

# MHPSS-EN +C

## Mental Health and Psychosocial Support European Network

## Second Announcement of the MHPSS-European Network Forum 2025

Hosted by the Turkish Red Crescent in Şanlıurfa, Türkiye

Workshop: Tuesday 14 October 2pm to 5pm (GMT +3)  
Wednesday 15 October 9am to Midday (GMT +3)

Forum: Wednesday 15 October 1pm to 8pm (GMT +3)  
Thursday 16 October 9am to 5pm (GMT +3)  
Friday 17 October 9am to 1pm (GMT +3)

### *Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies*

The objectives of the 2025 MHPSS Forum are:

#### Forum Program

- > To share insights and practices on the delivery of mental health and psychosocial support relating to emergencies.
- > To consider how National Societies can integrate these insights and practices into their programmes and support activities.
- > To share different practices and lessons learned when delivering mental health and psychosocial support in emergencies.

#### Workshop Program

We will organise a workshop on “**MHPSS Preparedness in Emergencies: Building Systems, Capacity, Competencies to respond to MHPSS needs in Emergencies**” on Tuesday 14 October between 2pm and 5pm and on Wednesday 15 October from 9am until Midday.

#### Style

This Forum will be as engaging, inclusive and interactive as possible. As well as presentations, members of the Network are invited to share their activities and learning in relation to emergencies within interactive, masterclass formats. The Forum will be held in English.

MHPSS focal persons from Europe and Central Asia are invited and will have the opportunity to meet each other and discuss next steps for the Network. This year we invite you to **Şanlıurfa, Türkiye**.

#### Participation

If you would like to present an interactive masterclass on MHPSS in Emergencies, please complete the proposal **before 4<sup>th</sup> September** at this link: <https://ee.ifrc.org/x/aTEhsiHf>. **No more than two people per National Society are able to join us at the Forum** in order to ensure a wide representation.

#### Solidarity Fund

We kindly ask you to consult your management to contribute to the **MHPSS European Network Solidarity Fund**. This fund provides opportunities for MHPSS colleagues of National Societies with limited resources to participate in the training and forum. The suggested contribution is € 600 or any other amount that your National Society can contribute. Please contact: [greisy.trejo@ifrc.org](mailto:greisy.trejo@ifrc.org) if you are able to contribute, please mark your email: MHPSS-EN Solidarity fund 2025

#### Application

**Registration is open!** The accommodation for the Forum is reserved at the Double Tree, Hilton Hotel, Şanlıurfa. The costs for all travel, overnight stays and dinners must be covered by your National Society. If this is impossible, please consult the Steering Committee. Please register and book your stay through the link at the [Registration form](#).

**IMPORTANT:** accommodation and discount at the hotel are guaranteed **only until 29 August 2025**.

**Location** Şanlıurfa is located in the southeast of Türkiye. It is possible to access Şanlıurfa by plane as the city has its own airport. However, you will have to book a connected flight since there are limited international direct flights from and to the city. We recommend you book your flights to Şanlıurfa through a transfer flight from Istanbul (Istanbul or Sabiha Gokcen Airports), but make sure your connected flights arrive at and depart from the same airport to avoid wasting time travelling between the two airports of Istanbul which are located far from each other. When you arrive at Şanlıurfa, you can take a shuttle bus or a taxi to Şanlıurfa city centre.

Detailed instructions on how to reach the hotel will be available in the welcome pack that will be shared with you at the later stage. If you need additional information and support, please contact TRC team at [dilek.kus@kizilay.org.tr](mailto:dilek.kus@kizilay.org.tr) or [emre.ustdag@kizilay.org.tr](mailto:emre.ustdag@kizilay.org.tr) if you need support around travel.

## Steering Committee of the MHPSS European Network

**We welcome you to join the MHPSS European Network Steering Committee!** Joining this Steering Committee will provide you with the opportunity to enhance your role in our network and to contribute to its development and strengthen your position as a MHPSS Focal Person within your National Society. You will need to commit to joining us for four years, starting after the Forum in October 2025 and have your National Society cover all your expenses.

**The aims of the MHPSS European Network are:**

- 1) To promote the sharing** of experiences and practices in mental health and psychosocial support between the European and Central Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies.
- 2) To communicate** the specificities of MHPSS in the Red Cross Movement at the European level, including understanding of the different contexts of National Societies, and the way they intervene in the prevention, activation and follow up of crises and various psychosocial interventions, programs and training.
- 3) To enhance cooperation** between the National Societies, other parts of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, European authorities and institutions, and within/between communities and associative partners such as (but not limited to) the European Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), the World Health Organisation (WHO) Europe, and a variety of research institutions.

**The duties of the Steering Committee are:**

- > To facilitate the mission of the MHPSS-European Network
- > To support the administrative management of the MHPSS-European Network
- > To keep agendas and notes from the meetings
- > To establish the program for the annual MHPSS-European Network Forum
- > To follow-up on co-operation within and transcend the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
- > To maintain an overview of MHPSS-European Network digital platforms and resources within the network
- > To liaise between the experts and external partners.

Steering Committee members must be self-financing and able to commit to joining these meetings, the annual Forum and to undertaking some related activities to support the success of the MHPSS-European Network. If you are keen to be considered to become a member of the Steering Committee, or wish to find out more, please email Sarah Davidson [SDavidson@redcross.org.uk](mailto:SDavidson@redcross.org.uk) chair of the MHPSS Steering Committee. The current Steering Committee is composed of the following members:

Chair	Members	Standing members	Scientific Advisor
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Many thanks,  
**Sarah** on behalf of the MHPSS European Network Steering Committee