVIAC Member State and Associate Member State can register to participate in this on-line Seminar.

Methodology The Seminar is designed as a peer-to-peer event aimed at examining various systems and approaches to crisis management of the COVID – 19 pandemic. The lecturers will present their national COVID-19 pandemic crisis management, addressing the three phases of crisis management cycle: “Prevention”, “Preparedness”, and “Response”. The lecturers are also expected to deliver the academic summary of their lectures which will be published on RACVIAC website and in a hardcopy version (RACVIAC Newsletter).
The working language is English.

The Seminar will be conducted via the on-line platform “Cisco WebEx”. Technical requirements for using the platform are attached to this document.

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR USING ON-LINE PLATFORM “CISCO WEBEX”

For optimal experience users should use desktop or laptop PC, with video camera and headphones (with microphone).

Devices based on mobile platforms (iOS and Android) can be used but experience will be limited. Stable internet connection is required.

Requirements for PC:

Supported Microsoft Windows Operating Systems
• Windows Vista (32-bit/64-bit)
• Windows 7 (32-bit/64-bit)
• Windows 8 (32-bit/64-bit)
• Windows 8.1 (32-bit/64-bit)
• Windows 10 (32-bit/64-bit)

PC Hardware Requirements
• A minimum of Intel Core2 Duo or AMD CPU 2.XX GHz or higher processor.
• A minimum of 2 GB of RAM is recommended.

Supported Windows Browsers
• Edge (Windows 10 only) 42 and 44
• Firefox Version 59–70
• Google Chrome Version 65–78
• IE: 11.0.9600

Requirements for Mac:

Supported Mac OS:
• Mac OS 10.13
• Mac OS 10.14
• Mac OS 10.15

Supported browsers:
• Firefox 52 and later is fully supported in Mac OS X. Firefox 51 and earlier versions are not supported. Users receive a message stating this when they attempt to join or start a meeting with these browser versions.
• Safari 11 and late
• Chrome latest 32-bit/64-bit

Mac Hardware requirements:
• JavaScript and cookies enabled
• Intel CPU-based (2 GB of RAM minimum)

Compatibility (for PC and MAC) can be tested at www.webex.com/lp/jointest/