

# Monthly progress update

November 2020

Leveraging ASEAN Capacities for  
Emergency Response (LACER)

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## Background

“Leveraging ASEAN Capacities for Emergency Response (LACER)” is a project funded by the European Union. The overall objective is strengthened resilience in ASEAN region through improved disaster risk management. The specific objectives consists of strengthened capacity and sustainability of the AHA Centre to achieve operational excellence in disaster monitoring, preparedness and emergency response, and enhanced mechanism for ASEAN Leadership to Respond-As-One through excellence and innovation in disaster management.

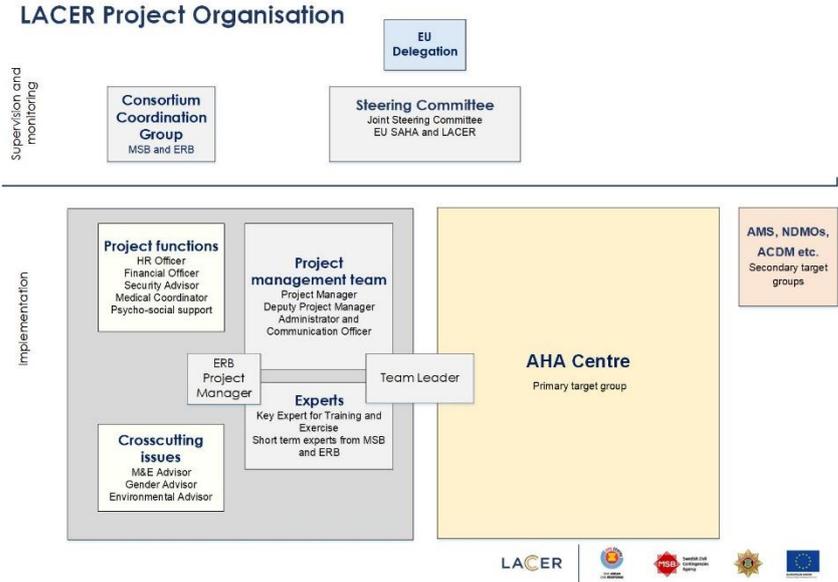
The project is implemented by a Consortium consisting of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agencies (MSB), as lead, jointly with the Estonian Rescue Board (ERB). It is a component of the overall EU programme “Integrated Programme in Enhancing the Capacity of AHA Centre and ASEAN Emergency Response Mechanisms (EU Support to AHA Centre)”.

The project consists of the following four components.

- Component 1  
Strengthened institutional capacity, corporate policies and management of the AHA Centre
- Component 2  
Enhanced operational capacity of the AHA Centre in monitoring, preparing and responding to disasters
- Component 3  
Increased preparedness and Respond-As-One capacities of ASEAN
- Component 4  
Enhanced professionalism through standards and certification

The project has a 43 months lifespan and started on March 1, 2020.

Fig 1. Illustration of the LACER project organisation structure



# Project progress update for the period November 2020

## Action taken during the reporting period

The period has directed a lot of its focus on finalising the activity plan for the whole project period as described in the previous project update. The activity plan has now been validated by the AHA Centre and each activity is now connected to the AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025. The plan will be presented at the first Project Steering Committee meeting.

## Planning for the first ERCC webinar

The project has planned to carry out a first webinar hosted by the ERCC on theme “the institutional journey from the Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC) to the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) – sharing experiences and lessons learned.”

The aim is to arrange an interactive webinar that will give an introduction to the ERCC and share experiences and lessons learned on its institutional journey from the MIC to the ERCC, its developments and where it stands today, how it uses the platform the Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS) to communicate with the participating states, and how it achieves a well-coordinated response through communication and coordination.

The webinar was tentatively planned to take place during the first week in December, but has now been postponed to January due to the heavy meeting schedule for the AHA Centre leading up to the holidays.

**Invitation to a webinar**

**“The institutional journey from the Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC) to the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) – sharing experiences and lessons learned”**

**Aim:**

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**04/12/2020 14.00 WIB**

**Program**  
Moderator: Martin Sjöholm, Training Expert, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)

Connect to GoToMeeting via link
<b>Jonas Homeag, Team Leader ERCC</b> Background to the ERCC. The journey from Monitoring Information Centre (MIC) to Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC).
<b>CECIS</b> The Common Emergency Communication and Information System (CECIS). It enabled communication and information sharing between the MIC/ERCC and contact points of the Participating States.
<b>Request and response.</b> How does ERCC handle a request and response?
<b>Questions and comments</b>
<b>End of webinar</b>

**The Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)**  
The Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) is the “operational heart” of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and coordinates the delivery of assistance to disaster-stricken countries, such as relief items, expertise, civil protection teams and specialised equipment. The ERCC replaced the previous Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC).  
The centre ensures the rapid deployment of emergency support and acts as a coordination hub between all EU Member States, the 6 additional Participating States and the United Kingdom during the transition period, the affected country, and civil protection and humanitarian experts.  
The centre operates 24/7 and can help any country inside or outside the EU affected by a major disaster upon request from the national authorities or a UN body.

**About LACER**  
LACER is an EU-funded project with the following specific objectives:  
Strengthened capacity and sustainability of the AHA Centre to achieve operational excellence in disaster monitoring, preparedness and emergency response.  
Enhanced mechanism for ASEAN Leadership to Respond to One.

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## Communication and visibility

During the reporting period the following communication and visibility activities have been carried out.

Date	Target Group	Activity
November	Professionals involved in crisis management in Sweden	Interview carried out with the LACER Project Manager and Team Leader for an article in the magazine <a href="https://www.tjugofyra7.se/">https://www.tjugofyra7.se/</a> . To be published in December 2020.