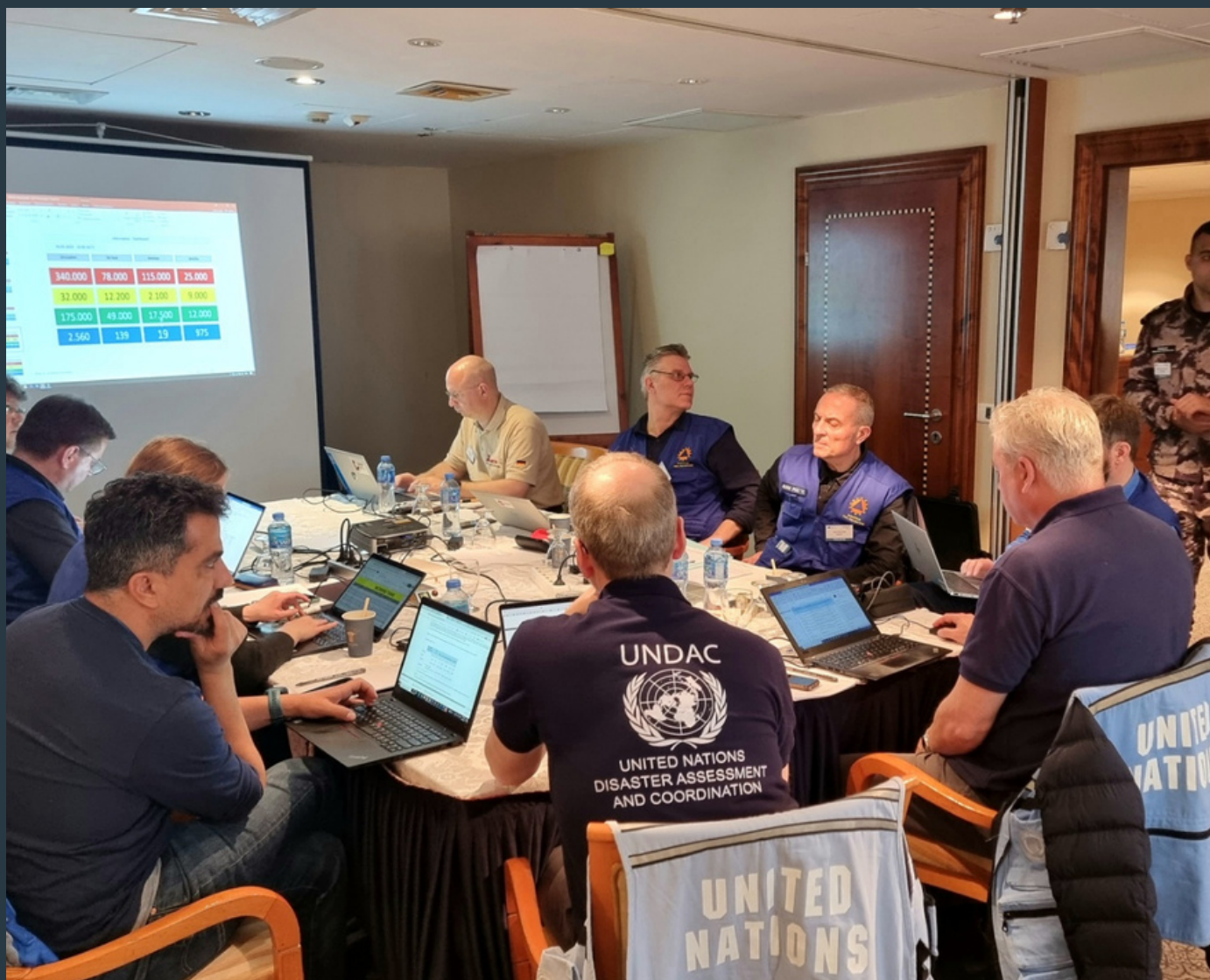


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# Professional Dialogue Exercise PDEX-JIP

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# Project Fact Sheet

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# Abstract

The overall aim of PDEX-JIP is to improve Civil Protection (CP) preparedness and response inside and outside the Member States of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) by providing a testing environment and a learning opportunity for all actors involved in CP interventions.

The sub-region of Jordan, Israel and Palestine is a unique training environment of outermost interest for the UPCM.

PDEX-JIP Project will:

- a) produce an assessment of the CP situation,
- b) draft joint Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) on parties' request ,
- c) hold joint planning conferences,
- d) implement a Table-Top Exercise (TTX) training Host Nation Support (HNS) in a specific environment,
- e) perform a Joint Full-Scale Exercise (FSX),
- f) provide an Evaluation that includes a Lessons Learned (LL) process  
and recommendations for the Way ahead,
- g) provide the sub-region with HNS-guidelines considering the specific response environment.

The project is designed to achieve overall strengthening of disaster preparedness in the JIP region while increasing interoperability and HNS measures for international and regional disaster response.





# Goals/Objectives

- Analyse the CP situation in the JIP region,
- Conduct joint planning with JIP partners
- Develop a joint SOP for international disaster response,
- Prepare and conduct one HNS TTX
- Prepare and conduct one joint FSX,
- Conduct an evaluation of the current state of affairs in the region
- Conclude with a LL procedure and recommend a way ahead for the JIP region.

# Expected Results

- Enable the response to a large-scale disaster in the region by creating interoperability between all involved actors
- Enable support to vulnerable groups, Common SOP
- Prepare and conduct one joint FSX,
- Adaptation of disaster response plans,
- Develop specific HNS guidelines.



# Kick Off Meeting 01.02.2022



The kick off meeting took place on Tuesday the 1st of February 2022, in Brussels, Belgium. Mr. Evangelos Katsaros, of the coordinating team, CERIDES and as the Research Associate, and Manager of the project, physically attended the meeting and presented the planned activities to the DG-ECHO Officers. Representatives from all consortium partners attended the meeting in virtual mode

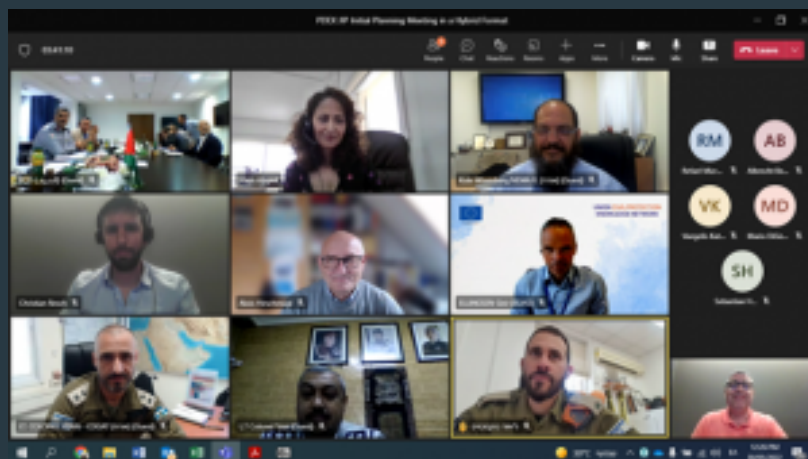




# Hybrid Meeting 29-30.05.2022



A hybrid meeting took place in Tel Aviv and Ramallah between 29 and 30 May 2022. The 3 countries in their delegations included representatives from their Civil Protection National Authorities and various other services that will be instrumental for the Full Scale Exercise. The meeting took place in a really positive atmosphere and various details were discussed about the TTX Table Top Exercise that will take place in November and in particular about the SOP Standard Operating Procedures during the exercise.





# Main Planning Conference, Cyprus 2-3.11.2022



A historical meeting for the JIP region took place in Cyprus, in November 2022 with all the consortium participating but also JIP Delegations Attending; specifically Jordanian Delegation - National Center for Security and Crisis Management (NCSCM), Jordanian Civil Defense (JCD); Israeli Delegation - National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA), Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT), and Military Liaison Office; Palestinian Delegation - Palestinian Civil Defense (PCD), Civil Affairs, Metrology, MOFA, and Military Liaison Office. From the United Nations: UNOCHA Jordan (regional JIP Professional Dialogue Project Coordinator, as well as conference facilitator), UNOCHA oPt, UNOCHA Emergency Response Section from Geneva.





# Achievements of the Main Planning Conference (1/3)



As the JIP has worked successfully on the technical elements of a Flood Early Warning System there could also be in the future joint work on an Earthquake Early Warning Systems (EEWS).

The Palestinian Civil Defence (hereinafter, PCD) conveyed the need to enhance their capabilities, access equipment, and develop search and rescue teams to ensure response success. PCD specified that they do not have the trucks, equipment, and warehousing to respond to natural disasters. As such, preparedness at the regional level is required in order to respond to all types of natural disasters and risks, in addition to receiving humanitarian assistance from international donors. Specific request also to develop the internal capacities of the PCD both in term of equipment and training. Jordan's Civil Defence (hereinafter, JCD) and the National Center for Security and Crisis Management (hereinafter, NCSCM) agreed that common understanding and proper terminology must be established to unify response efforts moving forward. JCD suggested that JIP could evolve to include new technical spheres, some work on which has been done bilaterally between Jordan and Israel already, as well as combating varying risks collectively by means of joint field work, risk assessments, and continued coordination.





# Achievements of the Main Planning Conference (2/3)



JIP delegations discussed key stakeholders' services and infrastructure to be engaged in FSX, including the Current Status Exercise Logistics and Host Nation Support, incoming teams, EXCON, EUCPT, observers and VIP programme INSARAG cooperation.

Regarding the TTX Structure of the scenario, NEMA informed that their training audience will try to include 20 different organizations and ministries in Israel depending on the finalization of the scenario, and Jordan will have at least 36; the Palestinian Delegation likewise confirmed serious inter-ministerial commitment. OCHA added that there are seven (7) INSARAG teams an hour flight away in the case of international assistance.

The coordinator, European University of Cyprus (CERIDES) introduced the evaluation of FSX Exercise and the awareness campaign that serve the purpose of facilitating improvement, including test response procedures, and providing practice for participants.



# Achievements of the Main Planning Conference (3/3)



JIP delegations commenced with the revised trilateral understanding draft to establish the operationalization framework for collective response. NEMA indicated that the trilateral understanding is a milestone, and commended PCD for their pen-holding role in drafting the trilaterally agreed guiding principles elements.

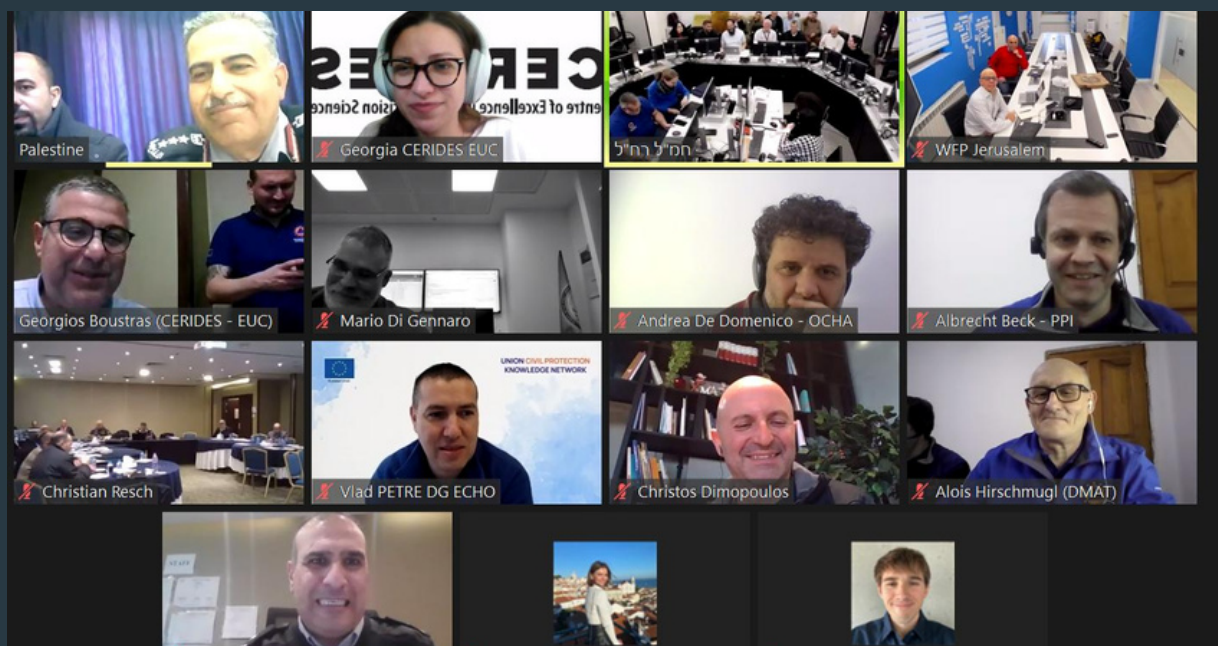
JIP delegations will review the document language ensuring full coherence of language with INSARAG guidelines to ensure full clarity.

The JIP delegations and Consortium discussed the objectives of the TTX. Its aim is to conduct a discussion-based exercise, in which the planned FSX scenario will be simulated and discussed, in addition to all relevant existing plans, documents, maps, guidelines etc. can be used and elaborated on, as well as possible problems and connected solutions identified for an efficient and simulated FSX.



# Table Top Exercise parallel in Jordan, Israel and Palestine 08-09.01.2023

The aim of the TTX was to conduct a discussion-based exercise, in which the planned FSX scenario was simulated and discussed. All relevant existing plans, documents, maps, guidelines etc. were used and elaborated on, possible problems and connected solutions were identified and at the end the ground for an efficient simulated FSX was set. Consortium experts facilitated the TTX in all three areas (Amman, Ramallah, Tel Aviv) familiarizing all beneficiaries with International Assistance Procedures.





# Table Top Exercise Jordan

Jordan has not been severely affected by the earthquake and simulated efforts to fully support Israel and Palestinian Authority cope with disaster impacts.

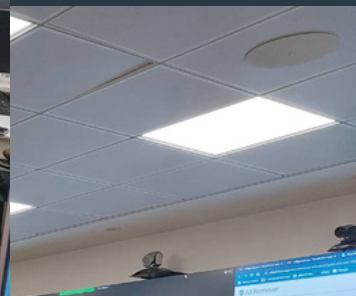
Jordan will facilitate international assistance reach areas in need. Actual testing will take place during Full Scale Exercise.





# Table Top Exercise Israel

Israel simulated both earthquake management within its territory, as well as the procedures for requesting, receiving and distributing international assistance in hit areas. The process of finding solutions under pressure for optimizing cooperation with Jordan and Palestine Authority in case of a big earthquake has been tested.





# Table Top Exercise Palestine

Palestine Authority simulated host of international assistance and support of local population the 1st critical hours of a devastating earthquake.





# Final Planning Meeting, Tel Aviv, 6-7.02.2023

The Final Planning Meeting took place on 06th-07th of February 2023 in a hybrid way in Tel Aviv. The objectives accomplished were:

- Discussion of the outcomes and lessons from the TTX in their relevance for the FSX, inter alia the evaluation of the guidelines
- Finalization of the planning for the FSX, including the scenario and injects, including the deployment of field hospital
- Discussion of logistical details and field visit of exercise sites
- Discussion of Observer and VIP program for the exercise
- Familiarization with the Evaluation Process of the FSX





# Final Planning Meeting

## Snaphots

**EARTHQUAKE**

**EVENT INFO**

- 7.8** Magnitude
- Place: 26km E of Şekerciba
- Time: 06 Feb. 2023, 01:17 GMT
- Depth: 24.07 km
- Coord.: Lat: 37.2 Lon: 37.0

**PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA**

- Within 15 km from epicenter: 14,926
- Within 30 km from epicenter: 209,532
- Within 50 km from epicenter: 2,648,611

**FOOD SECURITY**

- 14.8 M** People with insufficient food consumption

**WEATHER FORECAST**

Current Conditions: 1°C

**WFP WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME PRESENCE**

**OFFICES IN THE AFFECTED COUNTRY**

Country Offices: 1  
Reference Regional Bureau for Turkey: RBC - cairo

**CLOSEST FACILITY**

Gaziantep, Area Office, TUR (37km from epicenter)

Automatically generated alert powered by: **ADAM** - Automated Disaster Analysis and Mapping

06 February 2023 | 01:38:20 GMT

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### Geographical Overview of the FSX:

RDC Ben Gurion Airport

RDC Queen Alia Airport

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### Short Summary

The Exercise Evaluation Process, although it is now a standard process in all FSXs, it is still not (vet)-sioned and researched in a

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# Full Scale Exercise Israel, Palestine, Jordan, 12- 16.03.2023

The Full Scale Exercise took place between 12th - 16th of March 2023 with a great success. It involved approximately 120 participants from 18 countries – Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, North Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Romania, Spain, Sweden, along with Israel – as well as the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism, DG ECHO representatives and the United Nations OCHA.





# Full Scale Exercise

The agenda that was followed included:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Sunday 12th of March 2023</b>	<b>Start of the Exercise “National Day” Request for Assistance, Internal, Trilateral and International Coordination Arrival of EUCPT, UNDAC and EU Modules</b>
<b>Monday 13th of March 2023</b>	<b>Arrival of EUCPT, UNDAC and EU Modules Start of International Exercise Exercise operations start</b>
<b>Tuesday 14th of March 2023</b>	<b>Continuation of Operations</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th of March 2023</b>	<b>Continuation of Operations ENDEX Social Event Dinner with Participants</b>
<b>Thursday 16th of March 2023</b>	<b>Hot Wash Up &amp; Evaluation Departure of Participants</b>



# Full Scale Exercise

## Snaphots



Module	Country	Stages	Team Leader	ETA	Other
1 ECCP MUSAR	Czech				
2 ECCP MUSAR	Estonia	ON MISSION			PEPSI PLANT
3 ECCP MUSAR	France				
	Germany				
	Romania				
	ESTINE				





# Full Scale Exercise

## Snaphots





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# Full Scale Exercise

Media Coverage



**Israël lance un exercice de quatre jours pour améliorer la préparation aux tremblements de terre**

**i24NEWS**

**12 mars 2023 à 11:43**

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Yonatan Sindel/Flash90 ■ Des pompiers israéliens participent à un exercice simulant l'effondrement d'un bâtiment à la suite d'un tremblement de terre, à Ma'ale Adumim, le 14 février 2023

استعدادا لوقوع هزة أرضية في إسرائيل: التدريب على محاكاة وصول بعثات الإغاثة من كافة دول العالم



IDF Spokesperson's Unit ■ استعدادا لوقوع هزة أرضية في إسرائيل- إجراء تمرين طوارئ في وزارة الأمن الإسرائيلية



# Full Scale Exercise

*Media Coverage*

**THE TIMES OF ISRAEL**

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## Israel begins drill simulating receipt of international earthquake aid

18 countries, EU and UN involved in 4-day exercise focused on accepting help from allied nations on a large scale in future major national disaster

By **EMANUEL FABIAN** ✓

12 March 2023, 10:59 am | 1



File: IDF search and rescue teams work to find survivors after an earthquake in Turkey on February 10, 2023. (Israel Defense Forces)



# Final Step

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## Way Forward and Final Meeting

Foreseen in Cyprus,  
9th-11th of May 2023



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