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From January 1st co-ordination centres of the integrated rescue system responsible for answering calls at the European emergency number 112 (EEN 112) also communicate with citizens by means of brief text messages (so called SMS – Short Message Service/System in English). In the article the author brings brief assessment of the service after three initial months.

Brief text messages at the European emergency number 112 were launched primarily as the tool of access to emergency services for persons with hearing impairment and for persons. Before launching the service they had no option to call help on their own, they always had to ask hearing person to call the European emergency number 112 instead of them. Short text messages can be used as an additional tool of emergency communication in cases when voice communication is not safe and in cases when the mobile operator signal is so weak that it does not enable to connect voice calling. Read more on page 7.

On April 14 – 19 the international exercise EU AL SEIMEEX 2018 was held in Algeria. The task of the exercise was to test and strengthen capabilities of the European Civil Protection Mechanism member states together with selected countries of the Mediterranean Partnership within the framework of complex reaction and response to an emergency. As a topic a large-scale earthquake measuring 7 local magnitudes was chosen. It struck Bouïra province located 100 km south of the capital city. On the basis of the model scale emergency, the Algerian government



decided to request assistance of the European Union by means of the European Civil Protection Mechanism. From the Mechanism member states, modules and teams from France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Poland and EU CP Team participated in the exercise. Slovak participation at the exercise was represented by Ing. Adam Regec who took part in the exercise as the EU CP Team exercise member, and Mgr. Matej Chortváth as the observer. Read more on pages 20 – 21.

National University of Public Administration in Budapest, Hungary, held the exercise titled Red Code 2018 aimed at nation’s cyber security and removal of impacts of cyber-attacks. The exercise was held in the spirit of the concept of student preparation at the National University of Public Administration. The concept of the university student preparation – future fire-fighters, policemen, soldiers and public administration servants is concerned. At such exercise they



are given opportunity to verify gained theoretical knowledge and improve their capabilities needed for dealing with various crisis situations. The topic of the exercise was power/ electricity failure due to cyber-attacks on the computer systems in the capital city of Budapest and the districts of Csongrád – Bács – Kiskun. Read more on pages 37 – 39.