

## **Crisis response training programme to take place in Barbados**

**Bridgetown, Barbados** – The Caribbean and the Latin American regions are prone to natural hazards and transnational crime. This vulnerability highlights the need for proactive measures aimed at preventing or minimizing these risks, such as the development of human capacities to cope with these threats. With this objective in mind the European Union is financing to the tune of 2.6 million euros, a two-year capacity development initiative, the Global Crisis Response Support Programme (**GCRSP**). It will support Caribbean and Latin American regional organizations in enhancing their conflict and disaster early-warning capabilities so as to effectively reduce the potentially devastating impact of these types of events on people and property.

As part of this initiative a knowledge management training course will take place in Barbados from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. This training course will be the first one in which experts from Caribbean regional agencies are trained together with experts from the Organization of American States (**OAS**) in an effort to increase the interconnectivity between Caribbean and Latin American regional organizations.

In total twenty-four experts are attending from the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (**CDEMA**), the Caribbean Public Health Agency (**CARPHA**), the Regional Security System (**RSS**), the Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (**IMPACS**) and two IMPACS sub-agencies: the Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre (**RIFC**) and the Joint Regional Communication Centre (**JRCC**). These, together with two experts from the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security and the Political Analysis and Scenarios Section from the Department of Sustainable Democracy and Special Missions of the OAS will be trained in the policies and processes that enable the effective collection, codification, management, sharing and re-use of an organisation's know-what, know-whom and know-how.

Previous to this training course participants from the targeted organizations have been trained in information, analysis and reporting and open source information. The knowledge management training course completes the foundational skills phase of the GCRSP. This training course is being hosted by the Regional Security System.

*The Global Crisis Response Support Programme aims to build and strengthen crisis response and early warning capacity in the Latin American and Caribbean regions. The GCRSP also seeks to improve the interconnectivity between crisis response centres within the region as well as strengthen cooperation with the [EU Situation Room](#) and other EU institutions in the field of crisis response and early warning. Activities include training, workshops and technical information sessions in Europe covering risk and scenario analysis, early warning, conflict analysis, leadership and strategic planning, cybersecurity, and other related topics. GCRSP is funded by the European Union and managed by the [EUNIDA](#) network.*

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