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Executive Summary

Work package 5 focused on communication and continuity. For this purpose, the project consortium set up a number of communication platforms, created a logo and visual style guide, and continually communicated project progress, deliverables, events etc.

This deliverable provides an overview of and links to all dissemination material produced in the course of the INEGMA-E² project. This material was used in dissemination and communication activities of the project, both at physical and virtual events as well as on online platforms. This document also provides an overview of all events and high visibility activities that INEGMA-E² was part of.

About this project

In the context of civil protection exercises, well-considered and extensive evaluation plays a crucial role in documenting best practices and shortcomings happening during those exercises. By noting lessons learnt evaluation is essential for a constant improvement in training efforts, thus promoting the capacities of response units in the European Union and its neighbouring countries for dealing with real disaster scenarios. INEGMA-E² is building upon an upcoming approach of independent evaluation and aims for a new level of exercise evaluation, which will meet high standards concerning documentation, replicability, and goal orientation.

The three pillars of the project are:

1) The development of an adequate and versatile evaluation methodology, addressing the different types of existing exercises. Each of those has different needs and goals, thus requiring diverse evaluation approaches.

2) Exploring the great number of existing tools, which can facilitate the data collection throughout the exercise process. Software solutions and technical tools like databases and handhelds empower the evaluators to collect a great amount of data even under difficult circumstances often part of the training reality.

3) The creation of an international pool of evaluators, which will be accessible by all institutions managing those kinds of exercises, to ensure the availability of highly skilled experts when needed. Those invited to this pool of evaluators will have to meet a certain skill set developed during the project.

A strong interconnection of all three essential fields - methods, tools and network – is crucial for setting new standards in exercise evaluation. By ensuring the provision of results for future exercises INEGMA-E² will significantly contribute to a continuous improvement of exercise outcomes. In addition, it will connect experts in exercise evaluation, will create a mechanism to share knowledge and good practices and will be designed for further grow and scale up.

Abbreviations and Glossary

A common glossary of terms for all INEGMA-E² deliverables, as well as a list of abbreviations, is available on the UCPKN INEGMA-E² website.

1. Website and social media

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Project information, deliverables, event reports, and various updates was posted on the project website on the UCPKN platform: <u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/projects/inegma-e2</u>



Figure 1: Screenshot of the INEGMA-E² UCPKN page

Several project updates and news were also featured as stories on the UCPKN home page.

All updates, relevant events, partner activities, and UCPM-related news were additionally shared on the INEGMA-E² social media channels:

- LinkedIn (approx. 7300 impressions in total) <u>https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/inegma-e2/</u>
- Twitter (approx. 8600 impressions in total) <u>https://twitter.com/inegmae2</u>
- Facebook (approx. 600 impressions in total) <u>https://www.facebook.com/inegmae2</u>

Partners also shared the updates via their social media accounts, websites, and blogs to increase reach of INEGMA-E2 content.

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2. Leaflet, roll-up, posters

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The leaflet, roll-up as well as several INEGMA-E2 posters were used at internal and external events. The leaflet was additionally used in digital form and can also be found here: <u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/system/files/2022-08/INEGMA-E2%20Leaflet.pdf</u>



Figure 2: Presentation of INEGMA-E² at HNPW 2023



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Figure 3: INEGMA-E² roll-up at Nicosia Risk Forum



Figure 4: INEGMA-E² posters used at a workshop at Nicosia Risk Forum

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Additional materials included an A5 flyer used to promote the network of evaluators.







3. Newsletters

- DCNA newsletters (German and English) Q4/2021, Q1/2022, Q2/2022, Q3/2022, Q4/2022, Q1/2023, Q2/2023
- UCPKN Newsletter No7, published January 2023
 Title: INEGMA-E²: Methodology, tools and an expert pool for evaluation of EU civil protection exercises
 <u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/system/files/2023-</u>
 <u>01/DG%20ECHO%20Newsletter%20Issue%207%20-%20Jan%202023.pdf</u>
- Bonner Network Newsletter published March 2023
 Title: "Practising in emergencies" in English and German
 <u>https://cdn.website-</u>
 <u>editor.net/s/4fa468f79dbe48cd9cd6873914f5b5c3/files/uploaded/DEU_NL_BN_M%25C3%25A4rz_20</u>
 <u>23.pdf</u>
- UCPKN Newsletter No9, published July 2023
 Title: INEGMA-E² standardising EU civil protection exercises
 <u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/system/files/2023-07/UCPKN_Newsletter_Issue_9_Final.pdf</u>







4. Events at which INEGMA-E² was presented

High visibility events

- 02.-20.05.2022
 HNPW 2022 (hnpw.org): INEGMA-E² presentation
- 13.-14.10.2022

Disaster Research Days (<u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/news/inegma-e2-presented-disaster-research-days-2022</u>) or (<u>https://www.dcna.at/index.php/de/disaster-research-days-2022.html</u>): INEGMA-E² presentation

• 12.-14.01.2023

BBK Research for Civil Protection Conference (BBK-Fachkongress "Forschung für den Bevölkerungsschutz) <u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/events/bbk-research-civil-protection-conference</u>: project was presented in the session "Practising for the Crisis"

• 15.-17.02.2023

"Forschungen des DCNA/Österreich" R. Kastner, R.; S. Pfister. Guest lecture in the seminar "Forschung im Bevölkerungsschutz" of the BBK.

17.-28.04.2023
 HNPW 2023 (hnpw.org): Poster presentation of INEGMA-E² as part of the DCNA exhibition stand.

Exercises

- 16.-19.05.2022
 DOMINO FSX in Marseille, France / Participation by Bernhard Bürger as evaluator
 <u>https://www.linkedin.com/posts/inegma-e2_exercise-evaluation-domino2022-activity-6931969216409473024-lNyT/?originalSubdomain=me</u>, Info: <u>https://intersec.com/blog/domino-2022-the-final-validation-before-the-national-deployment-of-fr-alert</u>
- 30.8.-3.9.2022

PROFOUND FSX in Dunajvaros (conducted interviews with evaluators as well as being part of the evaluation team themselves. Identification of user requirements continued, see: <u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/news/inegma-e2-profound-exercise-dunajvaros</u>)

• 10.-14.10.2022

BALANCE FSX in Montenegro (Bay of Kotor) (conducted a workshop with a team of 22 dedicated evaluators) <u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/events/bbk-research-civil-protection-conference</u>

• 15.11.2022

Nicosia Risk Forum in Cyprus, (<u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/news/inegma-e2-nicosia-risk-forum-2022</u>), <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fEJ2D3g0Awj5iv28LTBrJwMuUjbGe21Y/edit#gid=73983062</u> <u>3</u>

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• 18.-20.1.2023

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FORMATEX Main Planning conference, https://www.formatex23.eu/activities/, FORMATEX23 project

• 22.-24.02.2023

HNS (Host Nation Support exercise; <u>Host Nation Support Tabletop Exercise in Moldova</u>) in Moldova, presentation and test of the demonstrator. The demonstrator is a preconfigured set of tools supporting the process of exercise evaluation. <u>https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/news/d32-evaluation-solution-demonstrator-published</u>

• 27.-31.3.2023

Strategy FSX Event in the municipalities of Gualdo Tadino and Valfabbrica (Italy), Infos at https://strategy-status/1641743272992276482?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Eembeddedtimeline%7Ctwterm%5Escreen-name%3Astrategy_eu%7Ctwcon%5Es1, https://strategy-project.eu/strategy-standards-to-facilitate-crisis-management-tested-in-full-scale-exercise-in-italy/

Student Courses

Prof. Kern's Chair of "Knowledge Management and Business Process Design" regularly offers the opportunity to write a Bachelor's thesis in the autumn term at the Universität der Bundeswehr München (UniBw Munich) in the scope of research or in the context of ongoing research projects of the Chair. In the current trimester, topics in the context of INEGMA-E² and the evaluation of international disaster management exercises were therefore also offered.

Students had the opportunity to work on a topic of their own choice in the context of the evaluation of international disaster management exercises and thus contribute to or confirm the research results in the INEGMA-E² project.

The dissemination and processing of the project within lectures and theses makes it possible to bring the project closer to the next generation of scientists and military personnel who are trained at UniBw and who are dedicated to the field of security research in particular.

In detail:

- SOP Matrix was presented to UniBw Student Course on 27th October 2022
- INEGMA-E2 methods, SOPs and research presented to 32 Laurea master's students December 18th, 2022
- INEGMA-E2 methods, SOPs presented during the 7th International Week on the 17.1.2023 in the course IT solutions for crisis and disaster management at the Prague University of Economics an Business to 24 students
- INEGMA-E2 methods, SOPs and research presented to 35 Laurea master's students February 10th, 2023

Other university activities:

- Call for bachelor theses by UniBw in the context of INEGMA-E²
 https://www.unibw.de/wissen_und_prozesse/14-09-2022-bekanntgabe-der-bachelorarbeitsthemen
- Lecture "Production Management" at UniBw M, 14.09.2022

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https://www.unibw.de/wissen und prozesse/lehre

Workshops with external stakeholders

- June 20th, 2023 NTCs workshop (online)
- June 13th, 2023 Continuity and Community Building Workshop (online)
- June 2nd, 2023 End User Workshop (online)
- September 16th, 2022 End User Workshop (online)
- July 13th, 2022 End User Requirements Workshop (online)