

**BRIEFING FOR EXPERTS OF  
S-FORCE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

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## **1. GENERAL ABOUT ROLE OF AN EXPERT AT EYP EVENT**

Role of an expert at EYP events is to offer an academic, factual and specific knowledge about the topic given to the group. Experts are not facilitating discussions or spending the entire time with the group, that is up to the EYP team - chairpersons. After brainstorming of the content (problems and possible solutions) experts can provide valuable feedback and put into perspective what is possible and what can be executed.

## **2. PREPARATION FOR THE EYP WORKSHOP AT S-FORCE SYMPOSIUM**

Every committee (there are 3 of them, each about a different topic) will have a Chairperson from EYP. Chairpersons are tasked with writing an Academic preparation kit for the participants of the event. **Every chairperson can contact experts responsible for their topic** and ask for feedback, recommendations on literature and overall opinion about the content of the preparation kit.

Topics of the events are:

- a) **Committee on critical infrastructure:** A 2013 review of EU's Directive on Critical Infrastructure outlined the need for a long-term strategy for building common tools and a common approach in the EU to critical infrastructure protection and resilience, while taking better account of interdependencies. How can the Member States cooperate with all relevant stakeholders in order to take actions towards realisation of this strategy?
- b) **Committee on raising awareness in fire safety:** The tragic fire accident of the Grenfell Tower in London initiated the discussion about the fire safety of buildings in Europe. Ever since, the European Commission has taken actions within their competences with Fire Information Exchange Platform (FIEP) initiative being one of the most significant. What measures should be taken in order to enhance fire safety protection across Europe?
- c) **Committee on flood risk management:** Natural disasters such as the 2014 flooding in the Balkans have highlighted the need for better flood risk management both inside and outside of the EU's borders. With Member States taking diverse approaches in applying the requirements of the EU Floods Directive, what can the European actors do to decrease the gap of those approaches, mitigate the consequences of such calamities and ensure the safety of those affected?

### **3. PARTICIPATION AT EYP WORKSHOP**

Experts are expected to be available on the 29th of September from 10:00 until 18:00. Committees will start working on their topics around 11:00 and, in coordination with EYP Team, experts are expected to visit committee which works on the topic they are in charge of and offer feedback, as well as some academic and factual support.

You can find the agenda for the workshop here:

9.00 – 9.15 Registrations of participants

9.15 - 9.30 Welcome and General Teambuilding

9.30 - 11.00 Teambuilding

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 - 13:15 Committee Work

13.15 - 14:00 Lunch

14: 00 - 16:30 Committee Work

16:30 - 16:45 General Assembly preparation

16:45 - 18:00 General Assembly

18.00 – 20.00 Social dinner at VTSNS premises