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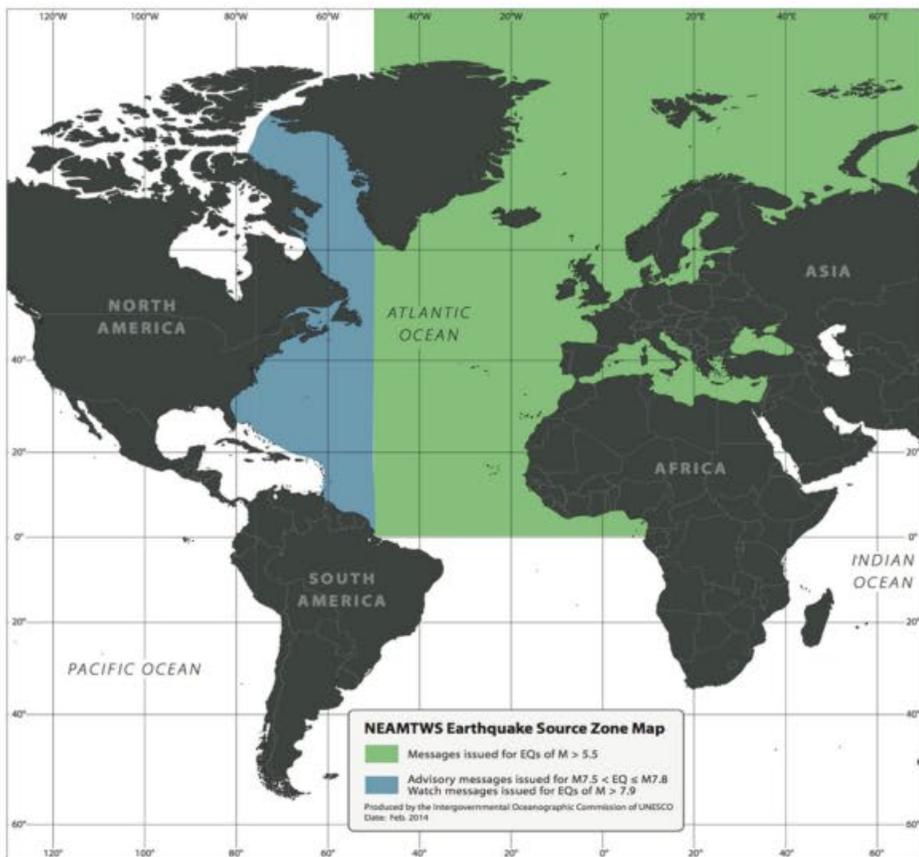
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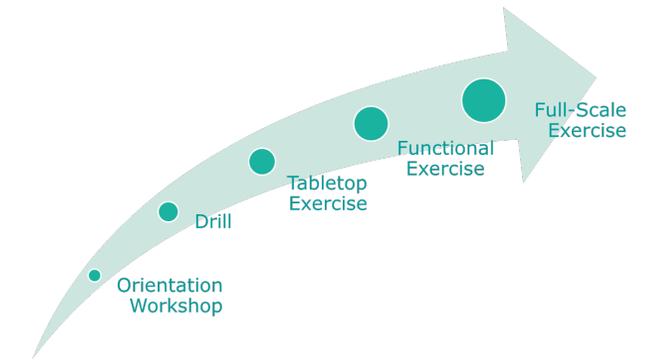
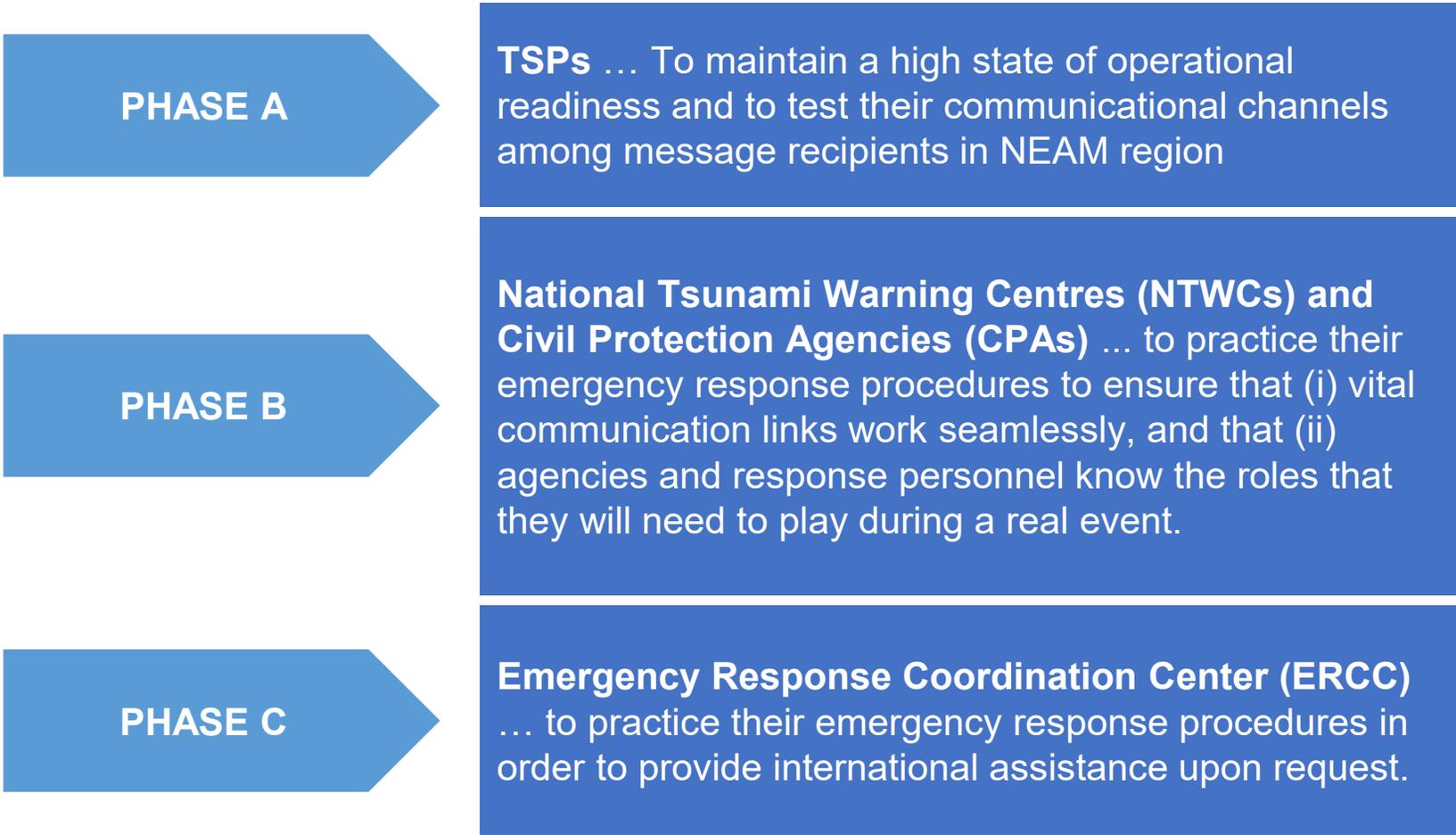
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NEAM TSPs and NTWC



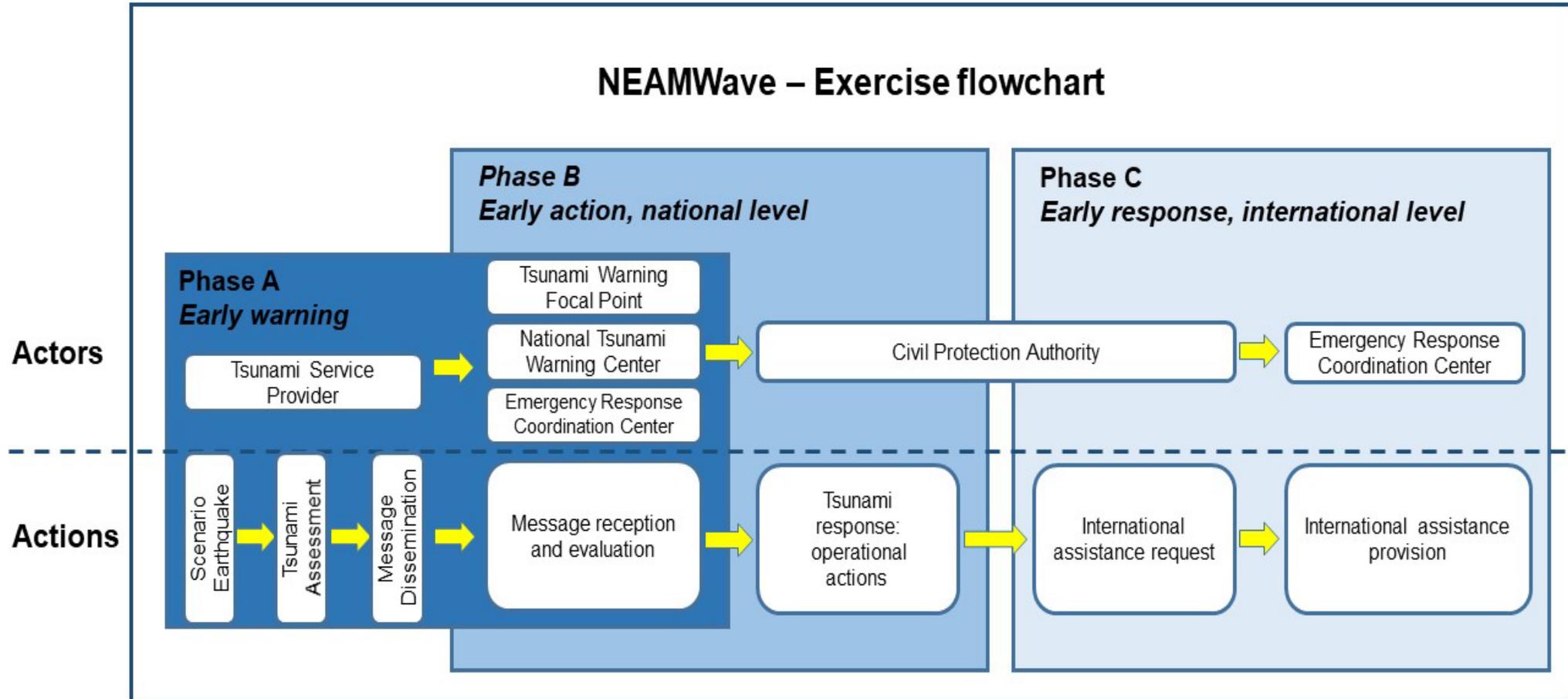
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NEAMWave flow chart



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NEAMWav26 Scenarios



No	Date	Type	TSPs	NTWCs	Title	Epicenter (lat - lon)	Mag.	Description	Potential affected MS
SN-01	03-Mar-26	single	NOA	CD or GSD	Cyprian Arc	34.55N - 32.65E	7.5	1222 SW of Cyprus	Greece, Cyprus, Egypt, Libya, Malta, Italy
SN-02	11-Mar-26	joint	INGV-NOA	-	Ionian Sea	36.40N - 22.20E	7.1	1867 Peloponnesus	Greece, Italy, Egypt, Malta
SN-03	12-Mar-26	joint	CENALT-INGV	-	Ligurian Sea	43.42N - 7.50E	6.9	1887 Ligurian Eq.	Italy, France, Monaco, Spain
SN-04	13-Mar-26	single	KOERI	NIEP	Black Sea	44.04N - 33.60E	7.5	Black Sea	Turkiye, Romania, Bulgaria
SN-05	24-Mar-26	joint	IPMA-CENALT	IGN	NE Atlantic Ocean	36.64N - 11.80W	8.5	Gorringe Bank fault	Portugal, Spain, Morocco

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NEANWave26

Dear ICG/NEAMTWS TNCs, TWFPs, SC Members, and NEAMWave 26 participants,

As you are aware, the NEAMWave26 exercise was scheduled to commence tomorrow with the first scenario (Cyprian Arc – SN-01: 1222 SW of Cyprus Earthquake, NOA Greece, 3 March 2026). Unfortunately, due to the renewed conflict and escalation of hostilities in the Middle East region, and following consultations between the NEAMWave Exercise Co-Chairs, ICG/NEAMTWS Officers, the Secretariat, and the impacted Member States, it has been decided to **postpone** the **first two scenario** of the exercise:

Postponed

- Cyprian Arc (SN-01), 3rd March
- Ionian Sea (SN -02), 11 March

We shall communicate the decision concerning the remaining scenario exercises at the earliest opportunity, following consultations with the ICG/NEAMTWS Officers and the ICG/NEAMTWS Steering Committee members.

SN (see table below)

SN-01	Cyprian Arc	1222 SW of Cyprus Earthquake	NOA (Greece)	3 March 2026
SN-02	Ionian Sea	1867 Peloponnesus Earthquake	INGV (Italy), NOA (Greece)	11 March 2026
SN-03	Ligurian Sea	1887 Ligurian Earthquake	CENALT (France), INGV (Italy)	12 March 2026
SN-04	Black Sea	Historical Black Sea Earthquake	KOERI (Türkiye)	13 March 2026
SN-05	NE Atlantic Ocean	Gorringe Bank Fault Scenario	IPMA (Portugal), CENALT (France)	24 March 2026

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Kind regards

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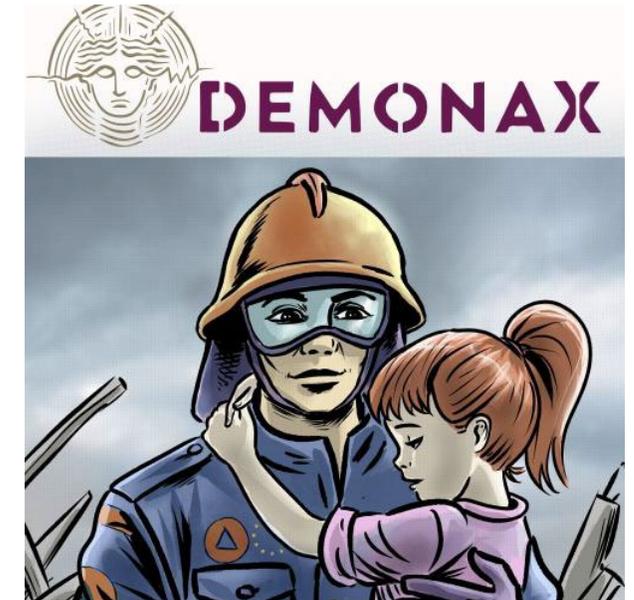
Synergy between NEAMWave26 and DEMONAX:
Table-top exercise one month before the FSX in April



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- A **Full Scale eXercise** will be held between **20 - 23 April 2026**, in **Cyprus**.
- The **earthquake**'s epicenter will be in the south-west of Cyprus (offshore), generating also a **subsequent tsunami** event (***injects in Larnaka***).
- The exercise will examine the response procedures of the essential services involved and based on the scenario; **Cyprus will request assistance from the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (ERCC)**.
- Cyprus Civil Defense (COO & NTWC) – NOA partner.



NEANWave26

From Regional (TSP) to Local NEAMWave26 implementation at the local level



EU DG ECHO
CoastWAVE
2.0 project

TRRP
indicator
PREP-5

The poster features logos for UNESCO, ICG/NEAMTWS, and the CoastWAVE 2.0 project. The main text reads: 'NEAMWave26 A Tsunami Warning and Communication Exercise for the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and Connected Seas Region March 2026'. It is coordinated by the Task Team on Tsunami Exercise ICG/NEAMTWS, with co-chairs Ceren Ozer Sozdinler (Turkey) and Marinos Charalampakis (Greece). A note at the bottom states: 'CoastWAVE 2.0 Project: Exercise preparation meeting ONLINE, 13 October 2025'.

The poster features the UNESCO logo and the text: 'NeanWAVE 26 Local Level Tsunami Exercise Planning, Conducting, Evaluating'. It is presented by Derya Itir Vennin, PhD, Assoc. Project Officer, UNESCO/IOC, with the email d.dilmen-vennin@unesco.org. The date is February 19th, 2026.

Example Report of IHCantabria from NeamWAVE 23:

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16960943>

Tsunami Exercise. NEAMWAVE 23 EXERCISE (Chipiona, Spain)
This document presents the organization, methodology, and results followed in the development of the NEAMWave23...
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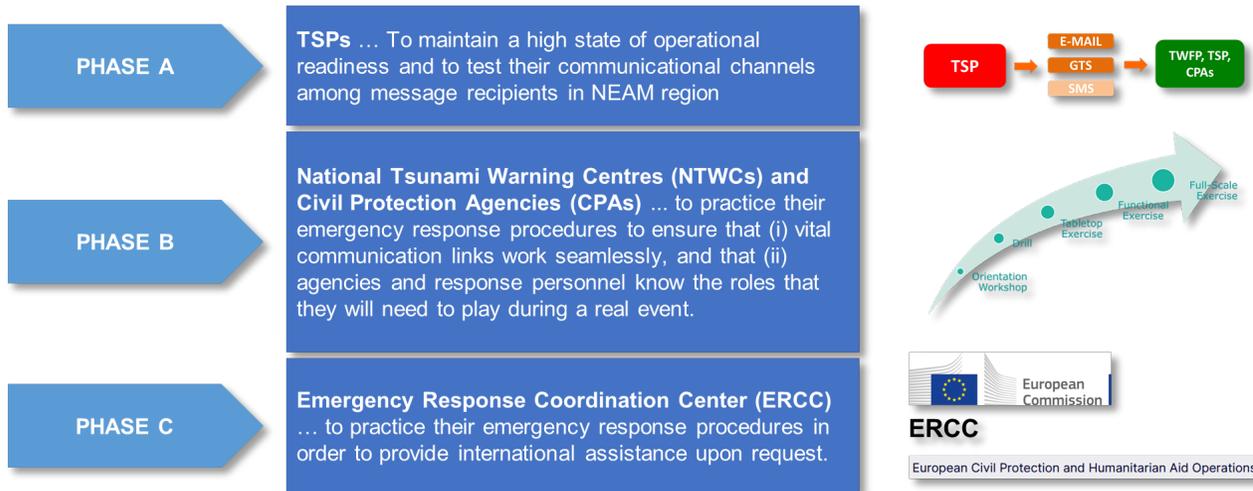
Phase A

- 20 institutions from 13 MSs will participate in Phase A.

Phase B

- 14 MS registered in Phase B in multiple scenarios.
- Some MS are participated in Phase B with more than one agency

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Phase C

- France and Portugal were registered for Phase C of SN-05.
- JRC also filled up the registration form as an entity of international assistance.

Challenges we are currently addressing

- **Exercise Final Evaluation Report:** It should be simplified to make it easier to prepare and more user-friendly to read.
- **TSP Final Evaluation Reports:** Greater interaction between providers and recipients is needed to reflect the full picture. Reports should be concise (2–3 pages maximum), structured around objectives, success criteria, best practices, lessons learned, and future actions.
- **Subscription Mechanism:** It should only collect essential information — mainly updated contact details and new participants — with minimal required data. We should also find a way to register public participants.
- **Evaluation Forms:** Participation statistics and assessment should rely exclusively on evaluation forms, not subscription forms.



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