BIOTERRORISM EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
IN ROMANIA
ROMANIAN NATIONAL SYSTEM
FOR PREVENTING AND COUNTERING TERRORISM

CSAT
STRATEGIC COORDINATOR

SRI
TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

ANTITERRORIST OPERATIVE COORDINATION CENTER
(CCOA)

Ministry of Administration and Interior
Ministry of National Defense
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Justice and Citizens Liberties
Prosecutor Office by the High Court of Cassation and Justice
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Regional Development and Houses
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Ministry of Environment
Ministry of Economy

Foreign Intelligence Service
Protection and Guard Service
Special Telecommunications Service
Ministry of Communication and Information Society
Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure
National Bank of Romania
National Office for the Prevention and Countering of Money Laundering
National Agency for Export Control
National Commission for Nuclear Activities Control
Ministry of Public Finance
PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR THE TERRORIST THREAT IN ROMANIA

PREVENTION
- Preventive Intelligence Measures
- Law Enforcement Intelligence Measures

COMBATING
- Preventive Intelligence Measures
- At Protection
- At Deterrence
- At Intervention
- CT Intervention

POST-INCIDENT
- Containment Measures
- Judicial Procedures
- Trials
- Conviction

TERRORIST ENTITY
TERRORIST THREAT
PREPARATIONS FOR TERRORIST ATTACK
TERRORIST ATTACK
CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT
On September 30th, 2003, the Romanian Intelligence Service launched the Center for Information on Security Culture (CICS), an interactive and multi-disciplinary system for information and documentation, for increasing Romanian civil society’s awareness on security issues.
BIOEX 09 was a command post exercise (CPX) coordinated by the Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI) together with other ministries and agencies members of The National System for Preventing and Countering Terrorism (SNPCT) and with the academic support from Regional Center for Higher Studies on the Prevention of Bioterrorism.

The exercise aimed at evaluating the Romanian inter-agency coordination in preventing and combating bioterrorism, academics support in designing scenario, command and control in civil emergency consequence management and interoperability of agencies responsible for consequence management.

Training CT intervention forces and specialized personnel in carrying out special tasks in a complex and unknown environment.
National Authorities and Agencies, Ministries, NGO at BIOEX 09

About 80 participants
Romanian Ministries, Agencies and NGO involved:

- Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI);
- Ministry of Health (MS) / National Institute of Research & Development on Microbiology & Immunology “I. Cantacuzino”;
- National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (ANSVSA);
- Ministry of Administration and Interior (MAI);
- Ministry of National Defense (MApN);
- Special Telecommunications Service (STS);
- Ministry of Environment and Forests (MMF);
- Regional Center for Higher Studies on the Prevention of Bioterrorism (CZISPB);

U.S. observers:

- U.S. Army, Consequence Management Unit;
- Federal Bureau of Investigation.
A terrorist cell used *cholera virus* to poison food during an international conference organized in Tulcea, at Hotel “Delta” by The Ministry of Tourism and tourism operators.

An explosion takes place at the waterworks in Tulcea, in which 9 persons are badly injured.

The Antiterrorist Brigade of Romanian Intelligence Service conducted a counterterrorist intervention and a technical counterterrorist control of a suspect vehicle.

The CBRN service of the Romanian Police conducted specific forensic activities at the incident scene, including specialized search of vehicles for identifying potentially dangerous biological substances.

A IED placed in one vehicle was defused and secured by the Antiterrorist Brigade.
CT INTERVENTION
MOMENTS CAPTURED
OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

• Testing the first reaction and consequence management capabilities in a crisis involving terrorist use of biological material.

• Exercising coordination of specialized units dealing with medical emergencies (first aid, triage, evacuation).

• Intervention of CBRN expert units for containment of dangerous agent.

• Public communication management in a crisis situation.
CONCLUSIONS & PROPOSALS

- **BIOEX 09** was a good opportunity for testing the efficiency of Romanian Crisis Management System in a terrorist incident involving biological agents.

- Exercises contribute to increasing the cooperation and coordination between ministries, agencies and civil society in dealing with bioterrorism crisis.

- Further dialogues with the public sector, academia, technical experts could support governmental efforts in a terrorist crisis and provide for a better involvement and cooperation of the civil society.

- Better communication with mass media and carrying out security education campaigns are useful tools for raising public awareness on these issues and improve peoples reactions in crisis situations.
Thank you for your attention.

Q&A