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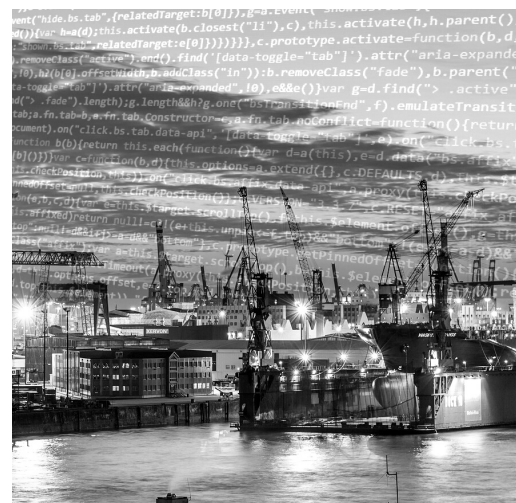
Preparing first cross-sectorial, multi-disciplinary innovation forum for civil security experts in the Baltic Sea Region
Project concept

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THREATS HAVE NO BOUNDARIES

Background

The project addresses the need described in the Swedish government's National Security Strategy from 2017, emphasising that "no state can alone face the security challenges". The nature of threats is mostly unpredictable, and different sectors' contributions to building up flexible capacities around the BSR are vital to preparing for crisis events. There is a need to cultivate and foster a curated multi-disciplinary community to trigger new collaboration formats between agencies, ministries, research centres, NGOs and business, which would be oriented on problem-solving.

The need for an interface, connecting the above-mentioned civil security actors in meaningful constellations, focused on solving civil security issues, specific to the BSR has been voiced numerous times within the two main societal security networks in the BSR: CBSS Civil Protection Network and EUSBSR Policy Area Secure Steering Group. The absence of such an interface in the BSR has also been voiced within the recent Si-funded STAC-CBRNE & BSR-RNSS.

There are numerous civil security themed forums and platforms on the EU level, such as "Community of Users on Secure, Safe and Resilient Societies", "Interschutz" trade fair, European Civil Protection Forum, and several pan-European networking projects such as FIRE-IN, Driver+, and EU-HYBNET; however, they are focused either on one aspect of civil security or are too large in scope. BSR own networks – CBSS CPN, EUSBSR PA Secure, and BEP – are focused on capacity building and knowledge sharing between civil protection agencies. However, there is no regular platform or forum focused on innovative problem solving in civil security for our region that shares similar risks and would benefit from common solutions. BSR is also a home for many innovative companies, potential solution providers for civil protection; however, their access to the highly regulated market is limited, especially across borders.

Objectives

The project aims to:

Analyse existing forums & platforms (civil security events & projects) and the market of solution providers.

Create a detailed concept of the First Pan-Baltic Cross-Sectoral Forum on Innovation in Societal Security through a series of cross-disciplinary workshops.

Test the concept by creating a small-scale pilot event.

Generate a blueprint for the organisation of the full-size event.

Form a consortium to apply for a larger project.

Target groups

- End-users/practitioners/first-responders – "people with real-world experience"
- Research institutes: academia, basic-research, applied-science etc.
- Responsible authorities: central, regional and local administration
- Responsible national agencies: civil protection, ministries of interior
- Private sector
- Cities and municipalities
- Societal and voluntary organisations
- Project leaders and key experts
- Organisations responsible for training
- Policy makers
- Representatives from funding programmes

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Peer-to-peer learning and networking
Real world cases, risk-specific hackathons and workshops
Croup work on scenarios
Match-making for future projects
Private sector exhibition
Presentation from ongoing research and projects
Distinguished speakers

Partners

Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat (CBSS), Sweden - coordinator
The National Headquarters of The State Fire Service of Poland (KG PSP), Poland
Main School of Fire Service (SGSP), Poland
The Laurea University, Finland
Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of the Interior, Lithuania
The State Fire and Rescue Service of Latvia
The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
Hamburg Fire and Rescue Service, Germany
International Affairs Unit Department for Rescue Services, Finland

Activities planned

Kick-off in February 2022 (Stockholm).
Market analysis and two preparatory workshops (Warsaw/Vilnius or Helsinki)
Pilot Event BALTinnoSEC (Warsaw, Nov-Dec 2022).
Final Workshop: Analysis of Pilot Event and Discussing Results (Stockholm, 2023).
Timeframe: The project will last 18 months (from October 2021 to March 2023).