

## Agenda

### Preparatory Working Group meeting: Volunteers in Civil Protection

**19 October 2020, VTC Interactional Platform**  
(ONLY for DG ECHO - Albert Borschette CCAB, room 1D)

The discussion document offers a basis for discussion and can serve as a reference to propose actions or pilot activities.

Please note that all schedules below are indicated in Central European Time, CET.

09:30-10:00	VTC connection of the participants
10:00-10:15	<p><b>Welcome remarks</b> for the two working groups by Mr. Ilkka Salmi, <i>Director, Preparedness and Prevention</i> (DG ECHO B) and <i>Acting Director, Emergency Management</i> (DG ECHO A)</p> <p><b>Opening speech</b> Ms. Marisa Farrugia, <i>Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean</i></p> <p><b>Setting the scene by chair</b> Ms. Julia Stewart-David, <i>Head of Unit, Civil Protection Horizontal Issues</i> (DG ECHO)</p>
10:15-10:45	<p><b>SESSION 1: In a context of threats and increasing risks of major disasters and crises, why the support of volunteers' teams is a key factor to reinforce the action of public emergency services</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Lieutenant-colonel <i>Christophe Marchal</i> (Fédération Nationale Sapeurs Pompiers de France)</p> <p><u>Referents:</u> <b>Jordan, Israel, PPRD South III</b></p> <p>Lt. Colonel Khader Mohammad Obeidat (Jordan) Ms. Ronit Bar (Israel) Mr. Oriol Vilalta (PPRD South III)</p> <p><i>Introductory reflections based on the discussion paper</i></p> <p><b>Exchange of views (all participants are invited to contribute) on session 1</b> <b>Summary of key outcomes by the moderator</b></p>
10:45-11:20	<p><b>SESSION 2: Volunteers in civil protection built up and recruitment strategies</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Lieutenant commander <i>Aurelio Soto Suarez</i> (Spanish emergency military unit)</p> <p><u>Referents:</u> <b>Tunisia, Austrian Red Cross, North Macedonia</b></p> <p>Colonel-major Mohamed Ben Brahim (Tunisia) Mr. Thierry Girard (<i>StrengthVOL project</i>, Austrian Red Cross) Ms. Valentina Atanasovska (North Macedonia)</p> <p><i>Introductory reflections based on the discussion paper</i></p> <p><b>Exchange of views (all participants are invited to contribute) on session 2</b> <b>Summary of key outcomes by the moderator</b></p>

11:20-12:00	<p><b>SESSION 3: Examples of organisational and operational framework for volunteering</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>Mr. Giovanni De Siervo (Italy)</i></p> <p><u>Referents:</u> <b>Algeria, Palestine, France</b></p> <p>Commandant Meriem Yahiaoui (Algeria) Colonel Owda Younis (Palestine) Captain Christophe Larue (France)</p> <p><i>Introductory reflections based on the discussion paper</i></p> <p><b>Exchange of views (all participants are invited to contribute) on session 3</b> <b>Summary of key outcomes by the moderator</b> <b>Conclusions of the morning block by the chair</b></p>
12:00-14:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch break</b></p>
14:30-15:15	<p>Resumption of the work - <b>Chaired by</b> Ms. Nacira BOULEHOUAT, <i>Head of Unit, Prevention and Disaster Risk Management (DG ECHO B2)</i></p> <p><b>SESSION 4: Initial preparation, training and development of volunteers</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>Captain Laurent Alfonso (Ministry of Interior, France)</i></p> <p><u>Referents:</u> <b>Germany, France, Italian Red Cross (IRC)</b></p> <p>Mr. Florian Weber, Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW, Germany) Lt. Colonel Sébastien Alvarez (France) Mr. Lorenzo Massucchielli (IRC)</p> <p><i>Introductory reflections based on the discussion paper</i></p> <p><b>Exchange of views (all participants are invited to contribute) on session 4</b> <b>Summary of key outcomes by the moderator</b></p>
15:15-16:15	<p><b>SESSION 5: Mobilization of volunteers for the execution of civil protection task</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Silvia Negro Alousque, <i>Head of International Affairs, Directorate General for Civil Protection and Emergencies (Spain)</i></p> <p><b>Session 5 – topic 1: Volunteer's contributions to survey and clean oiled or polluted shoreline</b></p> <p><u>Referents:</u> <b>REMPEC, CEDRE, Morocco</b></p> <p>Mr. Gabino Gonzalez, REMPEC Mr. Nicolas Tamic, CEDRE (France) Commandant Kamal Ebnyaich (Morocco)</p> <p><i>Introductory reflections based on the discussion paper</i></p> <p><b>Session 5 – topic 2: Volunteer's role in the context of health crisis, as the COVID-19 pandemic for example.</b></p> <p><u>Referents:</u> <b>Portuguese Red Cross, WHO, UNDRR, Lebanon</b></p> <p>Mr. Carlos Teixeira (Portuguese Red Cross) Ms. Adrienne Rashford (WHO) Mr. Andrew Bower (UNDRR Europe) and Ms. Mirna Abu Ata (UNDRR, Regional Office for Arab States) Mr. Zahi Chahine (Lebanon)</p> <p><i>Introductory reflections based on the discussion paper</i></p> <p><b>Session 5 – topic 3: Volunteer's fire services role in major forest fires prevention and suppression</b></p> <p><u>Referents:</u> <b>Croatia, Bulgaria, Israel</b></p> <p>Mr. Mario Starčević (Croatia) Ms. Radina Hadzhieva (Bulgaria) Lieutenant Idan Braun (Israel)</p>

	<b><i>Exchange of views (all participants are invited to contribute) on session 5 Summary of key outcomes by the moderator</i></b>
16:15-16:30	<b>Presentation of provisional outcomes and conclusions by the chair</b>

A second meeting, held on 20 October 2020, will be dedicated to the topic of “Engaging citizens in Disaster Risk Management”.