

BeNeDeLux – report 2012



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Federation of the European Union Fire Officer Associations





Improve EU Citizen Safety

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- **Belgium:**

- 112-rollout registered in the policy statement of the new government

- **Nederland:**

- There are plans to reduce the number of control rooms from 25 to 10
- System of control rooms will be reorganized completely:
 - - Police in the driver-seat – role of fire brigade uncertain
 - - Ministry of Safety and Justice decides

- **Deutschland:**

- There is still no structured foreign language training for control room personnel
- The AGBF (association of CFOs of the professional fire brigades) recommends that operators should at least have English as the second language.

- **Luxembourg:**

- The control room personnel in Luxembourg can communicate in Luxembourgish, German, French and some also in English and in Portuguese





Improve EU Citizen Safety

- *Safehotel*
 - **Belgium:**
 - Involvement of the BVV (Flemish association) approved
 - Validation by Flanders Tourism ongoing
 - Accor will apply Safehotel concept
 - **Nederland:**
 - First Accor hotel certified
 - Involvement of the association NVBR under discussion
 - **Deutschland:**
 - Accor franchise hotels prepare for the audit
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - No decision on involvement of the association





Improve EU Citizen Safety

- *Pan European Road and Rail Safety*
 - **Belgium:**
 - POC is appointed
 - **Nederland:**
 - Tunnel in major highway A2 under construction
 - Safety standards comply with European rules according to highest safety standard. Legislation has 4 categories, depending on the use of the tunnels (personal vehicles or hazardous materials)





- *Pan European Road and Rail Safety*

- **Deutschland:**

- German delegate represents FEU as an expert on the revision of Safety in Railway Tunnels, supported by Finland
- First draft of the new guideline commented by end of May, final version expected to be published at the end of 2012
- Difficult working conditions, sometimes complicated to make fire services positions and ideas understandable to the working group

- **Luxembourg:**

- No news





Improve EU Citizen Safety

- *Fire Statistics Project*
 - **Belgium:**
 - Data from Antwerp delivered to P. Wagner
 - National data warehousing under construction
 - **Nederland:**
 - Contact via Fire Academy (René Hagen)
 - **Deutschland:**
 - Data from Frankfurt delivered to P. Wagner
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - Waiting for data of the national agency





Improve Fire fighter Safety

- *Recruitment Standards*
 - **Belgium:**
 - New Physical and psychological requirements of firefighters (delivered July 2010) still not implemented
 - **Nederland:**
 - Task-specific fire fighter fitness test introduced /6 (breathable air / compressed air)
 - **Deutschland:**
 - Analysis, concepts and trials of gender-neutral physical fitness tests for the professional fire services published
 - Tests are conducted/ will be conducted by some departments, more in the fall meeting if we have the results
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - Physical requirements of firefighters updated in 2006





Improve Fire fighter Safety

- *PPE (Personal protective equipment)*
 - **Belgium:**
 - End 2012: unified national standard on “daily (Nomex) work clothing”
 - **Nederland:**
 - Innovation project: Enprotex – project for protective clothing is under development in cooperation with LFR
 - **Deutschland:**
 - Predominantly outer layers of turn out gear made of Nomex
 - Several brigades use/test PBI
 - Some brigades are testing Turnout gear with integrated fall protection. More if results are available
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - In general terms, all firefighters (professional and volunteer) have an “indoor clothing” of Kermel and a turn out gear made of Nomex





Improve Fire fighter Safety

- *Fall protection*
 - **Belgium:**
 - Discussion on 1 or 2 ropes-technic in SAR still not cleared out
 - **Nederland:**
 - No news
 - **Deutschland:**
 - Use of new fall protection equipment without any knots under discussion
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - In Luxembourg-City, use of a fall-protection kit (harness, dynamic climbing rope, carabines, strips for fixing points) and specific training





Improve Fire fighter Safety

- *Competence based training*
 - **Belgium:**
 - No news
 - **Nederland:**
 - System for competence based training is being implemented for fire fighters and commanding officers
 - **Deutschland:**
 - No news
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - No news





Improve Influence on Policy Formation

- *FEU 2020 Vision Launch*
 - **Belgium:**
 - Attendance at the FP7 Security Research Workshop in Brussels (20120125)
 - Attendance of the launch of Vision 2020 in Brussels (20120308) + interview in Fire Forum-magazine 2012 - 3
 - **Nederland:**
 - Attendance of the launch in Brussels (20120308)
 - **Deutschland:**
 - No attendance
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - No attendance





Improve Influence on Policy Formation

- *Working Time Directive*
 - **Belgium:**
 - Attendance of the meeting with Commissioner Andor
 - At least 3 judgements of the Court of Labour concerning violation of the WTD (professional ff working > 48h weekly) & (volunteers on standby duty to be paid 100%)
 - **Nederland:**
 - Bottom line is that the EU guidelines are working in the Netherlands and that there will be a shift system that is according to these guidelines.
 - **Deutschland:**
 - The opt-out (individual to accept to work more than 48 hrs/week on a voluntary basis) is still the favourite solution in many fire services
 - Some departments changed to a 48 hrsweek, some departments changed their working schedule to a 24 hrs system
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - 40 hrs/week for professional firefighters as consequence of a judgment of the luxembourgish court, since 1977





Improve Sharing Good Practice

- *Website*
 - **Belgium:**
 - Flemish translation of the FEU website done
 - **Nederland:**
 - Dutch translation of the FEU website done
 - **Deutschland:**
 - German translation of the FEU website done
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - No news





Improve Sharing Good Practice

- *FEU communication*
 - **Belgium:**
 - 1 skype account, no social network account
 - **Nederland:**
 - No skype account, no social network account
 - **Deutschland:**
 - German point of contact is on skype, FB and LinkedIn
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - No skype account, no social network account





Improve Sharing Good Practice

- *External liaison*
 - **Belgium:**
 - 1 CTIF-Hazmat member, 2 EFA-members
 - **Nederland:**
 - 2 delegates members of IAFC, USA
 - **Deutschland:**
 - 1 delegate member of IAFC, USA
 - 1 delegate member of the TSI SRT working group (as stated before) at ERA (European Railway Agency)
 - 1 delegate member of the EFSTG (European Fire Services Tunnel Group)
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - 1 CTIF- Hazmat member





Improve Crisis Management

- *Crisis communication*
 - **Belgium:**
 - No news
 - **Nederland:**
 - Foundation of National Police will have consequences for regional crisis control
 - NVBR has started a project to improve C2000 communication system
 - **Deutschland:**
 - Digital radio communication system still not fully in operation, schedule now changed to 2013- 2014
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - No news





Improve Crisis Management

- *Interoperability*
 - **Belgium:**
 - 3 Flemish FB's partners in the MIRG*-project [Interreg IVA 2 seas project: Nord Pas de Calais (F), Kent (UK), Zeeland (NL), Flanders (B)]
 - *MIRG : Maritime Intervention Response Group
 - **Nederland:**
 - No news
 - **Deutschland:**
 - No news
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - No news





Improve Crisis Management

- *Resources sharing / ICS*
 - **Belgium:**
 - No news
 - **Nederland:**
 - LCMS 1.4 - in which fire brigade, police, health service and municipalities cooperate - must be operational by January 2013
 - **Deutschland:**
 - ICS-Data on FEU website completed
 - THW (German Disaster Relief) resources available worldwide
 - The AGBF (association of CFOs of the professional fire brigades) is discussing the idea of a central coordination point for fire resources of the country.
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - No news





Improve Crisis Management

- *EU-CP Mechanism Involvements*
 - **Belgium:**
 - No news
 - **Nederland:**
 - No news
 - **Deutschland:**
 - THW (German Disaster Relief) coordinates training within the EU-mechanism
 - Fire Academy Hamburg provides training
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - Luxembourgish Civil Protection, in cooperation with German THW, involved





Improve Crisis Management

- *Mutual aid agreements* (1)
 - **Belgium:**
 - Various mutual aid agreements with Netherlands, Germany, Luxemburg and France
 - **Nederland:**
 - Various mutual aid agreements exist with Germany and Belgium
 - EU region (Aachen, Liège, Maastricht) cooperate in terms of:
 - Fire fighting
 - Crisis management
 - Operational Help (police, fire brigade and health service)
 - Control rooms
 - Spreading of casualties





Improve Crisis Management

- *Mutual aid agreements (2)*
 - **Deutschland:**
 - Various mutual aid agreements exist with Poland, Netherlands, Belgium
 - **Luxembourg:**
 - Mutual aid agreements with Belgium, France and Germany



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