



Protocol APPENDIX I

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GUIDELINES IN CASE OF WAR, CONFLICT AND CRISIS SITUATIONS

INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of this document is to provide **guidance** for the European Geography Association on **how to respond in cases of war, armed, political and other conflicts, and crises** that directly impact the safety and activities of EGEA entities and their members.

Even though **EGEA is a non-partisan organisation**, EGEA is a civic organisation made up of individuals who are emotionally, economically, and legally connected to their home regions. Furthermore, armed conflicts and wars are geographically relevant due to their direct and indirect impact on **spatial development, socioeconomic conditions, environment, etc.** Therefore, as an organisation that not only represents the interests of individual human beings, but also the interests of the entire scientific field of geography and its disciplines, **we cannot stay aloof from what is happening around us.**

Part 1. INTERNAL EGEA POLICY

I.1. Official positions

No one from countries which fall under these guidelines should be restricted from holding official positions. People who apply for official positions, as every individual within EGEA, must adhere to the Code of Conduct, and thus cannot use their position to harm individuals with other political opinions than their own, directly or indirectly.

I.2. Events

Members are permitted to organise events in a country where there is a war or other type of crisis as mentioned above. People who travel to a country where there is an armed conflict understand all the risks. The organisers of the event and the Board of EGEA are not responsible for the life and health of a person during the event. People must first familiarise themselves with the security policies and sign a document stating that they are responsible for their lives. This document must comply with Polish law and have legal force. ([Notes of safety](#), [Non-liability statement](#)).

I.3. Social Media

We follow the general rules outlined in the EGEA Communication Guidelines for official pages. Activity on the personal pages of individuals within EGEA should be covered by the Code of Conduct, as long as it is directly related to their involvement within EGEA.

Part 2. PROCEDURE OF ACTIONS

The following is a suggested procedure, which EGEA can take upon activation of this document in an affected country:

- II. 1.** Establish contact with the CPs of the entities, find out if everything is fine and if any help is needed.
- II. 2.** If necessary, publish the official position of EGEA.
- II. 3.** Organize support for the entities (depending on the situation). Support for EGEA members, information dissemination (if this does not contradict EGEA's values), "freezing" the activity of the entity before the next Meeting of the GA. Often external problems very actively affect the dynamics of the entity's work.
- II. 4.** Given the situation, the Board of EGEA and RCP's should keep in regular contact once a month or, at a minimum, once every six months, to find out what the entities are doing, whether they need any help, what they are planning, etc. This also includes connecting affected entities directly with surrounding entities within and outside the country.
- II. 5.** If there is a necessity, EGEAns can create a temporary support fund for charitable humanitarian purposes, which could search for organisations providing humanitarian assistance and donating funds, as well as spread awareness about the current crisis situation for the EGEA community.
- II. 6.** The support fund must report its income and expenses to the Treasurer and FCC. Funds must be transferred to verified persons, in particular members of the organisation and the geographical community (reports on the assistance provided with all receipts and, if possible, photo confirmation, must be submitted to the Treasurer and FCC).

Part 3. FINAL WORDS

The goal of this appendix is to **optimise the response of EGEA** to situations of war, armed, political and other conflicts and crises. We hope to optimise EGEA's response to new situations and avoid hastily made decisions that disadvantage individual groups of EGEAns, as well as open the same opportunities to all EGEAns as far as their individual

situation allows. **The document is built upon EGEA's vision, mission and values, as well as EGEA's Code of Conduct.**