



# 3rd TABLE TOP EXERCISE (TTX) KAMPEN, THE NETHERLANDS

## MASSIVE FLOODING AND URBAN EVACUATION

### INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

The IN-PREP project partners are pleased to invite you to our 3<sup>rd</sup> **table-top exercise (TTX)** in Kampen, the Netherlands on the **10<sup>th</sup> of October 2019**.

The 3-year **IN-PREP project**, funded by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Programme, will build a system that can better prepare civil protection practitioners (*fire brigades, emergency medical services, police and civil protection agencies*) at all levels of command, in responding collaboratively to urgent natural and manmade Transboundary Crises. IN-PREP will do so by preparing civil protection actors to better **plan, train and collaborate** in a **transboundary crisis management** context.

A TTX is a low-stress discussion exercise gathering stakeholders from disaster management and resilience in one single location under the guidance and control of experienced staff. The TTX is designed to put crisis managers into a situation to develop or test existing plans and procedures to take decisions according to a proposed scenario. A workshop will take place following the TTX to discuss and evaluate the TTX outcomes. IN-PREP have carried out two previous successful TTXs in [Spoleto](#) and [Savona](#), Italy.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> TTX, the scenario is based on a flooding incident in the Dutch city of Kampen cause by a considerable downpour in the catchment area of the Rhine river over the preceding two weeks. This unexpected rainfall had led to an increased discharge of the river compounded by strengthening winds, putting the city of Kampen at risk of large-scale flooding.

During the TTX, **multi-agency collaborative response planning** at a **strategic and tactical level** in a national and transboundary context is sought between civil protection agencies. The scenario will require participants of the TTX to work collaboratively to respond to the evolving situation using IN-PREP's Mixed Reality Preparedness Platform (MRPP). The MRPP facilitates interagency and cross border communications to promote effective decision-making and efficient resource management in a crisis scenario where time is crucial to ensure minimal risk to life and property. The 3<sup>rd</sup> TTX is an opportunity for civil protection practitioners to test their response plans, collaborate with other agencies and train using the latest technologies in crisis management.



#### About IN-PREP

Guided on one side by feedback from practitioners and on the other side by tools brought by technology partners IN-PREP will create a **Mixed Reality Preparedness Platform**; a novel IT-based tool for response planning and scenario building to integrate Command and Control and Information systems, Situational Awareness modules, and a Decision Support mechanism. In addition, IN-PREP will create a Cross-organisational Handbook of Transboundary Preparedness and Response Operations. The principal aim for both outputs is improving preparedness with realistic training in representative scenarios of disasters and causes of crises. This will upgrade coordination of response actions and support the work of those with this responsibility.

IN-PREP's success depends heavily on active engagement of the civil protection community! Therefore, if you are interested in joining the TTX as a participant or observer please register your interest online at the following link: <https://www.in-prep.eu/kampen-ttx/>. If you have any questions you can contact us: Milou Levink [m.levink@vrijsselland.nl](mailto:m.levink@vrijsselland.nl) and Evangelos Sdongos, [evangelos.sdongos@iccs.gr](mailto:evangelos.sdongos@iccs.gr).

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