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# **The State Fire Service Capacity Building MENTORSHIP to Czech Republic and Armenia**

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# Czech Republic

## Two years planning and preparation process toward IER

### WHY?

- Close inter services cooperation through last 15 years
- Common activities: exercises, trainings, projects
- Similar systems, mentality, structure of USAR
- Participation in IEC as evaluator - knowing strengths and weaknesses + recommendations



# The Process

- Official request from the National HQs of the Fire Brigade (the sponsor) of Czech Republic to its counterpart in Poland for Mentorship after verbal agreement
- Nomination of two experts for the preparation – buddy system
- Initial visit – 36 hrs exercise according to INSARAG Guidelines with Mentors' evaluation – post exercise report and creation road toward IER
- Regular exchange of information regarding POE, system improvement, changes in the exercise preparation and documentation
- Second Exercise – only documentation scanning and post exercise report study
- IER



# IER

- ♦ (verification of last version of exercise documentation, POE presentations, sites, etc),
- ♦ Shoulder to shoulder with IER exercise frontman - VV
- ♦ Explanation to IER Cadre Team – support to IER exercise frontman
- ♦ Participation in exercise results presentation
- ♦ Lessons learned discussion with Czech USAR managers

**Effect – consideration next common IER**



# Mentorship to Armenia

- An official request sent to the Head of the State Fire Service for support in the preparation toward IEC
- First assessment visit to determine the scope of work to be done
- Post visit report and discussion with the Head of MES Armenia
- Discussion with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland to support the preparation – Project within the Polish Development Programme
- After the positive answer from the MoFA the Chief Commandant made a statement to support Armenia



# Scope of Work

- First to determine what Mentor can and can not do
- Based on the assessment report – road map toward IEC: missing equipment, trainings, exercises and documentation
- Naming two experts from the SFS to become Mentors – buddy system
- USAR Poland supporting the process (trainings, shoring, medical plans, etc)
- Almost two years full preparation process with two MoFA yearly projects



# Scope of the project

- Project budget ~ 200 000 EUR
- Project actions:
  - ◆ Evaluation during preparation phase:
    - ◆ 3 x internal field exercises
    - ◆ Mentor's reports on progress
  - ◆ Trainings for key personnel
    - ◆ Organization of USAR team (INSARAG Guidelines)
    - ◆ 2 x OSOCC training
    - ◆ USAR management training
    - ◆ Medical component training
    - ◆ Shoring training
    - ◆ IEC preparation training
    - ◆ Table top exercises with assessement training



# Scope of the project

- Internal exercises assessed by mentors based on IEC/R checklists
- Participation of Armenian skeleton team (5 personnel) in Czech IER
- Personnel trained:
  - ◆ 5 participants per each OSOCC course
  - ◆ 5 medical staff on medical training
  - ◆ 5 participants on USAR management course
  - ◆ 6 participants on table top exercises
  - ◆ 10 participants on shoring training
  - ◆ 10 participants on training of USAR organization
- Each training duration: 5 – 7 days





# Remarks

- Different IEC/IER exercises – completely different approach – case to case examples
- Mentors should be ready to be able to help 24/7
- Buddy system is much better – allow flexibility and 2 perspective
- Sometimes additional expertise is needed – additional trainings, workshop or exercises
- Two years time in many cases is the minimum (especially for the teams getting ready for IEC)
- Effect – 2 „well done” and now other countries asking for mentoring...

