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1. Executive Summary

This report, “Final Function Improvement Recommendations”, contains the result of the final task of work package (WP) 3 (Operational Functions) of the EU FP7 project “Preparedness and Resilience Against CBRN Terrorism using Integrated Concepts and Equipment (PRACTICE)”. WP3 is led by The Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific research (TNO).

The objective of WP3 is to identify existing operational functions and (best) practices, training concepts, and standards used in Europe to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of CBRN events. An operational function (OF) is defined as “Activities (tasks) that need to be performed to identify and to actively counter CBRN threats, to be prepared for, to respond to and to recover from CBRN incidents/attacks.”

In an earlier task of this WP, a survey has been conducted to retrieve information/ insight about the existing OFs throughout Europe. The aim of the survey was to find out (a) whether particular activities from the OFs were hindered in the (optimal) performance, and (b) retrieving ways for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the performance. This information was gathered for a total of 70 different OFs.

During this task, several of the OFs have been further explored to retrieve more in-depth insight in possible improvement. The selection of OFs has been made in cooperation with WP4 (Tool box Concept Development); special focus has been given to those OFs that closely relate to identified challenges under CBRN circumstances and focus of the PRACTICE exercises (in WP6).

A total of 19 OFs has been further explored. Topics for the elaboration were:

- Description/ identification of the current situation,
- Description ideal situation,
- Gaps between the current situation and ideal situation,
- Possible solutions for gaps and realistic end-state (2020).

In this report each of the 19 OFs is described according to these topics. In the beginning of the report, some introductory chapters describe the method used and a visualisation of the interdependencies that exist between the OFs.

Based on the elaboration of the OFs described in this report, WP4 (Toolbox concept development) and WP5 (Toolbox integration and development) can fine-tune and focus with their activities on those elements in the toolbox that contribute to the described recommendations.