Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and connected seas Report to the 55th Session of IOC Executive Council
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KEY GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS) met online/hybrid for its 17th Session 24–26 November 2021. Key agenda items:

✓ Tsunami Ready Implementation
✓ New IOC EU DG ECHO Project
✓ Evaluation of NEAMWave Exercise
The fourth tsunami exercise for the region, NEAMWave21 was conducted between 8 and 10 March 2021 within the context of the ongoing health pandemic.

The five accredited Tsunami Service Providers (TSPs) in the region issued exercise messages using three different scenarios prepared for the:

1. Eastern Mediterranean
2. Central Mediterranean
3. North-Eastern Atlantic domains
08.03.2021, TSPs KOERI (Turkey) and NOA (Greece) joint scenario in the Eastern Mediterranean based on an M7.7 earthquake - Cyprian Arc.

09.03.2021 TSP INGV (Italy) single scenario, Central Mediterranean, an earthquake of magnitude M7.9 subduction interface of the Calabrian Arc.

On 10 March 2021, TSP CENALT (France) and TSP IPMA (Portugal) executed joint scenario for the North-Eastern Atlantic, 1755 M8.6 Lisbon earthquake.
WTAD 2022

The ICG/NEAMTWS, Recognized the continued awareness-raising efforts on tsunami hazards and preparedness by the Member States during the intersessional period in line with and as a contribution to World Tsunami Awareness Day, 5 November 2021;

To note that an increasing number of MS organized activities on WTAD: Egypt, Greece, France, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Turkey
The ICG NEAMTWS, also notes the first national tsunami exercises conducted in Malta and France to commemorate the World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) supported by EC and JRC.
New IOC European Union DG-ECHO (European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations) NEAMTWS project on:

“Strengthening the Resilience of Coastal Communities in the North-Eastern Atlantic, Mediterranean Region to the Impact of Tsunamis and Other Sea Level-Related Coastal Hazards.” CoastWave project

Kick-off meeting took place last 21 December 2021
COASTWAVE NEAMTWS

1. Understanding of tsunami and sea-level related risks.

2. Communication strategies to govern sea-level related risks

3. Real time detection and monitoring capacities

4. Framework + sustainability of the existing Inexpensive Device for Sea Level (IDSL) Network
Resilient and Safer Coasts” at the African Conference on Priority Setting & Partnership Development for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 10-12 May 2022, Cairo, Egypt
The ICG-NEAMTWS appreciated the progress made by the communities of Bouches-du-Rhône and Cannes (France); Kos (Greece); Israel; Minturno, Pachino, Palmi (Italy); Marsaxlokk (Malta); Azores, Cascais, Lagos, Lisboa, Madeira, Portimão, Setúbal (Portugal); Chipiona (Spain), Bodrum and Istanbul (Turkey) towards becoming Tsunami Ready and prepared.

New Task Team on Tsunami Ready

Seventeenth Session of the ICG/NEAMTWS: Ten Tsunami Ready Recognized Communities by 2023 as a Contribution to Making 100% of Communities at Risk of Tsunami Prepared for and Resilient to Tsunamis

Date: 14 December 2021
New Sea Level Detection System

The ICG-NEAMTWS recognized and acknowledged the new sea level observation network launched by Italy to help enhance the detection, monitoring of tsunamis, and other sea level hazards in the Mediterranean Region.

ICG/NEAMTWS 2030 Strategy in line with the UN Ocean Science Decade for Sustainable Development and encouraged Member States to participate in the activities.
To organize and conduct the NEAMWave 23 tsunami exercise within the first week of the World Tsunami Awareness Day, 5 November 2023.

The group will follow the ongoing SMART Cable initiatives to improve TWS in the future.
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