

# Security Network Exercise 2014 (SNX 14)



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# Background

***By failing to prepare,  
you are preparing to fail.***

Benjamin Franklin

# *From the general defence exercise to SNX 14*

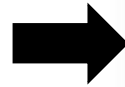


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**2014**



# Swiss Security Network (SSN)



**Police**

**Civil defence**

**Public health**

**Technical services**

**Fire services**

**Customs administration**

**Police**

**Intelligence service**

**Civil service**

**Economic policy**

**Civil protection**

**Armed forces**

**Foreign policy**

# The 5 questions of the political platform

1. Is the Swiss Security Network (SSN) able to **manage** several incidents simultaneously?
2. How do Confederation and cantons **cooperate**?
3. Are the mechanisms for consultation and coordination (CCM) of the SSN, the Federal NBCN Crisis Management Staff and other crisis management bodies **functional**?
4. Are **technology and infrastructure** resilient?
5. Have the **responsibilities** been allocated?

# The general situation

- **Lack of electric power**

*A quota is imposed for electric power from the middle of September 2014 until January 2015 in accordance with the Electricity Management Ordinance [VEB]:  
power supply of 70%*

- **Total power cut / blackout** (31 Oct. until 2 Nov. 2014)

- **Pandemic**

*Begin June 14; Forecast: culmination in November 14;  
Totally 25% of the Swiss population infected,  
death toll 8 000*

- This scenario applies to the whole of western Europe.

# The 7 main aspects

4 topical aspects

Mobility

Supply / disposal

Public health

Public security



3 management aspects

Information / communication

Coordination / direction

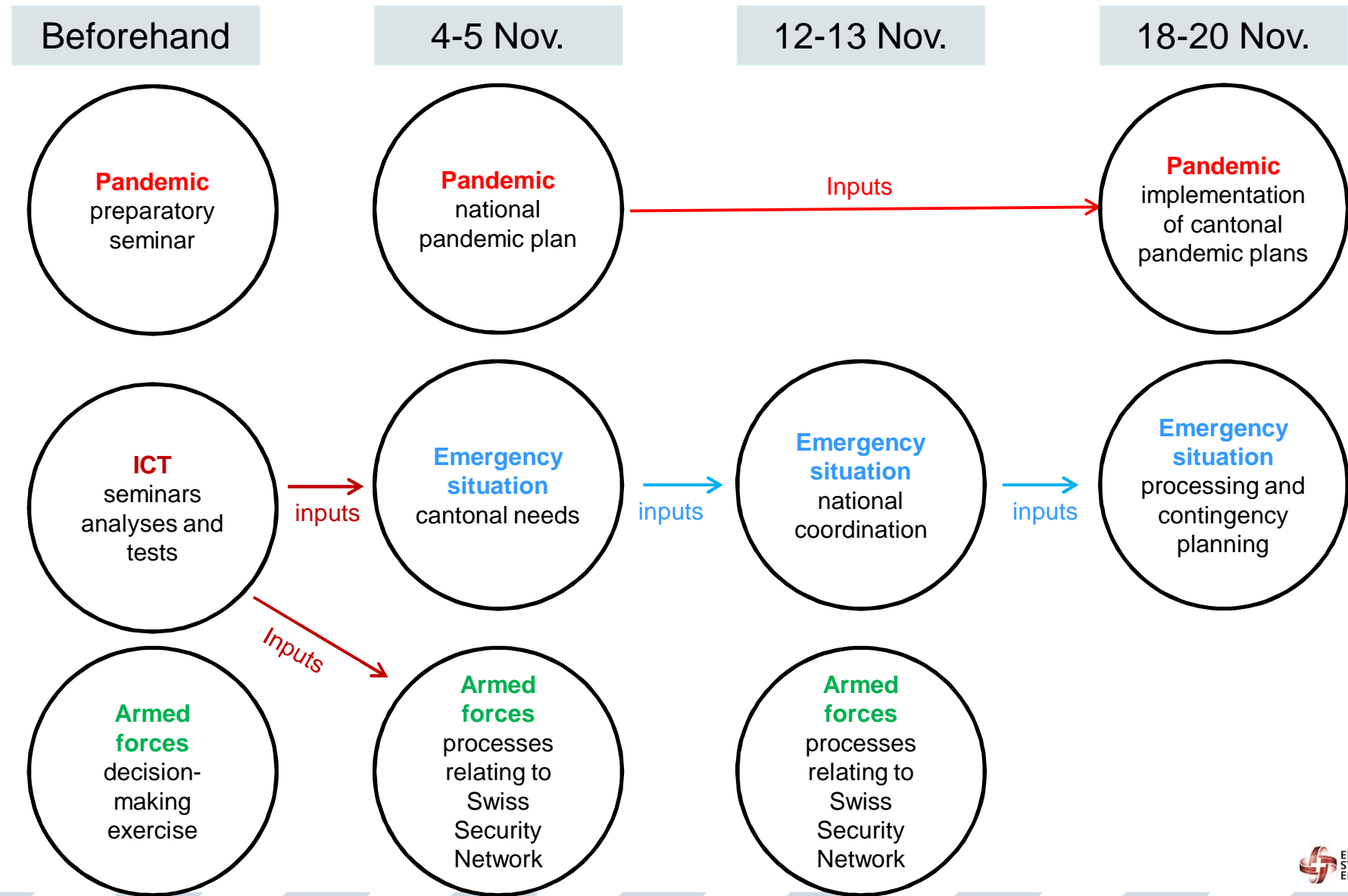
Resource management

# Challenges for the participants

- Management in and through an **emergency situation lasting for several months**
- **Joint leadership** between Confederation and cantons is prerequisite to resolving the crisis
- **Lacking and scarce key resources** (staff, food, electric power, fuel, cash, logistics,...) demand concepts for coordinated prioritization, waiver and allocation
- **Limited ICT**  
(Communication / exchange of information)
- Maintain / regain **ability to act**



# The modules of SNX 14



# First results – exercise situation

- **Most important:**  
raising awareness >> vulnerability
- **As regards scenario:**  
complex, likely, challenging >> reused in future
- **Form of SSN 14:**
  - > Modular, resources sparingly used >> adequate
  - > Imaginative requirements
  - > Generally very positive feedbacks
- **Implementation monitoring**

# General impressions – view of exercise board

- Very positive, constructive collaboration
- Trigger for many things at all levels, in a variety of fields
- Extensive and active cantonal participation
- Participation of both federal and cantonal executives and legislatives
- Complexity of the emergency situation, interdependencies and consequences underestimated
- Promotion of mutual trust and understanding

# Particularities relating to the armed forces


- Challenges are identical. Management, mobilization...
- Civil-military cooperation in the cantons gen. very good
- Cantonal requests / needs met! But ...
- Integral situation / federal resource management indispensable

# Main concerns of the exercise director

- **Communication is decisive in a crisis ...**
  - >> Management and ICT infrastructure
  
- **Supplying the population with food:**
  - >> Limits are quickly reached
  - >> Measures necessary
  
- **Providing electric power:**
  - >> Economic lifeline
  - >> Technically difficult (8/4)
  
- **Structures:**
  - >> Adapted to federal system
  - >> National crisis management staff

# Evaluation and perspectives

- Evaluation:** Products and reports from all participating groups
- Final report:** Submitted in April 2015  
List of measures, 'road map'
- SSN conference:** 28 May 2015  
Presentation, discussion  
Results, lessons learned, conclusions  
Proposed list of measures
- Implementation:** Will take several years ...  
Systematic monitoring  
Measures initiated



*In the final analysis only those lose face who ...*

*... ignore perceived essential gaps,*

*... deliberately euphemise the situation and*

*... those who fail to draw the necessary consequences  
for the future!*

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