

# **Societal Security**

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# Societal security

It is an obligation of **good governance** to prepare for the unthinkable and to allocate the necessary resources to minimize the impact on people and society from catastrophic events

# Challenges for Societal Security

- Trans-boundary & Real Time Flows
- Technological Interconnectedness
- Second & Third Order Consequences
- Mediatization
- Governing versus Government
- Public Service versus Private Profit
- Multilevel, Cross-sector & Multilateral Capacity Building Needed

# Trans-boundary crises

## Example: Pandemic

- Public health & societal security aspects
- Many unknowns
- Cascading effects
- High media attention
- Private sector engagements
- Forewarning = public expectations

# Overcoming Jurisdictional and Mental Gaps

- Security and Safety professionals
- Civil and Military professionals
- Civil and Civil authorities
- National, Regional and Local authorities
- Public authorities and Private Sector
- Public domain and Volunteer associations

# Crisis Management Capacity for Inter-mestic Sphere

- Domestic focus is dangerously limiting
- European wide grasp may be over-stretch
- Inter-mestic sphere:  
trans-boundary but not boundless
- EU Solidarity spirit for managing trans-boundary crises in Baltic Sea Region

# Vulnerability Surpluses & CM Capacity Deficits in BSR today

Solidarity commitment requires trans-boundary coordination across:

- Multi-sectors
- Multi-levels
- Multi-institutions
- Multi-nationals

# Research --- Training ---- Improved Practices

- Societal Security Research Program
- Curriculum Development for Higher Education in Safety and Security
- Comprehensive Training and Coordinated Exercises for Government Authorities and with Private Sector and NGO Engagement

# Strategic Training for Societal Security

- Link professionals in strategic leadership roles across sectors and nations
- Use interactive simulations and scenario based exercises to strengthen the common capacity for coordination
- Strategic Training adds value to existing single sector based programs for operational training in Safety and Security

# Vision for the Future

- The Strategic Training Program should underpin a comprehensive and coherent approach to reduce trans-boundary vulnerabilities and build common capacities for societal security in the Baltic Sea Region, particularly in its inter-mestic sphere.
- This BSR initiative can serve as a test-bed for launching similar programs in other parts of the Union.