



SimEX «Count Down 2015»

Switzerland, Lucerne/Kriens, 18 – 22 May 2015



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- **SimEX 2015 Timeline**

17th of May: Earthquake in Switzerland, earthquake alert issued
Request for international assistance by the Swiss Government
Swiss Government accepts international assistance
Deployment of the international USAR teams

18th of May: **Arrival** in Switzerland and registration at the *Reception Centre RDC*
Travel to the affected area of Lucerne

19th of May: Introduction to the exercise
First contact with OSOCC
USAR operational phase

20th of May: **USAR operational phase**

21st of May: **USAR operational phase**
Completion of the USAR mission
Check out at the *Departure Centre RDC*

Closing Meeting // Closing Dinner

22nd of May: **Departure** from Lucerne and Switzerland

- **Virtual OSOCC**

A special site *SIMEX Count Down 2015 by Swiss Humanitarian Aid/INSARAG* will be open for registration, communication/reporting and coordination shortly after the earthquake alert. VOSOCC has to be used from alert on 17th of May until the check out at the RDC on 21st of May.

- **OSOCC**

As in a real emergency situation, the OSOCC plays a important role in coordinating the international USAR teams. The teams have to report regularly to OSOCC..

- **emergency.lu – an active SimEX DirEX partner!**

emergency.lu will be present during SimEx 2015, where it will demonstrate its capabilities and offer its services to the humanitarian partners on the spot.

emergency.lu is part of the Luxembourgish Technical Assistance and Support Team (TAST) which uses high-performance telecommunication equipment such as satellite phones, satellite ground segment terminals, computers and tools for the setting up of networks as well as office supplies to support international experts when requested through the European Union civil protection mechanism, the United Nations or other partners.



emergency.lu is addressing the challenge of worldwide rapid response capacity and preparedness for humanitarian emergencies by providing a solution to fill the communication gap in the first hours and days after a large-scale disaster. The 24/7 basis of the emergency.lu platform using worldwide pre-booked satellite capacity is an innovative end-to-end service for the international humanitarian community.

Data transmission as well as access to relevant information is a key to efficient coordination and collaboration in remote locations.

emergency.lu offers a platform to allow an optimal data transmission, to facilitate communication and coordination services on site and with remote headquarters or teams:

- Voice communication via Voice over IP technology
- Instant Messaging
- Tracking & Tracing of people and equipment
- Map assessment
- Situation reports
- Integration of extensive local and remote data sources

emergency.lu was initiated as a Public Private Partnership by the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs together with the Luxembourg-based companies – HITEC Luxembourg, SES, Luxembourg Air Ambulance – as well as with the insight and expertise of WFP (as ETC lead) and the technical partners Ericsson Response and Skype.

The operational partners of emergency.lu are the "Administration des services de secours", the World Food Programme and the Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC).



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