

ANTICIPATING, DETECTING AND RESPONDING TO COMPLEX CRISES



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An informal IPCR Friends of the Presidency meeting of Directors-General for crisis management co-organised by the EU Institute for Security Studies, the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU and the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

24 October 2019, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU, 80 Avenue de Cortenbergh, 1000 Brussels

This informal meeting will focus on different national and EU approaches to anticipating and detecting complex crises, and it will also engage in a discussion about improving the capacity to respond at the national and EU levels. The informal meeting aims to bring together Directors-General (or equivalent) responsible for managing cross-sectoral crises and supporting inter-ministerial coordination within Member States and relevant EU institutions.

08:30-09:00

Registration

09:00-09:30

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Jarkko KORHONEN

Government Situation Awareness Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office, Finland

09:30-10:00

PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 ESPAS REPORT – IMPLICATIONS FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Florence GAUB

Deputy Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

10:00-12:30

SCENARIO BASED DISCUSSION

Facilitator

Tarik MEZIANI

Council of the EU

This interactive session will allow participants to engage on relevant topics of crisis management at strategic level, such as horizon scanning, early crisis detection, situational awareness, and forecasting, on the basis of a fictitious but realistic scenario. The issues raised will remain strategic in nature and will serve at identifying what challenges are of most importance to heads of crisis management in supporting the decision-makers and at identifying possible areas of cooperation.

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:00

CRISIS MANAGEMENT: NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

A few EU member states will present their own national systems and approaches in the management of complex crises in support to decision-makers, as well as their linkages – if any – at regional level and/or EU level.

Moderator

Daniel FIOTT

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers

Anna-Karin JANSSON

Deputy Director, Crisis Management Coordination Secretariat, Government Offices of Sweden

Bart RAEYMAEKERS

Director General Crisis Centre – Interior Federal Public Service Belgium

H.P. SCHREINEMACHERS

Director National Crisis Management – National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security – Justice and Security, The Netherlands

15:00-15:15

Coffee

15:15-16:15

CRISIS MANAGEMENT: EU LANDSCAPE

This session will provide more details with regards to some of the capabilities available at EU level to support member states, including within EU agencies. While these capabilities are well known in the respective communities (e.g. health, migration, energy...), the session will allow participants to reflect on whether and how such capacities could contribute to strengthening preparedness and response in other areas (e.g. good practices in data science, situation awareness, or forecasting).

Moderator

Florence GAUB

Deputy Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers

Jan ALHADEFF

Head of Civil Protection Unit, Council of the European Union

Dan CHIRONDOJAN

Director for Space, Security and Migration, Joint Research Centre – European Commission

François FISHER

Head of Analysis, EU INTCEN, European External Action Service

Demosthenes IKONOMOU

Head of Operational Security Unit, EU Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)

Johannes LUCHNER

Director Emergency Management and rescEU, Directorate General Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), European Commission

Florin URSEANU

Head of Crisis Management Unit, Secretariat General, European Commission

16:15-16:30

CLOSING SPEECH

Jarkko KORHONEN

Government Situation Awareness Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office, Finland

16:30-17:00

REFLECTION SESSION

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Government Situation Awareness Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office, Finland

This session will allow heads of crisis management to reflect on some of the topics addressed during the workshop or on other issues triggered by the previous discussions. Directors-general (or equivalent) will have the opportunity to formulate suggestions with regards to future initiatives that could further support the development of this informal network.

19:00-22:00

Dinner for Directors-General (or equivalent)