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Aunando esfuerzos en el apoyo sanitario a Europa
Combining Efforts in Medical Support in Europe

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Director del Mando Sanitario Europeo (Medical Coordination Centre (MMCC)/European Medical Command (EMC)). Proyecto nacido hace algunos años bajo el paraguas de la Cooperación Estructurada Permanente (PESCO). Actúa como centro de coordinación sanitaria en apoyo de los servicios sanitarios militares europeos. Está coordinado por Alemania y tiene su sede en Koblenza.

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Project born a few years ago under the umbrella of the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO). It acts as a health coordination centre in support of the European military health services. It is coordinated by Germany and is based in Koblenz.

The goals, tasks, and processes of both medical projects, European Medical Command (EMC), based on the European Union (EU) Permanent Structured Cooperation, and Multinational Medical Coordination Centre (MMCC), based on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Framework Nation Concept, are highly similar and comparable, although both serve two different institutions. In line with the NATO / EU Joint Declaration and the statement of the Committee of the Chiefs of Military Medical Services in NATO, MMCC/EMC was established as one entity supporting both – EU and NATO matters by combining efforts for medical support in Europe.

MMCC/EMC developed the Military Modular Multipurpose Epidemic/Pandemic Stockpiling Concept. The concept features a calculator that is used to compute costs, storage space and staffing for each module. The concept, especially the calculator, has been used to enhance the capabilities of the Medical Task Force of the EU Battle Group and for EUMS stockpiling efforts to increase resilience.

The war game «Resilient Response 2020» (RERE 2020) was organized by MMCC/EMC in close cooperation with the Hybrid CoE and the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance. The purpose of RERE 2020 was to provide an interdepartmental, cross-sector, multinational pandemic war game in Europe.

All stakeholders highly appreciated the wargaming RERE 2020 and nations commended the high quality of preparation and organization. All attendees agreed that the wargaming objectives have been achieved. Overall, the more diverse teams (background, experience, gender) created better and more creative solutions. A complex, volatile and uncertain setting requires a multidimensional, multi-stakeholder INTEGRATED and coordinated approach. Education and awareness of medical hybrid threat will be essential in future wargaming events.

The lecture will demonstrate more details and results of the stockpiling initiative and the pandemic other projects of MMCC/EMC, like the virtual workshop on wearable biosensors supporting healthcare in missions in May 2021.

MMCC/EMC provides a bridging function between EU and NATO for military and civilian medical stakeholders for Europe. MMCC/EMC is able to support with operational impact EU and NATO through its operational knowledge to the benefit of the health of our soldiers by «Combining Efforts in Medical Support in Europe».

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