




# TRAINING FOR CRISIS: HOW PREPARE FOR THE WORST

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# Why exercise?

- Validating policies, plans, procedures
- Testing ICT disaster recovery systems
- Training and validating roles and responsibilities
- Improving inter-organizational coordination and communications
- Identifying opportunities for improvement and gaps in resources
- Providing a controlled opportunity to practice improvisation

A man with glasses and a beard, wearing a yellow t-shirt, is celebrating with his fists raised in the air. He is sitting at a desk with a laptop. The t-shirt has the text "OZON 2018 VRI(E) RADCAAL" on it. In the background, other people are working at desks in a control room or office setting. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the image.

# OZON: National Cybercrisis Simulation Exercise for Research and Education



## Set up

- Exercising with 50 organisations
  - Two exercise leaders per organisation that help create the scenario for their organisation
- 1000+ people throughout the country
- Everyone at their own work space
- 1 full day
- Ministry and other external stakeholders play along
- Journalists and media simulator
- Technical injects for the operational level

# Scenarios

- 2016: Ethical hacking and data leaks
- 2018: Ransomware
- 2021: State actor attack



# Most important lessons

- Make sure cyber-, network- and information crises are incorporated in your organisational crisis management procedure
- Regular (cyber)crisis exercises are a great way to improve your resilience as an organisation and raise awareness for security
- Biggest challenges named throughout the years:
  - Internal communication
  - Stakeholder management
  - Situation analysis
  - Endurance