**Common Core Curriculum**

***Military role and tasks in Crisis Management/Disaster Relief***

**Aim of the Discipline Common Core Curriculum**

To enhance the knowledge, skills, and competences of the relevant personnel from the EU military structures and/or from EU Member States at the political-strategic, strategic and operational level in support of EU disaster response.

**The Objectives**

To describe the envisaged behaviour after training through learning objectives and depth of knowledge that the relevant training audience need to receive. It will support the training providers with learning outcomes to applied consistently for all the training activities.

The curriculum will be fulfilled through education and training activities, such as courses, workshops, seminars, trainings and exercises, etc. Such activities are to be held in close cooperation between the various EU institutions and other education and training entities from EU Member States.

**Structure of the Discipline Common Core Curriculum**

**Module 1** Disaster Management Fundamentals.

**Module 2** Interagency coordination and cross-sectorial interaction during Disaster Response, Humanitarian Assistance and Civil Protection.

**Module 3** Military contribution to Disaster Response, Humanitarian Assistance and Civil Protection decision making and planning.

**Implementing** the Common Core Curriculum for Military role and tasks in Crisis Management/Disaster Relief Discipline:

**Module 1**

Disaster Management Fundamentals

1. Description

The module is designed to provide an introduction to disaster response operations (DRO) and humanitarian operations, and leadership during crises, including the disaster management four phases, the disaster response mechanisms, and the dynamics and challenges of working within civil-military boundary.

1. Aim of module

Acquisition of basic knowledge related to disasters as phenomenon, the disaster management process, as well as the main players and mechanisms in disaster relief.

1. Audience

Staff officers (military personnel/civil servants) from EU Member States, EUMS, CPCC, CMPD, Delegations to EU, EU Delegations to third countries.

1. Thematics
   1. Disaster Management Fundamentals
   2. Learning objectives:
      * comprehend basic theoretical foundations of man-made and natural disasters, and outline main terms and definitions of disaster management;
      * describe the key processes in disaster management and risk management in accordance to UN, NATO and EU concepts;
      * outline the key actors, factors, mechanisms and interactions related to disaster relief within the context of Comprehensive Approach;
      * describe the characteristics of natural disasters and operational environment in disasters;
      * comprehend military′s role in disaster management in UN, NATO and EU.
   3. Performance objectives.

At the end of the module the participants are to be able to:

* + - develop an overview of different types of disasters where military support could be used and an analysis of their nature, scale and severity of impact;
    - describe major hazards and threats and their characteristics and effects;
    - contribute in disaster management and risk management processes in accordance to UN, NATO and EU concepts.
  1. Legal and ethical basis of military and civil defence assets (MCDA) use in complex emergencies and natural disasters.

1. Learning objectives:
   * + describe the key principles related to promoting mutual understanding, respect for International Humanitarian Law and protection of the humanitarian space;
     + recognize key legal aspects and documents of UN, EU, NATO & IOs & NGOs in IDRO and Humanitarian Assistance;
     + comprehend the military role in disaster response activities.
2. Performance objectives. At the end of the module the participants are to be able to:
   * + differentiate the main legal terms and definitions;
     + recognize violations of the International Humanitarian Law;
     + draft documents in compliance with UN, EU, NATO & IOs & NGOs guidelines and policies.
   1. Human rights, humanitarian law, gender issues, protection of civilians in conflict, particularly women and children (to be developed).
3. Learning objectives:
4. Potential issues for consideration (teaching points)
5. Possible training methods: Blended (residential and/or e-learning)
6. Suggested References
   1. The Use of Military and Civilian Defence Assets to Support United Nations Humanitarian Activities in Complex Emergencies.
   2. Oslo Guidelines on the Use of Military and Civil Defence Assets in Disaster Relief

**Module 2**

Interagency coordination and cross-sectorial interaction during Disaster Response, Humanitarian Assistance and Civil Protection.

1. Description

The module is designed to provide knowledge related to coordination and cross-sectorial interaction.

1. Aim of module

The module is to provide knowledge related to mobilization of Member States assets in support of civilian led relief interventions by UN Agencies or DG ECHO, in the wake of large scale disasters. In addition, it will provide knowledge on the coordination of military and civilian defence assets (MCDA) in support of EU Disaster Response.

1. Audience

Staff officers (military personnel/civil servants) from EUMS, CPCC, CMPD, Delegations to EU, EU Member States and EU Delegations to third countries.

1. Thematics
   1. Interagency coordination, cooperation and cross-sectorial interaction.
   2. Learning objectives:
      * describe the main actors and their role in disaster response, humanitarian assistance and civil protection;
      * comprehend the interagency coordination and cross-sectorial interaction between the main actors in disaster response, humanitarian assistance and civil protection, within the context of Comprehensive Approach;
      * understand DR/HA approach and non-military implications.
      * distinguish military and civilian respective organisation instruments for CSDP operations/missions, with a particular focus on chain of command, possible tasks and capabilities of military forces and civilian capabilities;
   3. Performance objectives. At the end of the module the participants are to be able to:
      * work in close cooperation with the relevant actors in the disaster response, humanitarian assistance and civil protection domain, in order to establish an effective interagency coordination and cross-sectorial interaction at all levels, within the context of Comprehensive Approach;
      * establish a network based on mutual understanding within civil-military context.
   4. Planning and conduct of disaster response and humanitarian assistance trainings.
2. Learning objectives:
   * + demonstrate fundamental comprehension of the joint and multinational exercise process in the disaster response, humanitarian assistance and civil protection domain.
     + ………
     + train the trainers
3. Performance objectives. At the end of the module the participants are to be able to:
   * + perform exercise planning as a planner or related staff officer.
     + ………….
4. Potential issues for consideration (teaching points)
5. Possible training methods: Blended (residential and/or e-learning)
6. Suggested References
7. The EU’s Comprehensive Approach to external conflict and crisis, Joint communication to the European Parliament and the Council, 11.12.2013, JOIN (2013) 30 final.

**Module 3**

Military contribution to Disaster Response, Humanitarian Assistance and Civil Protection decision making and planning.

1. Description

The module is designed to provide knowledge related to military contribution to preparation and execution of operations/missions associated to EU-led operations/missions, within the context of Comprehensive Approach, at political-strategic level, strategic level and operational level. The module is focused on the military contribution to planning in support of disaster response, not to the entire planning process.

1. Aim of module

Acquisition of knowledge in order to prepare staff officers (military personnel/civil servants) to advise and support senior decision makers. Additionally, it aims at providing knowledge related to planning, preparation and execution of EU-led operations/missions.

1. Audience

Staff officers (military personnel/civil servants) from EU Member States, EUMS, CPCC, CMPD, delegations to EU.

1. Thematics
   1. Military contribution in planning of disaster response, humanitarian assistance and civil protection missions/operations.
   2. Learning objectives:
      * outline the main EU crisis management phases, main activities, deliverables, key actors, Civil Protection Mechanism tools;
      * distinguish military and civilian respective organisation instruments for CSDP operations/missions, with a particular focus on chain of command, possible tasks and capabilities of military forces and civilian capabilities;
      * outline the key ongoing/completed EU operations and their main characteristics;
      * comprehend the development of PFCA, CMC, Military Strategic Options OPLAN, CONOPS and evaluation of the operation/mission;
      * comprehend the principles and concepts of force generation at national level and multinational levels;
      * comprehend the basics of Strategic communications.
   3. Performance objectives. At the end of the module the participant are to be able to:
      * assess the security situation (civilian, military activities) reduce the long-term risk to human life and property posed by natural hazards;
      * assess key issues, factors, and actors influencing the situation; possible resolution with the relevant international stakeholders within the engagement space, in order to provide sound advice to leadership;
      * demonstrate skills for planning and coordination of possible military support to EU disaster relief activities;
      * relate to the development of military strategic options envisaged for EU-led operations/missions and exercises;
      * demonstrate understanding for coordination of MCDA, including military chartered transportation, in support of EU disaster relief;
      * assist in development of planning documents as part of an interagency planning process, such as CONOPS and OPLAN;
      * how to request foreign military assets, how to manage offers of military assets from foreign countries and how to manage the assets when they arrive.
   4. Military capabilities planning in support of disaster response, humanitarian assistance and civil protection.
2. Learning objectives:
   * + distinguish capability development process;
     + demonstrate comprehension of EU capability development process;
     + identify the military role at strategic level in DRO within the context of Comprehensive Approach in order to advise decision makers;
     + identify and prioritize military assets and capabilities in support of disaster relief.
3. Performance objectives. At the end of the module the participant are to be able to:
   * + distinguish overall needs for relief and assistance, based on the listed damage effects;
     + assess the need for foreign military assets;
     + distinguish and prioritize relevant military assets and capabilities that could be useful in disaster response;
     + asses interoperability between civilian and military capabilities (both in terms of personnel and equipment)
     + provide appropriate assistance to ensure Member States offers integration in response to an identified capability requirements.
4. Potential issues for consideration (teaching points)

Subordinate levels are prerequisite for superior e.g. training at the strategic level assumes knowledge at the operational.

1. Possible training methods: Blended (residential and/or e-learning)
2. Suggested References
   1. General Framework for the use of Member States military or military chartered Transportation Assets and ESDP Coordination tools in Support of EU Disaster Response (8976/06, dated 04 May 2006).
   2. Military support to EU disaster response: Identification and coordination of available assets and capabilities (9462/06, dated 17 May 2006).
   3. UN Guidelines on the Use of Military and Civil Defence Assets (MCDA) to support United Nations Humanitarian Activities in Complex Emergencies.
   4. Council 13983/05, C. O. (2005, November 03). Draft EU Concept for Comprehensive Planning. Brussel, Belgium: Council Of The European Union.