

# Introducing **EU**Respond

europe's forum for resilient communications

## MISSION STATEMENT

In consideration of the rights and benefits conferred by membership of EURespond, each member recognizes and agrees to the following Mission and Objectives:

### Mission

The members of EURespond work in a spirit of dialogue, partnership and collaboration with other stakeholders to foster an EU Policy framework that recognises and supports the need for robust and reliable communication platforms capable of supporting emergency services and relevant public authorities in disaster situations, and which can also contribute to overcoming the digital divide in rural areas.

Members of EURespond recognize:

- That the communication systems in Europe that support Public Protection and Disaster Recovery (PPDR) services are subject to breakdown and collapse in emergency circumstances;
- That there is a core public interest in ensuring that emergency response systems are underpinned by robust and reliable communications;
- That the systems and services that support emergency response are a public policy priority and that any relevant European policy developments reflect this priority accordingly;
- That emergency communications are best served by reliable, robust and resilient communications networks that employ space based and terrestrial components;
- The need for such systems to have pan-European capability and compatibility;
- That robust emergency communications platforms can also support wider policy objectives including notably the provision of rural broadband coverage as a means of combating the digital divide.