

SGL for USaR project will carry out:

- Survey of bioethics in USaR operations
- Study on bioethics in Technical and Operational issues

Among others, the project will review on:

- Priorities in search and rescue operations (e.g. schools, hospitals, old and handicapped people)
- Personal data of entrapped people
- Victims and dead people identification

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“Human rights in Disasters: Search and Rescue Operations in disasters especially for vulnerable people”

Workshop 5th & 6th of November 2009

Hotel Electra Palace, Athens (Greece)

Organized by:

- Open Partial Agreement (OPA) of the Council of Europe (CE)
- General Secretariat for Civil Protection, Greece (GSCP)
- National Technical University of Athens, Greece (NTUA)
- Second Generation Locator for Urban Search and Rescue operations –“SGL for USaR” (EU FP7 project)

Overview

The organizers have joined efforts to achieve a common goal; to improve technology for search and rescue operations of people with disabilities and vulnerable groups of population.

In general, human rights are at “risk” in case of a disaster. This is especially true for people with any kind of disability, such as mobility problems, sight or hearing difficulties and broadly for vulnerable groups, such as the elderly and children. However, the issue of human rights is missing in most of activities and discussions for coping with disasters.

To encourage efforts towards this direction, the FP7 project Second Generation Locator for Urban Search and Rescue operations –“SGL for USaR” initiated a number of actions, such as the identification of possible gaps in Search and Rescue procedures and the sharing of ideas regarding potential technologies, proposed by experts with specialized experiences.

This initiative, launched in 2009, is strongly supported by the Open Partial Agreement (OPA) of the Council of Europe (CE), the General Secretary for Civil Protection, Greece (GSCP) and the National Technical University of Athens, Greece (NTUA). It is expected that other organizations will join this effort in the near future.

In that scope, a workshop is organized with the participation of different rescue teams by a number of European Countries. Priority will be given on addressing hand-on and immediate based issues; operational issues and capabilities of available technologies. During the different sessions, human rights in disasters will be overviewed, as well as experiences and lessons-learned will be presented. The last session of the workshop is devoted to building a catalogue of ideas for further elaboration and can be considered as a proposal to relevant organizations. This joint effort aims at mobilizing interested communities, pushing forward the issue to the related organizations and bodies and also establishing a working group on these issues.

9:00-10:30 Welcome and Opening address

- ***“Welcoming address”***

Prof. Konstantinos Moutzouris

Rector of the National Technical University of Athens

- ***“Council of Europe and Human rights”***

Mr Fransesc Pla

Deputy to the Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe's EUR-OPA
Major Hazards Agreement

- ***“Emergency response and vulnerable groups”***

Mr Margaritis Mouzas

General Secretary of the Civil Protection, Gr

- ***“Earthquakes and preventive measures”***

Prof. Konstantinos Makropoulos

Director of the European Centre on Prevention and Forecasting of Earthquakes (ECPFE), Network of specialized Euro-Mediterranean Centres of EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement of the Council of Europe

- ***“Ethics and human factor in the FP7 project “Second Generation Locator for Urban Search and Rescue operations –SGL for USaR”***

Prof. Milt Statheropoulos

Director of the European Center for Forest Fires (ECFF) of EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement of the Council of Europe, Coordinator of the “SGL for USaR”

Session I: Human rights in disasters-An overview□□□□

10:30-12:00□□□□□□□□ **Presentations [Moderator: Mr Eladio Fernandez-Galiano, Council of Europe]** □

- ***“Human Rights and Disaster Risk Reduction”***

Mr Demetrio Innocenti

United Nations International Strategies for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)

- ***“Human rights in emergency situations”***

Mr Geert Seynaeve

President Education Committee World Association for disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM), Member of the Board, Assistant Editor of the journal “Prehospital and Disaster Medicine”

- ***“Bioethics in Emergency and Crisis Intervention”***

Mrs Beatrice Toussaint

Officer in Chief for Scientific Research, Belgian Ministry of Health

12:00-12:30 Coffee- break

12:30-14:00 **Presentations [Moderator: Prof. Konstantinos Makropoulos, Earthquake planning and protection organization]**

- ***“PROMYLIFE: a project dealing with the protection of vulnerable groups from natural disasters”***

Mrs Eleni Syrrakou

Project Coordinator, Development Enterprise of Achaia Prefecture (N.E.A.), Gr

- **“Earthquake Protection Policy for People with Disabilities in Greece ”**

Mrs Chrysa Gountromichou

Geologist Msc., Earthquake Planning and Protection Organization
(E.P.P.O.)

- ***“Organization of search & rescue operations in Ukraine during large scale emergency situations”***

Mr Volodymyr Demchuk¹ and Mr Sergiy Zibstev²

¹Ministry of Ukraine of Emergencies and Affairs of Population Protection from the Consequences of Chornobyl Catastrophe

² National University of Life and Environmental Sciences

14:00-14:30 □□□□□□□□□□ **Discussion**

14:30-15:30 Lunch break

Session II: Operational Issues

15:30-17:00 ***Presentations [Moderator: Fire Captain Antonios Panagiotakis, EMAK Hellenic Rescue Team]***

- ***"USaR operations and vulnerable groups of population- Existing approaches, possible gaps and key ideas for coping with them"***

Mr Gael Rosello¹ and Captain Nicolas Aced²

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²Service Départemental d'Incendie et de Secours du Vaucluse (SDIS84 Rescue team)

- ***“Exercise in USaR scenario-Catalan rescue team”***

Jordi Batlle and Sandra Sans

Direccio General De Prevencio I Extincio D'incendis I Salvaments/ DGP
EIS Rescue team

- ***“PISA Fire Department: Search, Rescue and Relief”***

Mr Fabrizio Graverini and Mr Alessandro Susini

USaR Team Fire Department of Pisa, Italy

17:00-17:30

Discussion

10:15-10:30 Coffee- break

10:30-11:15 **Presentations [Moderator: Group Captain Dimitrios Demagos, HAF Commander, HAF Infrastructure Wing, KOMAK]**

- ***"An Inclusive Approach to Search and Rescue Operations"***

Mr Anders Fridborg

SWIFT USAR, Sweden

- ***"Operational Capabilities of Hellenic Air Force Disaster Response Team"***

Mr George J. Beldecos

Wing Commander, PhD, RIBA, Hellenic Air Force Disaster Response Team (KOMAK)

11:15-11:30 Coffee- break

