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News from the network

English and German JOIN members participate in European civil protection exercise in Liverpool

From 12 to 15 October, Johanniter Germany participated in the first (out of five) EU Module Exercises dedicated to Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and medical modules in the cycle 2017/18. Held in the framework of the European Civil Protection Mechanism, this event took place in the area of Liverpool and Manchester in England. Around 310 responders, local role-players, trainers and exercise staff from 17 European countries contributed to the success of this exercise. St John Ambulance supported this event with medical role play and ambulance cars. [Continue reading](#)

Second episode of JOIN Medical Student Exchange in the Johanniter Hospital of Stendal

Following a placement at the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem in August (read his testimony [here](#)), Ahmed Al-Jabir spent two weeks in the Johanniter Hospital of Stendal in Germany. Ahmed is studying clinical medicine at the King's College in London and he is a longstanding volunteer for St John Ambulance. As very first participant in the newly created JOIN Medical Student Exchange Programme, he kindly sent us his testimony about his stay in Eastern Germany, a combination of practical training and cultural discoveries. [Continue reading](#)

The JOIN Office and Johanniter Austria at the AAL Forum 2017

Aiming at bridging the gap between technology and active ageing, the AAL Forum 2017 took place in early October in Coimbra, Portugal. It proposed a programme of workshops, keynote speeches, AAL exhibitions, poster sessions and networking opportunities. The JOIN Office was invited to speak in a workshop dealing with the question of impact of AAL projects. It turned out to be an excellent opportunity to present our activities within the SOCIALCARE project. Moreover, Johanniter Austria was running an exhibition stand for the same purpose. More information on the AAL Forum 2017 is available [here](#).

Wolf-Ingo Kunze leaves the JOIN Board

Wolf-Ingo Kunze left the Federal Board of Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe Germany in October to become the new Secretary General of the Johanniter Order. Consequently, he also announced his intention to leave the JOIN Board as of end of October. We would like to thank Wolf-Ingo Kunze for his commitment and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. The month of November will introduce another change at the JOIN Office. We will welcome a new trainee, namely [Leonard Fried](#). He completed his studies at the College of Europe and has already professional experience in Brussels.

News from the members

France: Launch of new website

Our French member Association des Oeuvres de Saint-Jean just launched its new website. Not only does the website highlight the fantastic work they are doing across the country, but also at international level. You will find different links leading to the various services carried out by our French member, such as hostels located in public hospitals for family members of patients, program of help and mentoring for students 'Fil Rouge', summer camps for handicapped people, financial participation for youth camps in other countries, etc. You can have a look at the new website [here](#).

Germany: Project Report 2016 of Johanniter International Assistance available

One major focus of Johanniter's international work in 2016 was to support refugees and internally displaced people. Johanniter International Assistance, in cooperation with its local partner organisations, provided emergency supplies, food, psychosocial and medical assistance for 527,793 refugees and displaced people. Moreover, our German JOIN member supervised 78 ongoing projects in 23 different countries. In the years 2017-2018, Johanniter will begin implementing its Strategy 2025 aiming at further increasing the quality of its work. You can read the Project Report 2016 both in [English](#) and in [German](#).

Germany: Johanniter helps traumatised displaced people in Iraq

In spring of this year, Johanniter International Assistance started to support the 'Jiyan Foundation for Human Rights' by establishing a new Health Center in the town of Alqosh. Alqosh is situated just outside of the autonomous Kurdistan region in Northern Iraq, on the rim of the territory that was taken by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIS) in 2014. Many people from the Nineveh plains and from Mosul fled to Alqosh and the surrounding villages when ISIS extended their rule in Iraq and finally took hold of the city of Mosul, less than forty kilometers south from Alqosh. [Continue reading](#)

Jerusalem: St John launches two new projects

Our JOIN member in Jerusalem (SJEHG) has started two projects in early October. The first project aims to provide Palestinian refugees in the West Bank and Jerusalem access to affordable, high quality eye health care without discrimination. The activities will be implemented through two of SJEHG satellite centers: Anabta and Hebron, in addition to the flagship hospital in Jerusalem. The second project aims to ensure the delivery of eye care during times of conflict or political crisis in the Gaza Strip, which is sadly a common occurrence in the isolated conclave. [Continue reading](#)

Netherlands: Johanniter invites its volunteers to a theater performance about dementia

On 2 and on 4 October, Johanniter Nederland offered the opportunity to all its volunteers to go to the 'Dag mama' show. Through this educational theater performance with lifelike scenes, the public could put itself in the shoes of people living with dementia. Thanks to this initiative, our Dutch JOIN member has reach out many hundreds of people. In the past year, the theatrical performance of 'Dag mama' has been showed in the Dutch media and has been widely praised. Therefore, Johanniter Nederland is proud to have offered this spectacle to its volunteers for free [Continue reading](#)

Sweden: Johanniterhjälpen at two races in the same weekend

The weekend of 29 and 30 September was very busy for our Swedish JOIN member. For the fifth consecutive year, Johanniterhjälpen provided assistance at the Lidingöloppet largest cross-country race in the world. Volunteers were equipped with defibrillators and also helped runners with first aid. One could visit the tent of Johanniterhjälpen in the starting area, where posters were presenting the greater 'JOIN family'. Furthermore, our Swedish member was on duty at the Malmö Half Marathon. Volunteers used bikes to cover larger areas. Click [here](#) to see pictures.

News from Europe

Ten years of the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid

Signed in 2007, the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid is the first comprehensive policy setting out the EU's and the Member States' approach to humanitarian aid. To mark the ten year anniversary of the Consensus, an event celebrated the document which has been a point of reference in the EU's humanitarian action, underlines its continued relevance, and highlights the remaining challenges in its implementation. A decade on, humanitarian needs have broadened in scope due to the effects of natural disasters and conflicts. More information [here](#).