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Annex A

Activity Overview

„Crisis and Disaster Management Workshop” SSR-Q1-S-19

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Venue RACVIAC, HR

Background Emergency responses to natural and man-made disasters and catastrophes often require the execution of interconnected activities and tasks, usually at different leadership levels of the civil protection mechanism. In order to be able to successfully deal with the high level of uncertainty, complexity and changeability of crises and disasters, the national crisis response systems must be managed using efficient command and control (C2) functions and structures. Understanding the importance of determining the most appropriate level of centralization of decision making, ensuring the smooth communication flow of information and orders among the stakeholders involved, overcoming the inter-agency rivalries and defining the adequate degree of their integration are the crucial prerequisites for timely and effective crisis responses.

This Workshop will be organised by RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation in partnership with the Division of Risk Management and Societal Safety of Lund University, Sweden and the Faculty of Political Science of Zagreb University, Croatia.

Purpose and Objectives The main purpose of the Workshop is to contribute to the improvements of crisis/disaster command and control concepts of RACVIAC Members by providing the platform for interaction among national crisis/disaster management and civil protection experts, enabling them to present and analyse their national C2 concepts and inter-agency cooperation, best practices, challenges and lessons learned.

Participation National crisis/disaster/emergency management and civil protection experts at middle and higher level positions, capable of presenting their national crisis/disaster command and control concepts, discuss related challenges and practical experiences in the multi-organizational response system, are expected to participate.

Methodology The Workshop is designed as a peer-to-peer event aimed at examining various C2 systems and inter-agency approaches to crisis/disaster management. The participants will present their national crisis/disaster C2 considerations within two Panels, titled “**Crisis/Disaster C2 Systems - Conceptual and Legal Frameworks**” (Panel 1), and “**Crisis/Disaster C2 Systems - Challenges, Best Practices and Lessons Learned**” (Panel 2). Each national presentation on each of the abovementioned topics is expected to be no more than 15 minutes in length, presented by one or more national representatives, while the ensuing discussions and expert consultations will be facilitated by the Workshop moderators and commentators.

The working language is English.

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