

## Exercise EU MOLDEX 2017

### General Information

The EU-funded Programme on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters (PPRD East 2) aims to contribute to the peace, stability, security and prosperity of the Eastern Partner Countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine). It is also aimed to protect the environment, population, cultural heritage, resources and infrastructures of the region by strengthening the countries' resilience, preparedness and response to man-made disasters and disasters caused by natural hazards. The Programme will last for 4 years with a budget of €5.5 million.

An important part of the Programme deals with the strengthening of civil protection capacities of the Partner Countries. For that purpose, a series of training courses and table-top exercises were arranged during 2015-2017 and the final test of the programme is the conduct of a full-scale field exercise, named EU MOLDEX 2017, in September 2017 near Chisinau, Moldova.

### The Exercise Scenario

The exercise will be based on a scenario of an earthquake causing the collapse of buildings and breach of a dam resulting in flooding. A simultaneous traffic accident will cause the release of dangerous chemicals in the atmosphere. Rescue teams from the six Partner Countries together with teams from three EU member states (Czech Republic, Denmark, and Romania) will perform urban search and rescue, flood rescue, response to the chemical accident, and technical assistance to the coordination.

### Exercise Timeline

The exercise will start with the arrival of the foreign rescue teams on 18 September 2017. Some of the teams will be traveling by road and will be met at the border by the Moldovan host nation support arrangements including facilitation of the border crossing and providing police escort to the base of operations. Other teams will arrive by air and will also benefit from the host nation support bringing them to the base of operations where they will be accommodated in tents.

On 19 September, the official opening of the exercise will take place in the morning and the exercise activities will commence. The exercise will continue in the evening in order to train operation in dark condition, but it will not run throughout the night. In the morning of 20 September, the activities will continue and run until the official closing in the afternoon.

On 21 September, a workshop will be arranged for the transfer of technical information and experience. The workshop will include a discussion of the first impressions of lessons observed during the exercise. Also on 21 September, the rescue teams will return to their countries.



## Exercise Objectives

The Terms of Reference for the PPRD East 2 Programme indicate that the exercises shall pursue the following objectives:

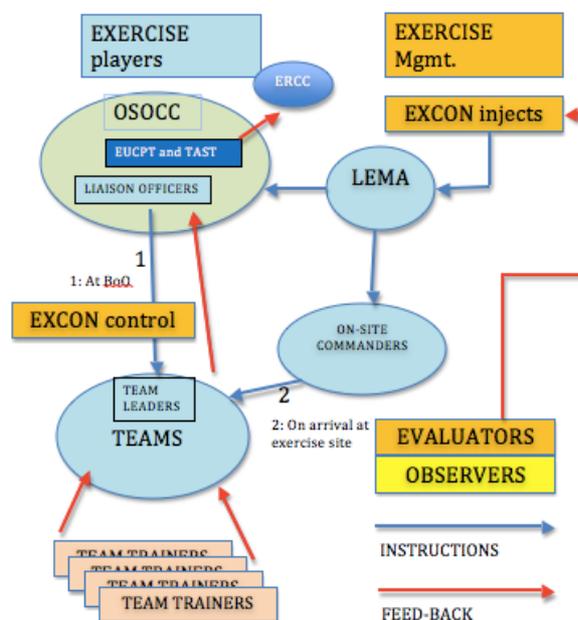
- to verify and improve procedures, to establish a common understanding of cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions and to accelerate/improve the response in major emergencies;
- to provide learning opportunities for all participants involved in assistance interventions related to the work of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (including the implementation of EU Host Nation Support Guidelines);
- to enhance operational cooperation and coordination among the intervention teams;
- to test the provision and receipt of civil protection assistance via the Mechanism (including communication and coordination with the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) of the European Commission) using HNS guidelines and templates;
- to enhance the interoperability of equipment, command/coordination structures, procedures and communication tools from Partner Countries and the EU capabilities;
- to enhance the common understanding and implementation of main principles provided by the international guidelines and handbooks used during emergencies and international deployments.



## Exercise Participants

In addition to the rescue and technical assistance teams from the six Partner Countries and three EU Member States, the exercise will be supported by an experienced team of international civil protection experts acting as team trainers, an EU Civil Protection Team, a group of experienced evaluators, and a number of observers from the Partner Countries, EU member states, and other international organisations.

## Exercise Structure



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