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## **EADRCC'S CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT EXERCISE "BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA 2017"**

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The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre (EADRCC) will conduct the consequence management field exercise BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA 2017 from 25th to 29th September 2017, in and around the city of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The exercise has been jointly organized by EADRCC and the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The exercise will be officially inaugurated on 25 September with an opening ceremony. The main field exercise will be held on 27 and 28 September.

More than 1200 participants from 34 NATO Allied and partner countries will take part in the event.

Teams from 19 NATO Allied and partner nations with disaster response capabilities will participate in the exercise. Also, 15 additional countries will send exercise staff or observers to the exercise.

NATO and partner countries will practice disaster response mechanisms, exercise capabilities and will improve their ability to work together effectively in emergency situations. The exercise will also contribute to strengthen the host nation's capacity to effectively coordinate international disaster response operations.

The exercise will be based on a combined flood and earthquake scenario, linked to the type of geological and environmental challenges faced by Bosnia and Herzegovina. Sadly, this country is no stranger to natural disasters. Floods and landslides devastated large parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2014. More than 40 countries and several international organizations provided support. At the request of the Ministry of Security a NATO civilian team was deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina in July 2014. One of the team's recommendations was that training activities and civil military international exercises should be organized in the future.

It will provide an opportunity for NATO and partner countries to improve interoperability across a wide range of operations, including water rescue, urban search and rescue and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) protection.

This is the 17th field exercise conducted by the Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre (EADRCC) since 2000, and the first hosted by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The exercise Base of Operation will be located in the Campus of the University of Tuzla.

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