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Update on the EADRCC Consequence Management Field and Command Post Exercise "NORTH MACEDONIA 2021"

1. Due to the current and projected COVID-19 pandemic conditions, and in consultation with the Republic of North Macedonia, the scope and scale of the exercise have been significantly reduced to ensure the safe conduct of the event.
2. The exercise will focus on three main objectives.
 - a. Support the authorities of the Republic of North Macedonia in building resilience through improved disaster preparedness, planning prevention and response, and strengthen their capability to manage emergencies.
 - b. National certification and operationalization by the Republic of North Macedonia of the Next-Generation Incident Command System (NICS).
 - c. Practice the modalities and practical implications of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the facilitation of vital cross-border transport.
3. Implementation of additional health and safety protocols have required us to modify previously announced timelines. The revised timeline of events is:
 - a. Final Planning Conference, Ohrid, North Macedonia, 14-16 June 2021.



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- a. Exercise NORTH MACEDONIA 2021, Ohrid, North Macedonia, 20-23 September 2021.
 - b. VIP Symposium, Ohrid, North Macedonia, 20-21 September 2021.
 - c. Lessons Identified Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria, 25-26 January 2022.
4. The revised exercise includes three pillars of activity, each isolated in separate “COVID-19 bubbles”:
- a. **Field Training (FTX) and Table-Top Exercise (TTX):** International participation in the FTX is limited to small teams from the host nation’s neighbouring countries and the NICS project participants. Participation in the TTX is open to all NATO and partner nations, NATO commands, NATO Agencies and Centres of Excellence, and selected/interested international and non-governmental organizations. The total international participation is limited to 100 participants.
 - b. **VIP Symposium** on “Civil-Military Support to a Civil Emergency” and “Lessons from Disaster Response Under COVID-19 Conditions”; with views by panellists and a guided discussion between high-level representatives of NATO, Allied and partner nations, international organizations and non-governmental organizations. Maximum in-person participation is limited to 50 high-level participants. An unlimited number of web broadcast / on-line participants will be accepted.
 - c. **Media tour** to highlight the Republic of North Macedonia as a reliable partner in providing security within and beyond the North Atlantic Area.
5. An invitation to the Final Planning Conference will be issued shortly through a separate CEPC/EAPC notice.

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