

[PRACTICE]

D6.1 EXERCISE METHODOLOGY

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1. Executive Summary

The document presents methodology for planning and preparation of exercises. The methodology is dedicated to exercises aimed at demonstration and validation of new technologies under operational conditions.

The methodology approach is based on a living document, the Exercise Action Plan (EAP). The EAP is gradually developed during exercise preparations and documents all decisions taken. The level of detail of the EAP grows as more concrete plans are developed. In its final form the EAP should define all aspects of the exercise and the surrounding event.

The key document for technical components is the Technology Availability List (TAL) which defines the technical solutions that are available for the exercise. The EAP and the TAL are developed in parallel processes. A significant part of the preparations are discussions between scenario coordinator and technology coordinator, who both represent the interests of each component. The results of those discussions are reflected in the scenario document.

The purpose of the methodology is to provide exercise organisers with a simple tool to facilitate planning and conducting of the event. For that reason the methodology description is divided into two parts: a general information about the exercise and the relatively detailed template for the EAP document supported by several worksheet templates in Excel format. The methodology is offered as a suggested approach. Organisers of exercises may use the whole system or any of its parts.