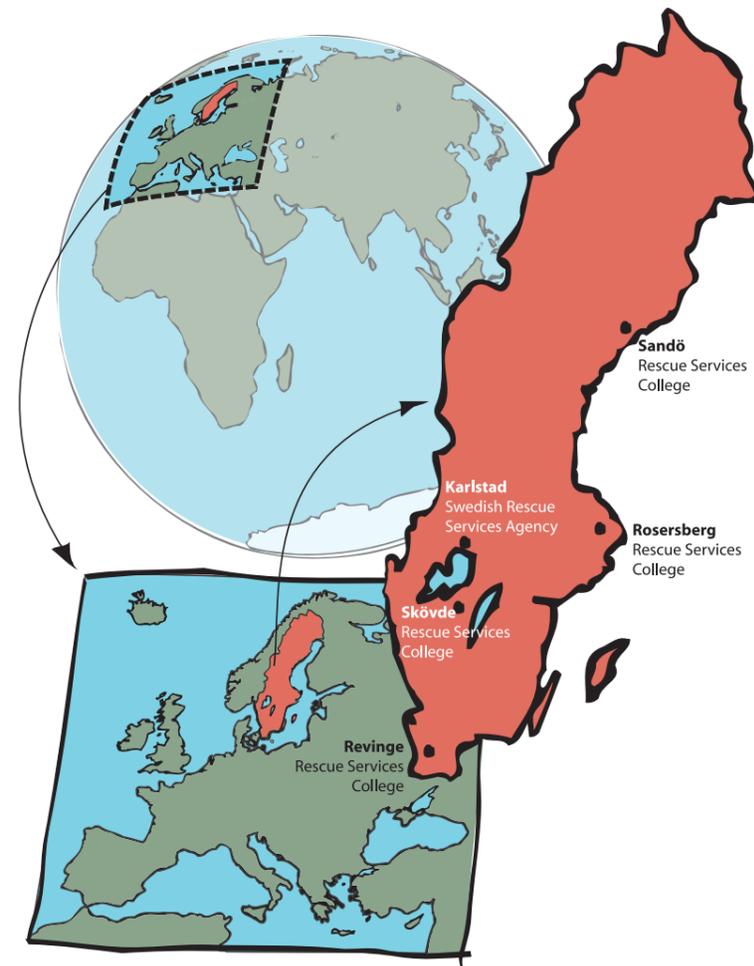


NATO/PfP Course on International Environmental Disaster Operations

8–19 September 2003 in Sandö, Sweden



Course information and application form

As commissioned by the Swedish government, the Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) will be offering a course on International Environmental Disaster Operations within the scope of the NATO/PfP Programme. The Course forms part of Sweden's Individual Partnership Programme, IPP.

General information

The International Environmental Disaster Operation Course is included in the Individual Partnership Programme between NATO and Sweden, approved by both parts. It is based on the NATO/Partnership for Peace (PfP) Programme. The Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) is responsible for disaster relief and for preparing rescue units for international tasks. The SRSA maintains a standby capacity to send rescue teams to international rescue and humanitarian relief operations.

Target audience

The course is intended for professionals such as team leaders, experts (e.g. geology, toxicology, hydrology, agriculture, chemistry, meteorology, pollution, epidemy assessors) or major environmental disaster response co-ordinators. However, others with a background related to environmental issues are also welcome to apply. There is a maximum of 24 students and it is therefore requested that the applying nation ranks its applicants in order of priority.

Qualifications required

Skills and experience from national/international environmental disaster operations are recommended.

Objective

The course will provide participants with improved preparedness for international rescue or relief operations relating to environmental disasters. Additionally, participants will gain an understanding of the importance of the early initiation of operative measures, in order to limit longterm effects.

Also, during the course, the participants will establish a network of specialists in the area of environmental disaster operations.

Contents

The theoretical basis of the course focuses on “the nature of environmental disasters” – an approach to the problem, which subsequently progresses into “the international response system” – the mechanism and the actors. Risk assessment and the analysis of consequences, in turn, will lead into the practical parts of the course. The core of the course entails accident prevention and damage reduction, planning and prevention, short versus long term damage reduction, and finally follow up and analysis.

Type of training

The course is divided into lectures, group discussions, tabletop exercises, study visits and rescue/humanitarian operation exercises. The training is based on a high degree of participant involvement.

Course language/interpreters

All theoretical and practical parts of the course will be held in English. It is therefore essential that participants are able to speak and understand English. However, interpretation English/Russian is available, if needed.

Practical issues

The course is conducted at the SRSA Rescue Services College in Sandö, Sweden. The best arrival point to Sweden is Stockholm/Arlanda Airport. From Stockholm/Arlanda Airport it is possible to fly domestic aviation to Sundsvall/Midlanda Airport. SRSA staff will meet participants at Sundsvall/Midlanda Airport.

Lectures are held between 8 a.m and 4.30 p.m and include lunch and coffee/tea breaks. A number of evenings are used for additional lectures as well as field studies. Social activities during the weekend are included in the programme.

The course is free of charge to NATO and Partner Countries, including lectures, literature, board and lodging. Participants themselves must meet any additional costs incurred, e.g. travelling to and from Sweden. Please note the possibility of reimbursement from NATO for travel costs for participants from partner countries.

Board and lodging is provided at the College.

Application deadline is 12 June 2003.

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