

# Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of First Response in Disasters.

## NATO perspectives

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# Overview

- NATO
  - SCEPC
  - EADRCC
- Strategic Planning
- Tactical Command
- First Responders

These personal reflections do not necessarily represent NATO's official position

- NATO - history
  - Military
    - Changing composition
  - Civil
    - Protection own population
    - Assist the military
  
- SCEPC : Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee
  - EADRCC : Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre
  
- Scenario : humanitarian intervention
  - During a Mil operation
  - From the beginning



- Preparation with consideration for humanitarian law aspects
- Mandate : clear to All participants
- Attention for
  - Objectives
  - Limits
  - Endpoint
- Follow-up of the situation in the field with adaptation of the mandate.
- Coordination with International Governmental Organisations (UN, WHO, ...)



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# *Tactical Command*

- Before
  - Environmental risk analysis
  - Education & training
  - Clear instructions & tasking
- During
  - Priorities General Management >< Humanitarian needs
  - Coordination on CEO level with authorities & (N)GO's
- After
  - Follow-up personnel



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# *First Responder*

- Face-to-face with the victims
  - Own rules >< Local customs
  - Mandate >< Local authorities
  - Quid in threatening atmosphere ?
- Visible representative of an organisation / Country / IGO
- Practice >< theory
- What with professional and psychological doubts ?
- Supported by :
  - Standard Operation Procedures
  - Open minded commanders

# Questions