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AEME Regional Meeting

30 September 2020

9.00 a.m.

2. Flexible Response Presentation

AEME Region approach

- Why?
 - At the last year regional meeting in AEME – first open/panel discussion on the issue followed at the ISG 2020- no conclusion achieved.
 - ISG 2020 - The INSARAG Global Chair tasked the ISG 2020 through Regional Chairs to discuss the pros and cons and report back during the Mid-Year Meeting.
 - Mid-Year Meeting due to the Covid 19 extended time for regional feedback until End of Year Meeting (Global Chair and Regional Chairs).
 - Based on the recommendations final decision on the way forward at the ISC 2021 (21st May).

Who got the questionnaire?

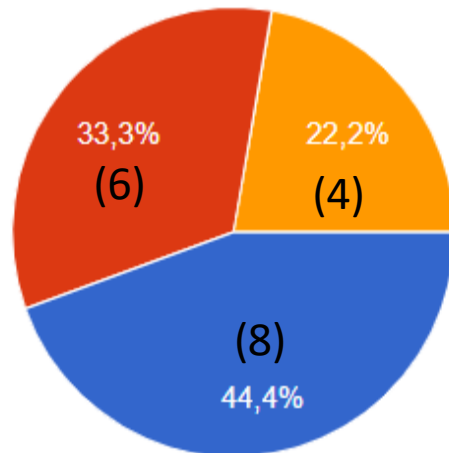
It was shared among all
AEME MS



Policy and Ops Focal Points received

Contact details shared by INSARAG
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How do You understand "flexible response" provided by INSARAG Member States

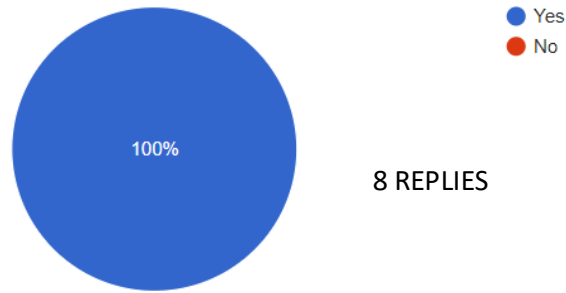


- It means that USAR Teams of Member States should be ready to provide rescue assistance based on the request for assistance but still **meeting set standards by the Guidelines**. It means that Heavy Team can be deployed as heavy, medium or light, medium as medium or light, light as full light or RDC/UCC/assessment component only.
- USAR Teams should be ready to provide some of the additional rescue capabilities when rescue phase is terminated, which is described **as beyond the rubble concept**.
- INSARAG is not only for urban search and rescue, so based on the situation INSARAG Members States should be **ready to respond in the composition reflecting the request for assistance**: INSARAG flood response teams, INSARAG teams for heavy winds scenarios, INSARAG avalanche rescue, INSARAG cave rescue, INSARAG land slides rescue, INSARAG forest fires rescue, ect.

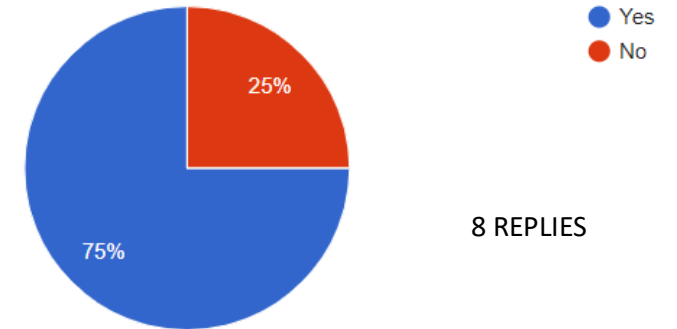
14 (77,8%) Replies are against INSARAG going to more than beyond the rubble and only 4 reply's supporting „flexible response”

FOR THOSE WHO CHOSE THE ANSWER: "INSARAG should stay as urban search and rescue capacity response network only" THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED

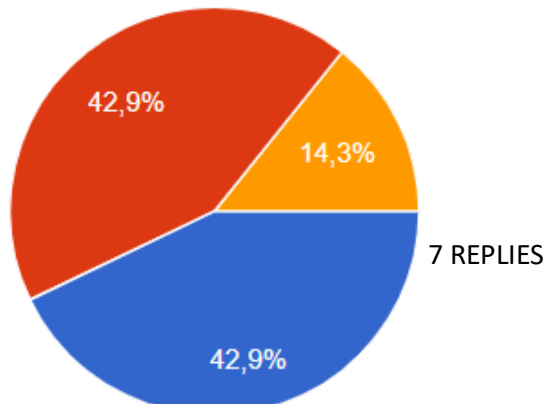
Do You think that present Guidelines describes USAR Teams (heavy, medium, light) in sufficient way and there is no need for further change and clarification?



Having binding Guidelines for USAR Teams do You think possible that INSARAG could support other rescue operations than USAR.



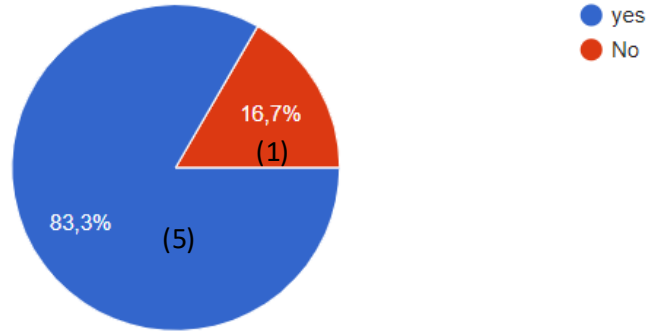
If "yes" how could it be done?



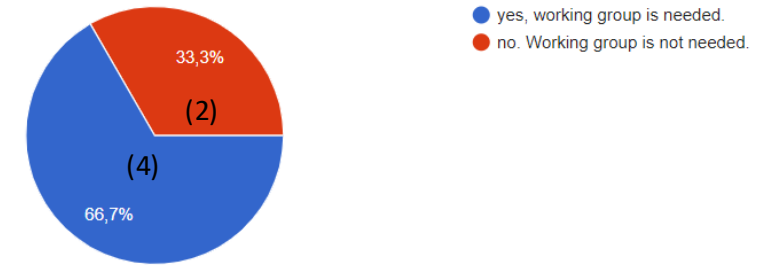
- USAR Teams could respond in the set capabilities with additional rescue modules.
- Part of USAR team could respond together with other rescue capabilities: for instance management part of USAR with flood rescue team. But in this case this team would not be recognized as INSARAG Team.
- I do not have an idea at the moment

FOR THOSE WHO CHOSE THE ANSWER: USAR Teams should be ready to adjust and accommodate beyond the rubble concept” THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED

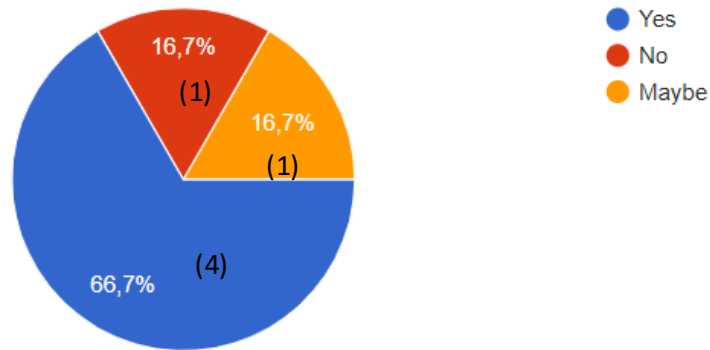
Do you think that beyond the rubble concept should be revised and updated?



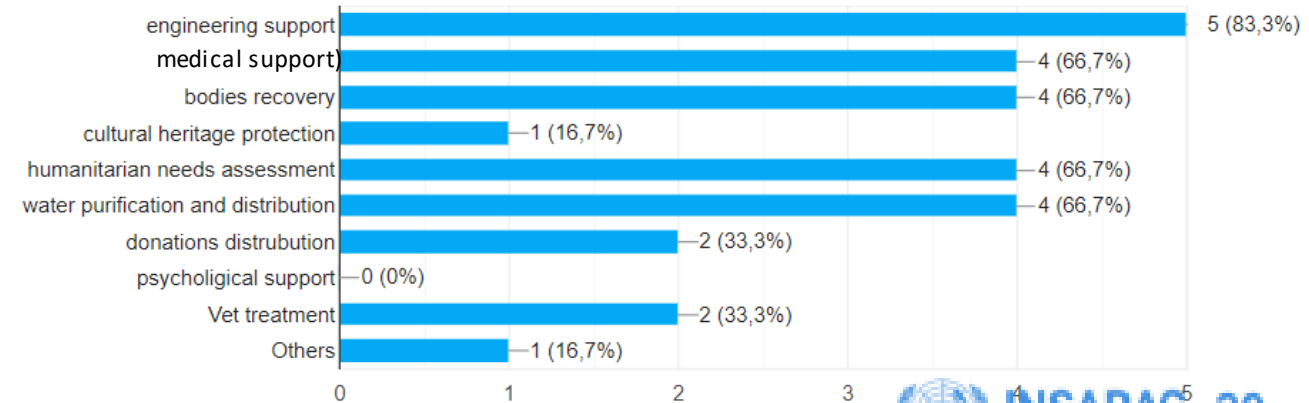
Do You think that there is a need to create a beyond the rubble working group?



Do You think that there is a need to include the concept in the guidelines (which volume?)

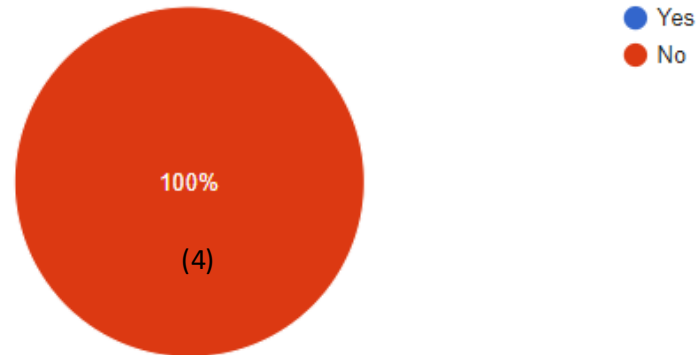


What exact rescue operations your team would like to accommodate from the beyond the rubble concept

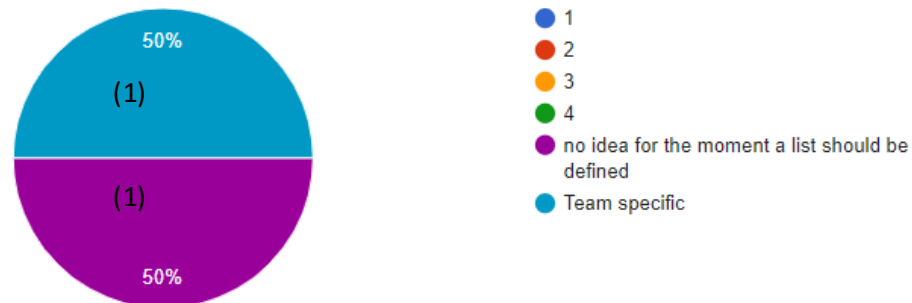


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Do You think that other rescue capabilities should be obligatory to each INSARAG team?

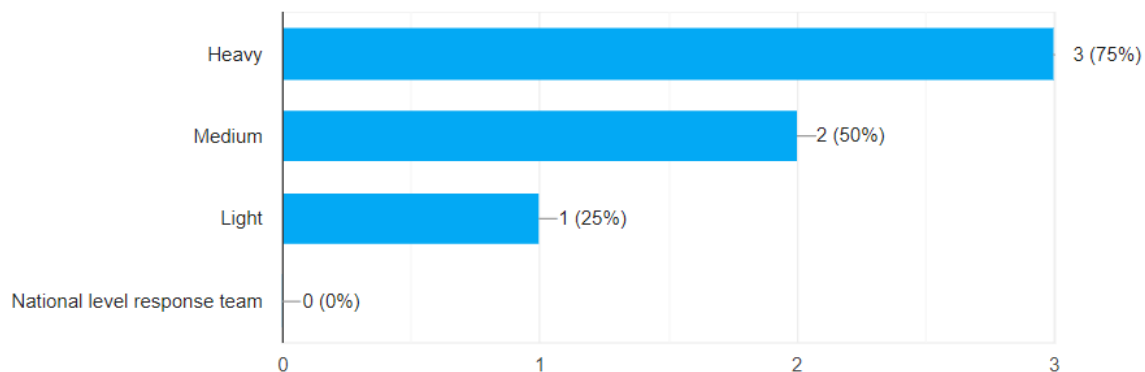


If yes for previous question, how many different rescue capabilities other than USAR each team should be able to carry out?

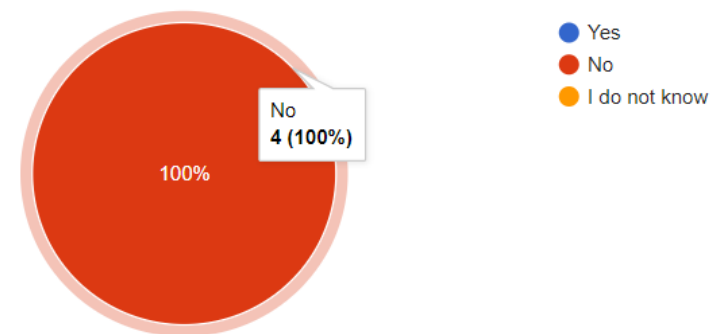


FOR THOSE WHO CHOSE THE ANSWER: „INSARAG is not just USAR, it is much more and need to adjust for additional operations, if requested” THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED

Please specify your Team capacity



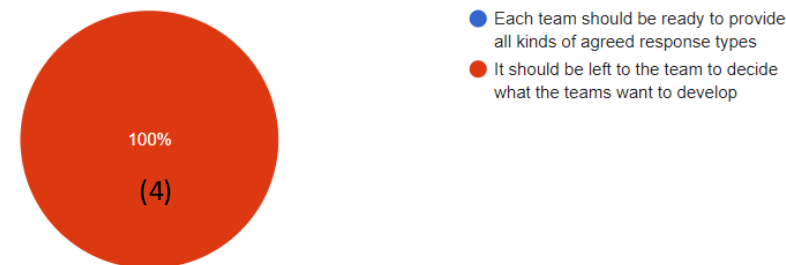
Do You believe that present resolution (UN General Assembly Resolution 57/150) provides mandate for much broader scope of search and rescue operations, if needed?



If no, how can INSARAG still provide other than urban search and rescue operations?

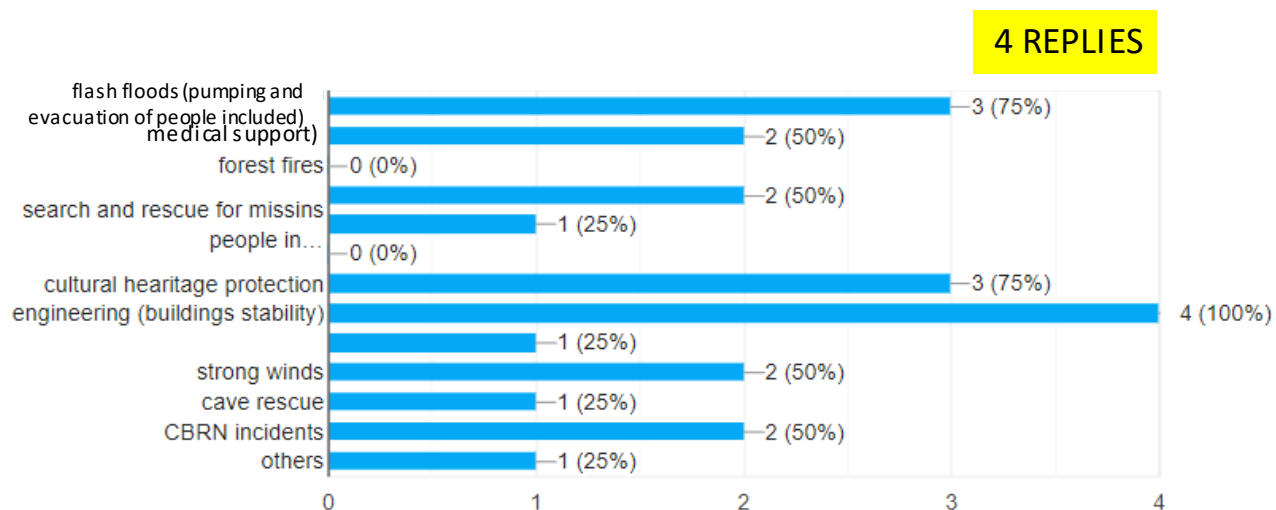
- Because there are no minimal standards and no classification system for such as INSARAG flood response teams, INSARAG teams for heavy winds scenarios, ect.
- defining and standardize other kind of operation
- mandate appears to be more USAR orientated than other specific capabilities.
- A new Resolution is needed containing wider scope of activities. The resolution should be open instead of restricting the offered support only to urban search and rescue operations. Finally the recipient of the assistance describes the needed support and the provider of assistance responds to that according the its capacities and capabilities (like EUCPM).

Do You think that each Team should be ready to provide all kinds of future response types or it should be left to decide what each teams want to develop

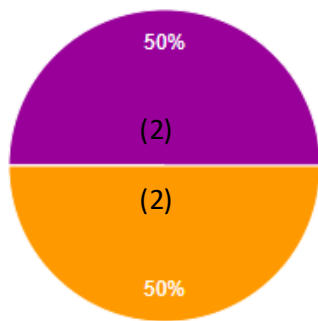


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Which of the following you think INSARAG should include for possible future operations

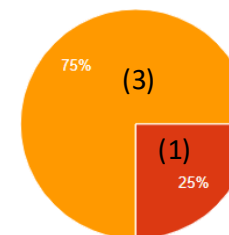


Do you think that similar to present guidelines there should be a set criteria for capacity building and IEC/IER process for every other rescue capacity if declared by the Member state to keep INSARAG teams standards high and professional.



- Yes, each type of other response should be described in details in the SOPs to keep INSARAG network on a professional level.
- No. There is no need for description for other than USAR response types. USAR Guidelines has well developed already and it covers other response types.
- There would be a need for a separate SOPs for each type of additional operational module while some elements would stay as they are: management, logistics, medical, etc.
- INSARAG Guidelines will have to include all of the possible response types and each of them would need a separate Volume for it.

Do You think that each additional response capacity should have a similar to USAR response time (alarm time) and be self sufficient for all duration of the mission?



- No, USAR should be deployed as soon as possible while other capacities could have a longer response type according to the situation
- Yes, for some of them (like avalanche) response time is as important as for USAR operations
- Yes for all the types the same.

Conclusions

1. Almost 80% of all who answered so far DO NOT WANT INSARAG to develop for other kinds of rescue operations.
2. Beyond the rubble concept should be developed and described in more details (1/3 of responses wanted that)
3. Response reached only 14 countries (out of 46 requested).
4. Any change must be carefully studied and the more countries respond the better.

Next Steps

- Policy and Operations focal points of those countries which did not respond pls send your working email to kedramarcin@gmail.com and you will receive link to the questionnaire.
- Deadline for sending the questionnaire back is the 25th of October 2020.
- 30 of October preparation of AEME flexible response discussion outcomes to INSARAG Secretariat.
- 19 November 2020 – End of Year Videoconference – summary from all the regions and way forward.
- May 2021 – ISG 2021 – final decision on the flexible response way forward.

**Keep Safe Everyone and A BIG Thank
you for your Commitment and Support !**



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