

**Ambrela Development Forum 2022: New Journeys for Development Cooperation in CEE**  
**Workshop 2: Humanitarian Aid Logistics and Humanitarian Access in Ukraine**

24 May 2022

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### **Context**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine. Because of the known results of an armed conflict, the United Nations (UN) activated its Cluster System. The World Food Programme (WFP) as the lead agency in humanitarian logistics and food supply has been deployed to Kraków, Poland to facilitate the response with the Food to Ukraine. The Global Logistics Cluster (LC) as part of WFP supply chain support capacities was activated as well and had a first Logistics Officer (LO) on ground in Kraków on 25 February 2022. The LO was supported by an Information Management Officer on 26 February 2022 and by additional support staff in the first week.

Of course, there were constraints for the Logistics Cluster's staff to deliver non-food relief items from all around the globe to Ukraine. Here some examples of these:

- Security situation
- Customs procedures
- Warehousing
- Temperature sensitive medication
- Transport means and truck drivers
- Identifying border crossing points
- Safety & Security for deployed Logistics Cluster staff
- Diplomatic status?
- Armoured cars and personal protective equipment (PPE)

### **Objectives of the workshop:**

- Identifying and understanding the general challenges in emergency situations in general and the Emergency Logistics during a humanitarian crisis in particular
- Properly understanding the place of logistics in the concept of the humanitarian access
- Identifying key areas of agreements which can be done before such a conflict occurs
- Awareness on Safety & Security Trainings for staff members who might be deployed to crisis areas
- Formulation of recommendations and identification of the national and EU policies to be adjusted to improve the system of deploying staff and to transport relief items to areas of armed conflicts

### **Format and participants**

RAN, in collaboration with Ambrela, is organising an hour and half workshop on Challenges for rapid deployment of humanitarian relief items in the framework of the Ambrela Development Forum on 24 May 2022. The audience of this workshop will consist of the Ambrela Development Forum participants,

particularly CSO representatives and the officials of the state ODS structures from various countries of the region.

### Proposed workshop overview

- Welcome and opening remarks by Ambrela introducing the theme of the workshop, its facilitators and format (5 minutes)
- Round of introductions, who is who? (10 minutes)
- Key-note presentation(s) by facilitator(s) (8 minutes each) + Q&A 14 minutes)
- Breakout groups (2) one for logistics challenges and one for deployment of staff (20 minutes)
- Discussion in plenary (10 minutes)
- Results and proposals (10 minutes)
- Closing remarks (5 minutes)

### AGENDA

Time	Agenda Item	Lead
	Welcome and opening remarks	▶ Ambrela
	Round of introductions, who is who?	▶ Ambrela
	Key-note presentation(s)	▶ Guido Schanz, RAN
	Breakout groups - instructions 1.	Following the presentations and discussions in plenary, please: 2. Identify key areas of logistics challenges 3. Identify 2 / 3 key messages; 4. Identify strategies to carry your messages.
	Report back to plenary	▶ Rapporteurs
	Plenary discussion	▶ Facilitators
	Preparation of proposals	▶ Facilitators and participants
	Closing remarks	▶ Ambrela ▶ Facilitators