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



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INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION IN CIVIL PROTECTION: CURRENT ACTIVITIES & FUTURE CHALLENGES

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

MORNING SESSIONS				
11:30 - 13:30	<p>Networking World Cafe (free-style networking discussions between participants outside the conference rooms - coffee will be available)</p>	<p>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 (Les Etoiles)</i></p>	<p>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 Minerva</i></p>	<p>Special Event POPART Project Training (by Invitation Only) <i>Location: Room Diana</i></p>
		<p>UCPM Full-Scale Exercises: Lessons Learned, and Future Challenges (by Dr Christos Dimopoulos, Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering, European University Cyprus)</p>	<p>Cross Border Risk Awareness in Western Balkans - The ROSES Project (by Mr Evangelos Katsaros, CERIDES Research Associate in Civil Protection)</p>	
		<p>DEMONAX - A Pioneering Earthquake UCPM Full-Scale Earthquake Exercise for Cyprus (by Mr Panayiotis Liassides, Assistant Director, Cyprus Civil Defense)</p>	<p>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)</p>	
		<p>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)</p>	<p>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)</p>	
		<p>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)</p>	<p>An Innovative Tool for Enhanced DRM Cooperation - The On-Site Technical Assistance Project (by Mr Sergej Anagnosti, Senior DRM Expert, GOPA-PACE)</p>	
		<p>UCPM Peer-Review: Procedures & Lessons Learned (by Major Laurent Alfonso, Senior Advisor in Civil Protection, Embassy of France, Jordan, Ministry of Europe & Foreign Affairs)</p>	<p>Empowering Global Disaster Relief: The Crucial Impact of Voluntary Organizations (by Mr Marios Stavrou, Head Of Operations, SupportCY, Bank of Cyprus)</p>	
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch			

AFTERNOON SESSIONS				
14:30 - 17:00	<p>Networking World Cafe (free-style networking discussions between participants outside the conference rooms - coffee will be available)</p>	<p>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) Location : Main Conference Room (Les Etoiles)</p>	<p>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 Minerva</p>	<p>Special Event: DG-ECHO Project ROSES Final Meeting (by Invitation Only) Location: Room Diana</p>
		<p><i>Introductory Speech :</i> Ms Maria Panayiotou, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Enviroment, Republic of Cyprus</p>	<p>Evidence for Policy in Disaster Management (by Ms Zuzana Stanton-Geddes, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank)</p>	
		<p><i>Opening Remarks :</i> Prof. George Boustras</p>	<p>Pre-Incident Planning and it's Importance (by Armen Ayvazian CEng, FEC International)</p>	
		<p><i>Keynote Speech :</i> Prof. Manolis Plionis</p>	<p>Risk-Informed Emergency Preparedness and Response (by Mr Sherif Arafa, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - ROMENA)</p>	
		<p><i>Main Panel Topic Discussion:</i> (Moderators: Dr. Nikolaos Kalapodis & Dr Georgios Sakkas, Senior Researchers at the Center for Security Studies (KEMEA) – Hellenic Ministry of Citizen Protection)</p>	<p>International Collaboration in Civil Protection between Arab States - Opportunities & Challenges (by Mr Mustafa Saadi Abbas Al-Jabouri, League of Arab States)</p>	
		<p><i>Panelists :</i></p> <p>Dr. Krishna Chandramouli (Technical Director at Venaka Treleaf GbR – Technical Coordinator of Project SILVANUS)</p> <p>Dr Judith Kirschner (Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Bern)</p> <p>Dr Jeroen Warner (Associate Professor, Wageningen Disaster Network , Wageningen University)</p> <p>Dr Klelia Pertrou (CERIDES Research Associate in Fire Risk Management)</p> <p>Ms Danai Kazantzidou-Firtinidou (Research Associate at the Center for Security Studies (KEMEA) – Hellenic Ministry of Citizen Protection – Project Firelogue)</p>	<p>Risk Communication in Digital Age and Open Source intelligence, A match made in data (by Mr Jorge Gomes, Operations Coordinator, VOST Europe)</p>	

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		Opening Speech	HE the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Dr Nikos Christodoulides
		Opening Remarks	Deputy Minister of Civil Protection & Climate Crisis, Hellenic Republic Dr Christos Triantopoulos
		Keynote Speech	The AMALTHEA Project Assistant Director, Cyprus Civil Defense Mr Panayiotis Liassides
Opening Remarks		Deputy Minister for European Affairs, Republic of Cyprus Ms Marilena Raouna	
11:15-11:45	Coffee Break		

11:45-13:15	MORNING SESSIONS	
	<p>Networking World Cafe (free-style networking discussions between participants outside the conference rooms - coffee will be available)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Special Regional Session: National Disaster Management Procedures & Challenges - Presentations of Union for the Mediterranean Countries (non-UCPM) (Chaired by by Major Laurent Alfonso, Senior Advisor in Civil Protection, Embassy of France, Jordan, Ministry of Europe & Foreign Affairs) <i>Location : Main Conference Room (Les Etoiles)</i></p>
13:15 - 14:15	Lunch	

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

LATE AFTERNOON SESSIONS				
16:15 - 17:30	<p>Networking World Cafe (free-style networking discussions between participants outside the conference rooms - coffee will be available)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 (Les Etoiles)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Panelists :</i></p> <p>Mr Dimitris Tsiodras, Member of European Parliament (MEP), Greece</p> <p>Prof. Gilles Dusserre, Director of Risk & Society Institute, University of Nîmes, France</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 style="text-align: center;">Breakout Session 3: European Projects in Safety & Security (Chaired by Dr Nikolaos Kalapodis, Senior Researcher, KEMEA, Hellenic Ministry of Citizen Protection) <i>Location : Room Minerva</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Projects Presented</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SILVANUS FIRELOGUE DIREKTION PANTHEON TEMA DRM-FRAME POWERBASE EO-4EU ATLANTIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presenters</i></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 Diana</i></p>
17:30 - 18:00	<p>CLOSING REMARKS by Professor George Boustras <i>Location : Main Conference Room (Les Etoiles)</i></p>			