



Driving Innovation in Crisis Management
for European Resilience

CENTRES OF EXPERTISE



SERVICE PROVIDERS ADOPTING
DRIVER+ OUTPUTS TO ENHANCE
THE CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT
AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT OF
CRISIS MANAGEMENT PRACTITIONERS

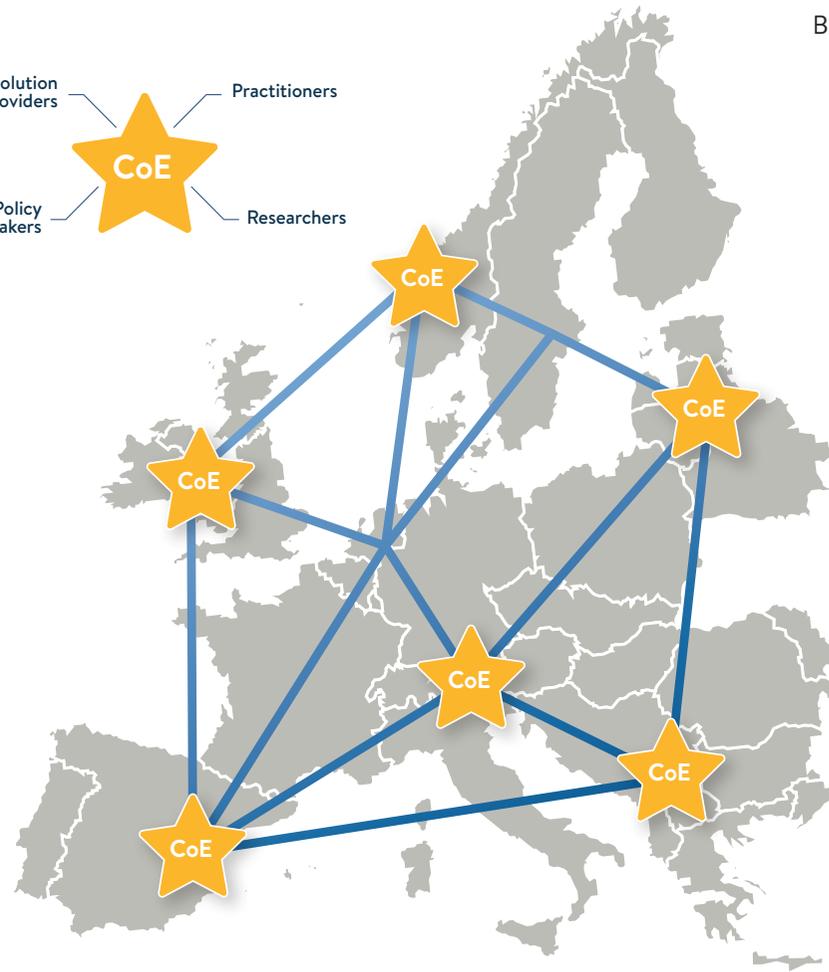
In 2014, dedicated and forward-thinking practitioner organisations, research institutes, industries and SMEs teamed up to drive innovation in Crisis Management for European resilience. The DRIVER+ project valorises the wealth of European innovation in Crisis Management through approaches that seek to improve the way capability development is tackled and potentially innovative solutions are assessed.

DRIVER+ has committed to deliver five sustainable outputs to the European Crisis Management community: a pan-European Test-bed, a Trial Guidance Methodology, a European Crisis Management Innovation Network, a Portfolio of Solutions and a Centres of Expertise framework.

WHAT IS IT?

A Centre of Expertise (CoE) is an organisation operating in the domain of Crisis Management and Disaster Risk Reduction that acts as the primary contact point for practitioner organisations at the national or regional level, supporting their capability development and innovation management. A CoE may choose to adopt either the whole suite of DRIVER+ outputs or only some of its components.

While applying these outputs, organisations are free to tailor and adapt them to local or national needs, circumstances and capacities. A CoE not only uses the DRIVER+ outputs but also supports other organisations in using these. It can also maintain and update DRIVER+ outputs and exchange lessons learned between other Centres of Expertise in the various European Member States. In this way, CoEs become part of a pan-European network.



WHO IS IT FOR?

Organisations that already play a role in the capability development and/or innovation management of practitioner organisations are well-suited to adopt DRIVER+ outputs and become a Centre of Expertise. These may be national or regional training centres, Crisis Management academies and knowledge centres for specific crisis types such as forest fires. They may cover a wide range of Crisis Management aspects or focus on a specific topic such as the usage of drones or training of firefighters. A CoE is a practitioner-centred organisation that has close relations with (applied) research organisations, solution providers and policy-makers.

ADDED VALUE? WHAT IS THE

Becoming a Centre of Expertise will strengthen your pioneering position in the Crisis Management and Disaster Risk Reduction ecosystem, both nationally and internationally. It will increase the visibility of your organisation at the EU level as an early adopter bringing forward innovation in Crisis Management.

Through this, you can expand and strengthen the portfolio of services that you already offer, for instance by sharing lessons learned and improving knowledge transfer between practitioners and research organisations. This can help with the development of new training programmes and improving curricula, as well as producing clear recommendations for policy-makers about research programming and specific funding needs.

The DRIVER+ team has developed a toolkit to support you in jointly assessing the requirements for becoming a CoE, depending on which (combination of) outputs you wish to adopt.



Download the toolkit and get your organisation ready:



<https://www.driver-project.eu/centres-of-expertise-coe>

If you have questions, please contact us at cooperation@projectdriver.eu



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