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TITLE

Networking activity among first responders for major emergencies

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INTRODUCTION

NO-FEAR has explored the possibility of building networks among first responders. First responders belong to many different categories including, nurses on ambulances, emergency doctors and nurses, fire fighters, policemen. During the project WP3 group managed to build some networks but the dimensions were smaller than those expected. We would like to offer some policy suggestions on network building.

EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS

Difficulty in organizing and leading the network has been identified in different occasions. Since the organizations of first responders are based on associations of categories, an objective could be to endorse these already existing associations and involve them directly inside the networking project. However, this proposal does not solve the problem of interdisciplinarity. This will require other instruments that were not identified during the project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Operational implications and recommendations:

Scientific associations of the different categories are numerous and with many associates and they work through meetings and journals, sometimes recently webinars. Involvement of associations could be done participating to their congresses and journals. The themes of emergency are very interesting for these associations but a nucleus of people dedicated only to this job of networking is necessary. Moreover, this nucleus should have a funding devolved to guaranteeing continuous involvement during the year but also participation to Association Meetings, not only through the classical presence in the stands, but moreover taking part in the scientific programme. With the approval of the responsible of the Congress this nucleus should be able to put up one or more sessions in an autonomous manner choosing the most relevant themes, the speakers participating for the network should participate and above all involve the associated

members before and after the Meeting. In case of the divide existing between people operating on the field and those working in stable structure such as Hospitals, one should think of a way to put together the testimony and the judgements of those working on the field on the relevant themes adapting the language to that used by the operators. Operators on the field should be privileged and they should be made aware of how important their judgement is when appropriately elicited and elaborated. They should feel part of a bigger scope, that of allowing them not only to express themselves but most of all to bring an authoritative and non-replaceable opinion for the safety of human lives. The involvement of operators on the field requires giving them prizes. The operators on the field that accept to be part of the network giving innovative ideas should be paid so that those having the most innovative ideas meet under the direction of experts in team building and innovation. They must be able to directly interact with the technological people who build the new devices and that can realize their ideas.

SUSTAINABILITY AND LEGACY

Building a network was one of the mandates of the project but it has been very difficult to reach. Sustainability of NO-FEAR network will be very difficult in absence of funding or refunding

RESEARCH PARAMETERS

Research parameters relatively to this task were the constant feedback and discussion among the most active partners. Research partners explored new ways of communicating through webinars during the COVID period.

PROJECT IDENTITY

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