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NICOSIA RISK FORUM
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**STRENGTHENING
THE DISASTER RESILIENCE
OF THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION:**
SAFETY, SECURITY, AND
CLIMATE CRISIS CHALLENGES



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION IN CIVIL PROTECTION: CURRENT ACTIVITIES & FUTURE CHALLENGES

09:00 - 09:30	Registration		
OPENING SESSION			
09:30 - 11:00	<p>Welcome & Keynote Speeches (Moderator: Mr Kostis Konstantinou, Journalist, Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation)</p> <p><i>Location: Main Conference Room</i></p>	<p>Welcome to #NRF2024: An Introduction to the Forum</p>	<p>CERIDES Director Professor George Boustras</p>
		<p>Welcome Remarks on behalf of European University Cyprus</p>	<p>Rector of European University Cyprus Professor Andreas Efstathiou</p>
		<p>Opening Remarks</p>	<p>HE the Minister of Foreign affairs of the Republic of Cyprus Dr. Konstantinos Kombos</p>
		<p>Opening Remarks</p>	<p>Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean Mr. Nasser Kamel</p>
		<p>Opening Remarks</p>	<p>Commander of Civil Defense Cyprus, Ms. Maria Papa</p>
		<p>Keynote Speech</p>	<p>International Collaboration in Civil Protection: Current Activities & Future Challenges Head of Unit C.2 'Middle East and North Africa', DG-ECHO, Mr. Giovanni Di Girolamo</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break		

Official Ceremony:

Memorandum of Understanding
Union for the Mediterranean / European University Cyprus

Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean
Mr. Nasser Kamel

&

Rector of European University Cyprus
Professor Andreas Efstathiou

MORNING SESSIONS				
11:30 - 13:30	Networking World Cafe (free-style networking discussions between participants outside the main conference rooms - coffee will be available)	Breakout Session 1 Strengthening Preparedness Capacity in the European Area - UCPM Exercises & Activities (Chaired by Dr. Christos Dimopoulos , Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering, European University Cyprus) <i>Location: Main Conference Room</i>	Breakout Session 2 Lessons Learnt from International Collaboration and Regional Activities in Civil Protection (Chaired by Mr. Evangelos Katsaros , CERIDES Research Associate in Civil Protection, on behalf of DG-ECHO Project ROSES) <i>Location: Room 2</i>	Special Event POPART Project Training (by Invitation Only) <i>Location: Room 3</i>
		UCPM Full-Scale Exercises: Lessons Learned, and Future Challenges (by Dr. Christos Dimopoulos , Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering, European University Cyprus)	Cross Border Risk Awareness in Western Balkans - The ROSES Project (by Mr. Evangelos Katsaros , CERIDES Research Associate in Civil Protection)	
		DEMONAX - A Pioneering Earthquake UCPM Full-Scale Earthquake Exercise for Cyprus (by Representative from Cyprus Civil Defense)	Applying Host Nation Support Guidelines - Lessons Learned from Real-Life Missions (by Mr. Frederic Harrault , Chargé de mission à l'international, Ministère de l'Intérieur, France)	
		FloodNorthALB - A UCPM Full-Scale Exercise for Strengthening Flood Preparedness in the Shkoder Region (by Ms. Paola Shtembari , AKMC, National Civil Protection Agency of Albania)	Evolution of NEMA from Mount Carmel Forest Fire in 2010 (by Mr. Kobi Wimisberg , Director of Strategic Cooperation and Assistance Division in the Israeli National Emergency Managing Authority)	
		NEMAUSUS - A UCPM project for establishing a European centre of expertise dedicated to forest fires and wildfires (by Mr. Damien Zimmermann , Chargé de mission gestion de projets européens, Direction générale de la Sécurité civile et de la gestion des crises, France)	An Innovative Tool for Enhanced DRM Cooperation - The On-Site Technical Assistance Project (by Mr. Sergej Anagnosti , Senior DRM Expert, GOPA-PACE)	
		UCPM Peer-Review: Procedures & Lessons Learned (by Major Laurent Alfonso , Senior Advisor in Civil Protection, Embassy of France, Jordan, Ministry of Europe & Foreign Affairs)	Empowering Global Disaster Relief: The Crucial Impact of Voluntary Organizations (by Mr. Marios Stavrou , Head Of Operations, SupportCY, Bank of Cyprus)	
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch			

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

14:30 - 16:30

Networking World Cafe
(free-style networking discussions between participants **outside the main conference rooms** - coffee will be available)

Special Session:
Wildfires in the Mediterranean Region: International Collaboration for Risk Reduction
(Moderator: **Professor Manolis Plionis**, Univ. of Thessaloniki & Director of the National Observatory of Athens)

Introductory Speech :
Ms. Maria Panayiotou, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Republic of Cyprus

Full List of Participants TBA

Location: Main Conference Room

Special Keynotes Session:
Keynote Speeches in Disaster Management & Humanitarian Operations (Moderator: Chaired by **Dr. Christos Dimopoulos**, Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering, European University Cyprus)

Location : Room 2

Evidence for Policy in Disaster Management (by **Ms Zuzana Stanton-Geddes**, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank)

Pre-Incident Planning and it's Importance (by Representative from **FEC International & Co Ltd.**)

Risk-Informed Emergency Preparedness and Response (by **Sherif Arafa**, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - ROMENA)

International Collaboration in Civil Protection between Arab States - Opportunities & Challenges (by **Mr Mustafa Saadi Abbas Al-Jabouri**, League of Arab States)

Special Event:
DG-ECHO Project ROSES Final Meeting
(by Invitation Only)
Location: Room 3

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SAFETY & SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

09:00 - 09:30	Registration	
09:30 - 11:15	OPENING SESSION	
	Keynote Speech	<i>Union-for-the-Mediterranean Regional Dialogue in Civil Protection: the EuroMediterranean Challenges and Way Forward</i> Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean Mr. Stephen Borg
	Opening Speech	HE the President of the Cyprus Republic, Dr. Nikos Christodoulides
	Opening Remarks	Deputy Minister of Civil Protection & Climate Crisis, Republic of Greece Dr. Christos Triantopoulos
	Keynote Speech	The AMALTHEA Project Assistant Director, Cyprus Civil Defense Mr. Panayiotis Liassides
11:15-11:45	Coffee Break	

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Location : Main Conference Room

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MORNING SESSIONS	
11:45-13:00	<p>Networking World Cafe (free-style networking discussions between participants outside the main conference rooms - coffee will be available)</p> <p>Special Regional Session: National Disaster Management Procedures & Challenges - Presentations of Union for the Mediterranean Countries (non-UCPM) (Chaired by TBA) <i>Location : Main Conference Room</i></p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSIONS				
14:15- 15:45	<p>Networking World Cafe (free-style networking discussions between participants outside the main conference rooms - coffee will be available)</p>	<p>Breakout Session 1: <i>European Projects in Safety & Security</i> (Chaired by Mr. Pierantonios Papazoglou, CERIDES Research Associate in Health & Safety of First Responders) <i>Location : Main Conference Room</i></p>	<p>Breakout Session 2: <i>Disaster Resilient Societies</i> (Chaired by Dr. Michalis Papamichael, CERIDES Research Associate in Critical Infrastructure Protection) <i>Location : Room 2</i></p>	<p>Special Event: UfM Regional Platform Meeting (by Invitation Only) <i>Location : Room 3</i></p>
		<p><i>FirEURisk: Dissecting risk to prevent extreme wildfires</i> , (by Dr. Klelia Petrou, CERIDES Research Associate in Fire Risk Management)</p>	<p><i>EU-CIP: A pan European knowledge network for critical infrastructure resilience</i> (by Ms. Marianna Charalambous, Project Manager, Innov-Acts Ltd)</p>	
		<p><i>CUAM3: Cyprus User Access Management to Multidomain Marketplace</i> (by Dr. Konstantinos Katzis, Associate Professor of Computer Engineering & Telecommunications, European University Cyprus)</p>	<p><i>POP-ART: Protection of Public Spaces by means of an Advanced Security Platform</i> (by Mr. Juan Pablo Escobar, Project Manager/ Electronic Engineer/ Military Engineer, ETRA Innovation & Development)</p>	
		<p><i>Command-Control and Information systems for FRs: Implementing IFAFRI's capability gaps by IANUS</i> (by Dr. Georgios Kioumourtzis, Director of IANUS Technologies Ltd., Cyprus)</p>	<p><i>SUNRISE: Strategies and Technologies for United and Resilient Critical Infrastructures and Vital Services in Pandemic-Stricken Europe</i> (by Mr. Romeo Bratskas, Chief Operating Officer, SKYLD Security & Defence)</p>	
		<p><i>ResAlliance: Landscape resilience knowledge alliance for agriculture and forestry in the Mediterranean basin</i> , (by Mr. Matthieu Jost, CERIDES Research Associate in Wildfires Risk Management)</p>	<p><i>Hub.46: A Civil Security Hub in Nîmes for France and Europe</i> (by Dr. Adrien Mangiavillano, Chef du Pôle Aeroport, Nîmes Métropole)</p>	
		<p><i>SEMEDFIRE: South Eastern Mediterranean Excellence Development In Fire Research</i> , by Mr. Pierantonios Papazoglou, CERIDES Research Associate in Health & Safety of First Responders)</p>	<p><i>PRESERVE Project</i> (by Mr. Juan Pablo Escobar, Project Manager/ Electronic Engineer/ Military Engineer, ETRA Innovation & Development)</p>	
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break			

LATE AFTERNOON SESSIONS			
16:15 - 17:30	<p>Networking World Cafe (free-style networking discussions between participants outside the main conference rooms - coffee will be available)</p>	<p>Special Panel: Interagency Collaboration in Disaster Management (Moderator: Mr Iasonas Sennekis, Chargé de mission projets Européens, Direction Déléguée de l'Attractivité du Territoire - Pôle Aéroport) <i>Location : Main Conference Room</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Frederic Harrault, Chargé de mission à l'international, Ministère de l'Intérieur, France</p> <p>Dr. Michalis Papamichael, CERIDES Research Associate, Expert in Critical Infrastructure Protection</p> <p>Full List of Participants TBA</p>	<p>Breakout Session 3: European Projects in Safety & Security (Chaired by Dr Nikolaos Kalapodis, Senior Researcher, KEMEA, Hellenic Ministry of Citizen Protection) <i>Location : Room 2</i></p>
		<p>Projects Presented</p> <p>SILVANUS FIRELOGUE DIREKTION PANTHEON TEMA DRM-FRAME POWERBASE EO-4EU ATLANTIS</p> <p>Presenters</p> <p>Dr Georgios Sakkas, Senior Researcher, KEMEA Dr Nikolaos Kalapodis, Senior Researcher, KEMEA Mr John Tsaloukidis, Research Associate, KEMEA Ms Paraskevi Petsioti, Research Associate, KEMEA Mr Efstathios Kassios, Research Associate, KEMEA Ms. Danai Kazantzidou-Firtinidou, Research Associate, KEMEA Ms Christina Gatsogianni, Research Associate, KEMEA Mr Efstathios Skarlatos, Head of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Sector</p>	<p>Special Event: UfM Regional Platform Meeting (by Invitation Only) <i>Location : Room 3</i></p>
17:30 - 18:00	CLOSING REMARKS		