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Delegations will find attached the European Union Exercise Programme 2013-2015 to be transmitted to NATO for information purposes as approved by the Council on 31 January 2013.

**EUROPEAN UNION PROGRAMME OF EXERCISES AND  
EXERCISE-RELATED ACTIVITIES  
2013-2015**

**General Principles**

- The focus of the EU exercise and exercises-related activities set-out in this programme is CSDP, in accordance with the EU Exercise Policy;
- All exercise documentation needed for the exercise at STARTEX will be developed by the Exercise Planning Team;
- Member States support in the form of cost-free SNEs will be systematically sought to support the planning of CME and/or ML-type exercises;
- Exercises may be postponed or cancelled in the light of real-life requirements that might take precedent.

**2013** (to be agreed)

<b>Exercises</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Exercise</b>	<b>Scenario</b>	<b>Aim/Remarks</b>
NOV (TBC)	Military Exercise  MILEX 13 / CPX	<input type="checkbox"/> The exercise will draw on a new scenario, in the ANEQ geographical environment.	<input type="checkbox"/> The exercise will focus on the military planning process for the deployment of a EU military force. The scenario will include a humanitarian assistance dimension. <input type="checkbox"/> The exercise focuses on the interaction between the EU Operation Centre and an EU FHQ provided by France. <input type="checkbox"/> The exercise involves the EU Operations Centre, the EU FHQ, the EUMS, and, in an appropriate manner, other services from the European External Action Service. <input type="checkbox"/> MILEX 13 will exercise the Comprehensive Approach within relevant EU bodies concerning crisis management.

#### **Programme meetings**

Annual exercise experts meetings will be called as appropriate in the first semester of the year.

**2014 Option 1 (tentatively agreed)**

<b>Exercises</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Exercise</b>	<b>Scenario</b>	<b>Aim/Remarks</b>
OCT NOV  (TBC)	ML 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ The exercise will draw on a new scenario, in the ANEQ geographical environment.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ The exercise concentrates on how the EU manages crises with civilian and military instruments, including their co-ordination within the EU, with a view to exercising the comprehensive approach.</li><li>❑ ML14 will entail the exercising of different layers of EU Crisis Management, from the political and strategic level to the operational level.</li><li>❑ ML14 focuses on EU crisis response and management which would include operational planning for a CSDP civilian mission and military operation.</li><li>❑ ML14 evaluates EU Crisis Management Procedures for CSDP action.</li><li>❑ The exercise involves the High Representative, the European External Action Service, Member States (capitals and delegations), the relevant Council instances, Commission, the EU OHQ and an EU FHQ, and other EU players as appropriate.</li></ul>

**Programme meetings**

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**2014 Option 2 (tentatively agreed)**

Date	Exercise	Scenario	Aim/Remarks
OCT NOV  (TBC)	CME 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The exercise will draw on a new scenario, in the ANEQ geographical environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The exercise concentrates on how the EU manages crises with civilian and military instruments, including their co-ordination within the EU, with a view to exercise the comprehensive approach.</li> <li>❑ CME14 focuses on EU crisis response and management which would include operational planning for a CSDP civilian mission and military operation.</li> <li>❑ The exercise evaluates EU Crisis Management Procedures for CSDP action.</li> <li>❑ The exercise involves the High Representative, the European External Action Service, Member States (capitals and delegations), the relevant Council instances, Commission, the EU OHQ provided by France and an EU FHQ response cell, and other EU players as appropriate.</li> <li>❑ CME14 to be extended by MILEX 14.</li> </ul>
OCT NOV  (TBC)	Military Exercise  MILEX 14 / CPX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The exercise will draw on a new scenario, in the ANEQ geographical environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The exercise will focus on the military planning process for the deployment of a EU military force.</li> <li>❑ The exercise focuses on the interaction between an EU OHQ and an EU FHQ.</li> <li>❑ The exercise involves the EU OHQ provided by Italy, the EU FHQ, the EUMS, and in an appropriate manner, other services from the European External Action Service.</li> <li>❑ MILEX 14 will exercise the Comprehensive Approach within relevant EU bodies concerning crisis management.</li> <li>❑ MILEX 14 subsequent to CME 14.</li> </ul>

**Programme meetings**

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**2015 (envisaged)**

**Exercises**

Date	Exercise	Scenario	Aim/Remarks
FEB- MAR  (TBC)	Joint CME / CMX 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ The exercise will draw on the new scenario.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Internal EU aspects of the exercise will concentrate on Comprehensive Approach, how the EU actively exercises the use of civilian and military instruments, including their co-ordination, within the EU.</li> <li>□ EU and NATO aspects focus on the interaction between EU and NATO on the politico-military level.</li> <li>□ Joint EU/NATO exercises are politico-military exercises based on a scenario for an EU-led operation with recourse to NATO assets and capabilities (Berlin Plus).</li> <li>□ The exercise involves the European External Action Service, Member States (capitals and delegation), the relevant Council instances, the Commission and other EU players as appropriate, as well as NATO politico military instances and possibly a NATO provided OHQ.</li> </ul>

Date	Exercise	Scenario	Aim/Remarks
Second semester  (TBC)	MILEX 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The exercise will draw on the new scenario.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The exercise will focus on the military planning process for the deployment of a EU military force.</li> <li>❑ The exercise focuses on the interaction between an EU OHQ and an EU FHQ</li> <li>❑ The exercise involves the EU OHQ, the EU FHQ, the EUMS, and, in an appropriate manner, other services of the European External Action Service.</li> <li>❑ MILEX 15 will exercise the Comprehensive Approach within relevant EU bodies concerning crisis management.</li> </ul>

**Programme meetings**

Annual exercise experts meetings will be called as appropriate in the first semester of the year.

**INFORMATION ON MILITARY EXERCISES CONDUCTED BY MEMBER STATES BASED ON SCENARIOS RELATED TO  
POTENTIAL EU-LED CRISIS MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

<b>NO</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>EXERCISE/LOCATION</b>	<b>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>
01	AT	European Advance (EURAD)	EU-Battlegroup Exercise (INVITEX/LIVEX)	21 May – 7 June 2013	AT, GE, FR, IT
02	AT	European Response (EURES)	EU-Battlegroup Exercise (INVITEX/CPX)	2014	TBD
03	BEL	Sunny Safari	NEO (Non-Combattant Evacuation Operations)	Jan 13	Staff ACOS/EM
04	BEL	CAX	CAX (Computer Assisted Exercise)	Jan 13	DEUX (HQ) Bde
05	BEL	Grafenwohr (DEU)	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Mar - Apr 13	Lt Bde
06	BEL	Grafenwohr (DEU)	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Jun 13	Md Bde
07	BEL	Initial Lion	Preparation EU Battlegroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test Case (F)HQ</li> <li>• (BEL) Deploy Ex</li> </ul>	May 13	EUBG 14
08	BEL	Crazy Trip	NEO (Non-Combattant Evacuation Operations)	May 13	Lt Bde
09	BEL	Marnenhuyzen (NDL)	FIBUA (Fighting in built-up area)	Jun 13	Md Bde
10	BEL	CAX	CAX (Computer Assisted Exercise)	Sep 13	Md Bde
11	BEL	BERGEN	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Oct 13	Md Bde



NO	MS	EXERCISE	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	TIME	PARTICIPANTS
12	BEL	SPAIN	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Oct 13	Lt Bde
13	BEL	Adjacent Lowlands	MN CPX Bde - Preparation Etat-Major/Battlegroup	Nov 13	EUBG 14
14	BEL	Ottenburn	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Nov 13	Lt Bde
15	BEL	OMTL KANDAK	PDT (Pre-Deployment Training for deployment to Afghanistan))	Aug – Dec 13	Lt Bde
16	BEL	National Phase	Trg (Training)	01 Jan – 31 Dec 13	EUBG 14
17	BEL	International Phase	Trg (Training)	01 Jan – 30 Jun 14	EUBG 14
18	BEL	Stand By		Jul – Dec 14	EUBG 14
19	BEL	Active Trip	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	May and Dec 14	Lt Bde
20	BEL	Altengrabow	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Feb – Mar 14	Lt Bde
21	BEL	Grafenwohr	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Feb – Mar 14	EUBG 14
22	BEL	Sennelager	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Jun 14	Md Bde
23	BEL	Porsanger	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Jun 14	Lt Bde
24	BEL	Ottenburn	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Oct 14	Lt Bde
25	BEL	Hradiste	Trg Fct (Training Functional Normal)	Nov 14	Md Bde
26	FR	Puma	CPX (planning exercise)	Sept 13	(FR) OHQ new comers
27	FR	OPC	EU Operational planning course	Oct 13	EUOHQ staff members

28	FR	Puma	CPX (planning exercise)	Sept 14	(FR) OHQ new comers
29	EL	TALOS 13	EU Battlegroup Exercise	7-18 October 2013	TBD
30	EL	TALOS 15	EU Battlegroup Exercise	2015	TBD

**INFORMATION ON MAJOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT EXERCISES PLANNED BY THE COMMISSION OR AN EU AGENCY  
(PERIOD: NOVEMBER 2012 – DECEMBER 2014)**

**Lead DG/Agency: SG**

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>BOT12</b>
Objective/Description	<p>Cyber-attack scenario</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– test mitigation strategies and preparedness for loss of IT systems/websites and data/information disclosure</li> <li>– test Business Continuity Plans (BCPs), Business Continuity Management Team (BCMT) decision-making and procedures</li> <li>– test Crisis Management Team (CMT) decision-making</li> <li>– test communication</li> </ul>
Date	2012
Participating organisations	DGs and Services (Headquarters Brussels and Luxembourg) and Executive Agencies
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	ICT

**Lead DG/Agency: SANCO**

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Objective/Description	Table top exercise <b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– test the coordination of the response to a food borne event (such as the 2011 e-coli outbreak in Germany and France)</li><li>– test risk assessment capacities and the coordination procedures associated (especially ECDC and EFSA)</li></ul>
Date	2013
Participating organisations	MS (public health and food authorities), ECDC and EFSA
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	Health, consumers

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Objective/Description	Table top exercise - TBD
Date	End 2013 or beginning 2014
Participating organisations	
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Objective/Description	Four regional exercises
Date	2013
Participating organisations	
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	

**Lead DG/Agency: ENISA and CNECT**

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>Cyber Europe 2014</b>
Objective/Description	Cyber-attack scenario
Date	2014
Participating organisations	
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	ICT

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>EuroSOPEx series of exercises</b>
Objective/Description	To test cross-border cooperation procedures and national contingency plans.
Date	
Participating organisations	
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	

**Lead DG/Agency: ECHO**

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>EU COMMAND POST 2012</b>
Objective/Description	<p>Major earthquake and tsunami in Mediterranean basin multiple MS affected simultaneously.</p> <p>The main objective is to enhance the cooperation between the departments of civil protection of the participating states to the European Civil Protection Mechanism.</p> <p>This exercise will specifically target the cooperation between several coordination and assessment teams composed of European civil protection experts under the overall command of the local emergency management authority.</p>

Date/Place	13-16 November 2012, Department of Aude (South France)
Participating organisations	<p><b>Organiser:</b> France (General Directorate for Civil Protection and Crisis Management, Ministère de l'Intérieur, de l'Outremer et des Collectivités Territoriales)</p> <p><b>Participants:</b> Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxemburg</p>

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>TWIST</b>
Objective/Description	<p>Tsunami</p> <p>The main objective is to enhance the cooperation between the departments of civil protection of the participating states to the European civil protection mechanism.</p> <p>Being the second exercise of this type (Tsunami) within the European civil protection mechanism, TWIST will be the opportunity to test the mechanism tools and their interoperability with the Italian regulations during a large scale emergency.</p>
Date/Place	May 2013 (TBD) , Calabria & Catania (Italy)
Participating organisations	<p><b>Organiser:</b> Italy (Presidency of the Council of Ministers, National Civil Protection Department)</p> <p><b>Participants:</b> Croatia, France, Greece, Malta, Portugal, Spain</p>

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>EU TARANIS 2013</b>
Objective/Description	<p>Floods</p> <p>The main objective is to enhance the cooperation between the departments of civil protection of the participating states to the European civil protection mechanism.</p> <p>This exercise will particularly target the cooperation with Red Cross (Regional branch reinforced by IFRC and other national societies) under the lead of the State authority in charge. The Host Nation Support guidelines of Austria will be implemented.</p>
Date/place	27-29 June 2013, Austria
Participating organisations	<p><b>Organiser:</b> Austrian Red Cross Regional Branch of Salzburg</p> <p><b>Participants:</b> Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Romania</p>



**Lead DG/Agency: JRC**

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>Personal Data Breach EU Exercise</b>
Objective/Description	<p>To test the cross-border cooperation among Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) involved in receiving notifications of personal data breaches involving citizens from several Member States.</p> <p>To identify, test and develop handling tools necessary for such exercise.</p> <p>The exercise will be organised on the basis of the results of a feasibility study currently on-going and finishing end of 2012.</p> <p>Relevant legal framework: Article 4 of Directive 2002/58 amended by directive 2009/136 and article 31 of proposed Regulation COM(2012) 11 final.</p>
Date	2013-2014
Participating organisations	JRC.G.7 (in collaboration with JRC.G.6); some selected national DPAs; ENISA (still to be defined)
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	ICT and ICT-affected sectors

**Lead DG /Agency: ENER**

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>ECURIE EXERCISE - ConvEx-3 2013</b>
Objective/Description	To exercise International Emergency Preparedness systems. TBD – No fixed scenario, but will include a severe radiological emergency triggered by criminal act(s).
Date	2013 (probably late), Morocco
Participating organisations	IAEA, EC & ECURIE M.S., IACRNE J-Plan Co-sponsors such as -EUROPOL, INTERPOL, PAHO, WMO, WHO, FAO, IMO, OECD/NEA, UNEP, UN/OCHA, UN/OOSA
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	Unknown as yet, normally multi-sector.

<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>Gas Coordination Group (GCG) Test Exercise</b>
Objective/Description	Member States will be invited to react and coordinate action to a hypothetical gas supply disruption scenario. The main objective is to become accustomed to the use of possible communication tools (the "Newsgroup" of CircABC and the Arkadin telephone/web conference).
Date	2013
Participating organisations	Members of the Gas Coordination Group (Member State authorities and the relevant stakeholders)
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	Energy, gas, electricity

**Lead DG /Agency: EMSA**

EMSA assists Member States in their planning and execution of exercises concerning oil pollution response at sea. In 2013 and 2014, a total of 22 exercises are planned in five regions (Baltic Sea, North Sea, Atlantic Coast, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea).

<b>Region</b>	<b>Name of the exercise</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Baltic Sea</b>	BALEX DELTA	2013; 2014
	POLGER	
<b>North Sea</b>	POLEX	2013; 2014
<b>Atlantic Coast</b>	ORSEC POLMAR	2013; 2014
	PORTUGAL	
<b>Mediterranean Sea</b>	RAMOGEPOL	2013; 2014
	MALTEX	
	NIRIIS	
	MEDITERRANEO	2013
	ADRIATIC	2014
	NIREAS	
<b>Black Sea</b>	BULDELTA	2013
	ROMPOL	2014
	BULPOL	

Objective/Description	<p>At-sea operational exercises greatly assist the integration of EMSA’s resources within the response mechanisms of Member States. The objective of the at-sea oil pollution response exercises is to practice mutual co-operation in responding to a large-scale oil pollution incident. For that purpose, the established co-operation agreements at Sub-regional (e.g. POLGER), Regional (e.g. HELCOM) and/or European level (e.g. MIC/EMSA) for combating marine oil pollution are implemented by the organising State.</p> <p>During the exercises, the operational coordination of the response units from different Member States and EMSA is put under the command of the State where the response operations are taking place. The use of oil spill response equipment in practice and in real sea conditions is exercised.</p> <p>The mobilisation procedures to request EMSA assistance by the affected State through the Civil Protection Mechanism (MIC) are also tested.</p>
Participating organisations	MS, EMSA
Affected sectors (e.g. energy, transport, health)	Transport: Maritime Safety