



European Security
and Defence College



MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE COMPETITION

**“NICOLAE BĂLCESCU” LAND FORCES ACADEMY
OF SIBIU, ROMANIA**





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01 OBJECTIVES

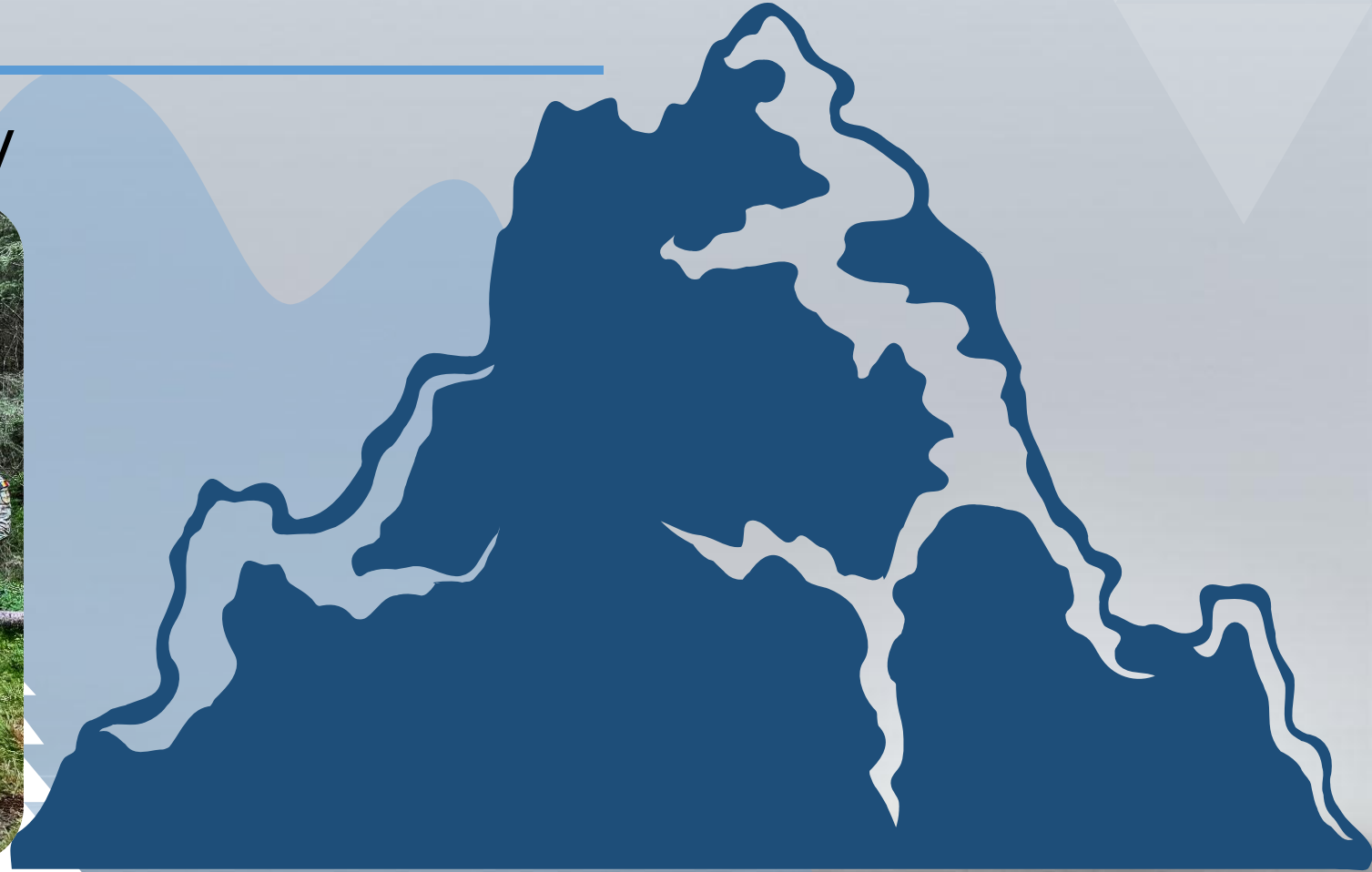
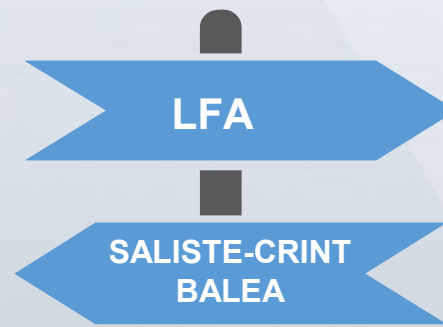
1. Enhance physical endurance and mental resilience
2. Strengthen leadership and team cohesion
3. Build mountain warfare and fieldcraft skills
4. Instill military values and competitive spirit
5. Promote international visibility, reputation, and the professional image of the institution



02 PARTICIPANTS

TEAMS - 5 cadets +1 instructor /referee
(for a different country team)

1 team / participating country



03 PERIOD / DURATION / LOCATION

PERIOD:19-23.10.2026

DURATION – 5 days

LOCATION

CRINT MOUNTAIN CAMP
BALEA
FAGARAS MOUNTAINS



MON

Induction day
(preparation of
equipment,
land
navigation/map
reading, admin
issues)

COMPETITION DAYS

TUE

Day 1

WED

Day 2

THU

Day 3

FRI

- debriefing
- lessons learned
- closing ceremony
- social event



04 TASKS

DAY 1 – Tue, 20.10

- ✓ Tactical march
SĂLIȘTE – CRINȚ route
(~17 km)
- ✓ Patrol base near Crinț training
camp



DAY 2 – Wed, 21.10

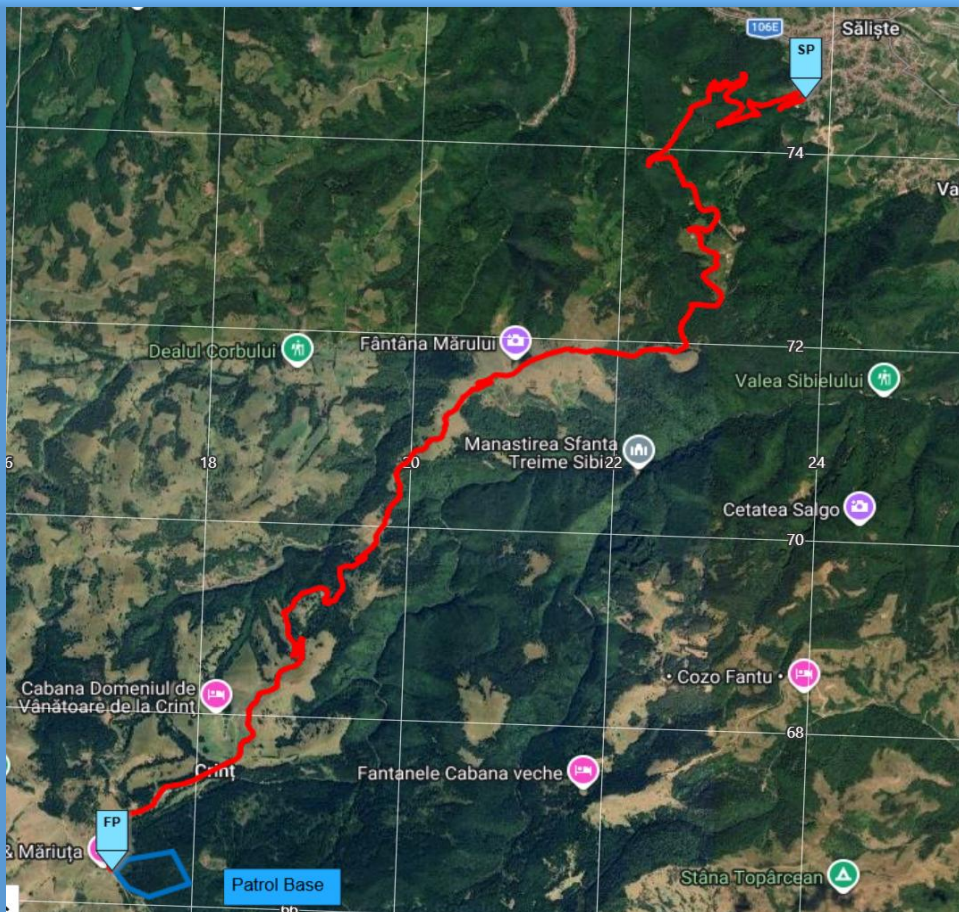
- ✓ Orienteering route
(~9–10 km near Crinț camp)
- ✓ Military applied course



DAY 3 – Thu, 22.10

- ✓ Casualty evacuation – Bâlea



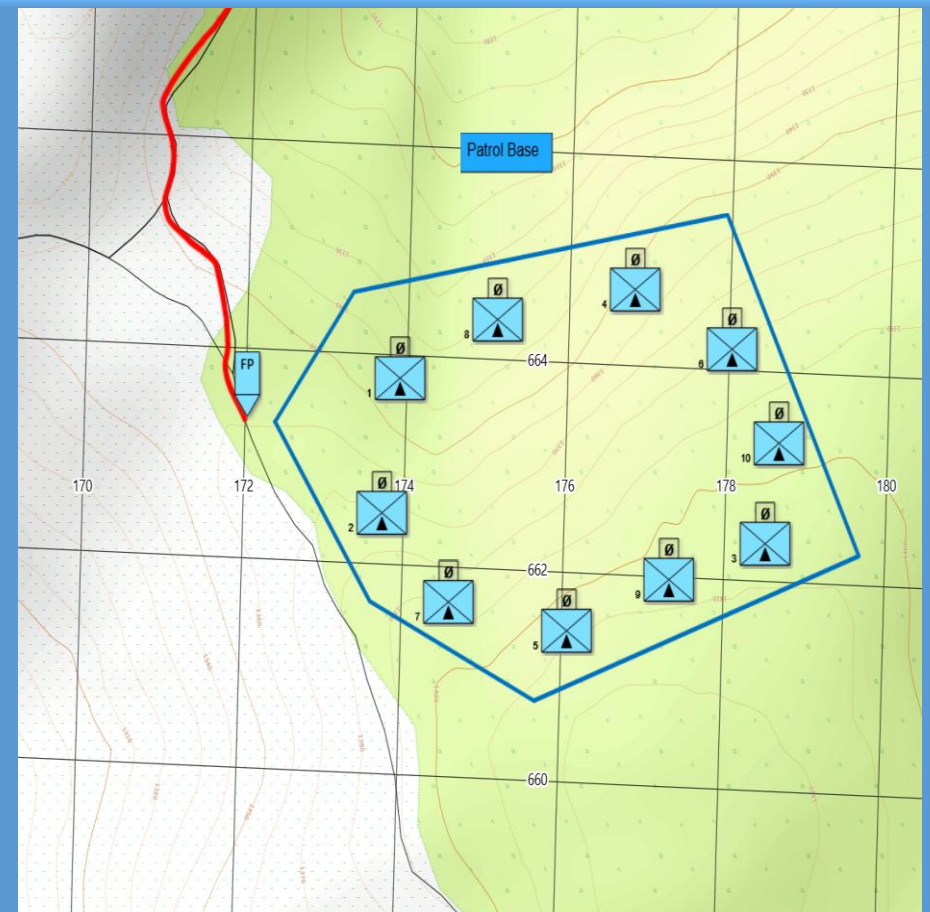


Tactical march SĂLIȘTE – CRINȚ route (~17 km)

Teams will start movement from the initial point in Săliște, covering approximately 17 km, with the final point near the CRINȚ training polygon. During movement, teams will encounter various incidents: contact reaction, improvised explosive device (IED) reaction, UAV reaction.

Evaluation: The fastest time receives 100 points; the difference between teams is 5 points.

DAY 1
Tue, 20.10

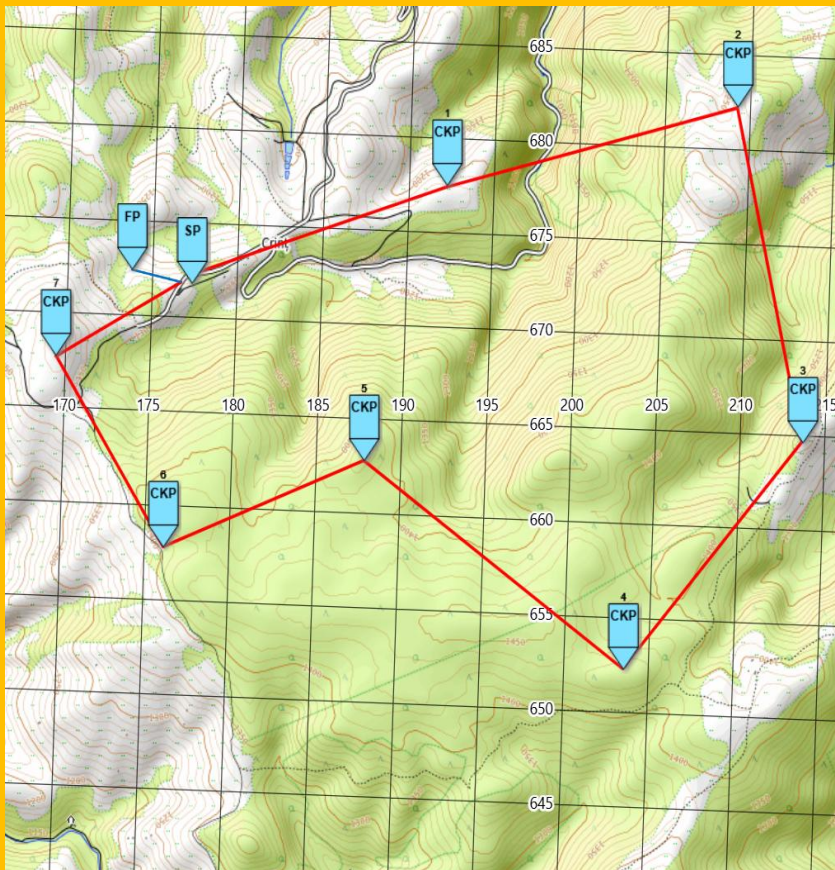


Patrol base near the Crinț training camp

Teams will establish a patrol base where they will spend the night. They must build a shelter, set up a guard post near the shelter, and react to an attack on the patrol base.

Evaluation:

The shelter must be waterproof, ensure rest for two team members, and provide continuous guard during the stay. Each team will be penalized with 10 points if requirements are not met.



Orienteering route (~9–10 km near Crinț camp)

Teams will move on a route through difficult terrain, passing 7 established checkpoints.

Evaluation:

The fastest time receives 100 points; differences of 5 points between teams (1st place – 100 points, 2nd – 95 points, 3rd – 90 points, etc.).

DAY 2 Tue, 21.10



Military Applied Course

4.1 Log cutting

Instructions:

2 team members must cut a log with a minimum diameter of 40 cm using tools provided by AFT.

4.2 Improved fire starting

Instructions:

Build a fire using materials from the area and ignite it using unconventional means so that a rope suspended at 1 m between two supports burns.

4.3 Log transport - All team members transport a ~100 kg log over 100 meters.

4.4 Tire rolling - Roll a R1400x20 tire over 100 meters.

4.5 Shooting position setup - Build an above-ground firing position using 25 sandbags (40L each), filled with sand.

4.6 Training grenade throwing (distance & accuracy) - Throw 3 defensive grenades into a 2 m diameter circle from 25 m and 3 grenades for distance.

4.7 Flag mast construction - Build a mast of at least 4 m height and raise a flag (national, institutional, etc.), fixed into the ground.

Evaluation:

Each task is scored with 100 points; final score is the average of all 7 tasks.



DAY 3 – Thu, 22.10

Casualty evacuation – Bâlea

- ✓ Teams move to the LZ near CRINȚ camp, board a helicopter, and are transported to BÂLEA.
- ✓ They link up with SALVAMONT BÂLEA at the landing site.
- ✓ Two members descend by rope, provide first aid, secure the casualty on the stretcher.
- ✓ Three members pull the casualty up the slope.
- ✓ The team then moves to the extraction point (EXFIL) at LFA.

05 EQUIPMENT*

INDIVIDUAL

- ✓ Combat uniform appropriate to terrain and weather
- ✓ Military boots suitable for mountain movement
- ✓ Helmet (ballistic or training)
- ✓ Load-bearing equipment / backpack
- ✓ Individual first aid kit (IFAK)
- ✓ Gloves and eye protection
- ✓ Personal hydration system

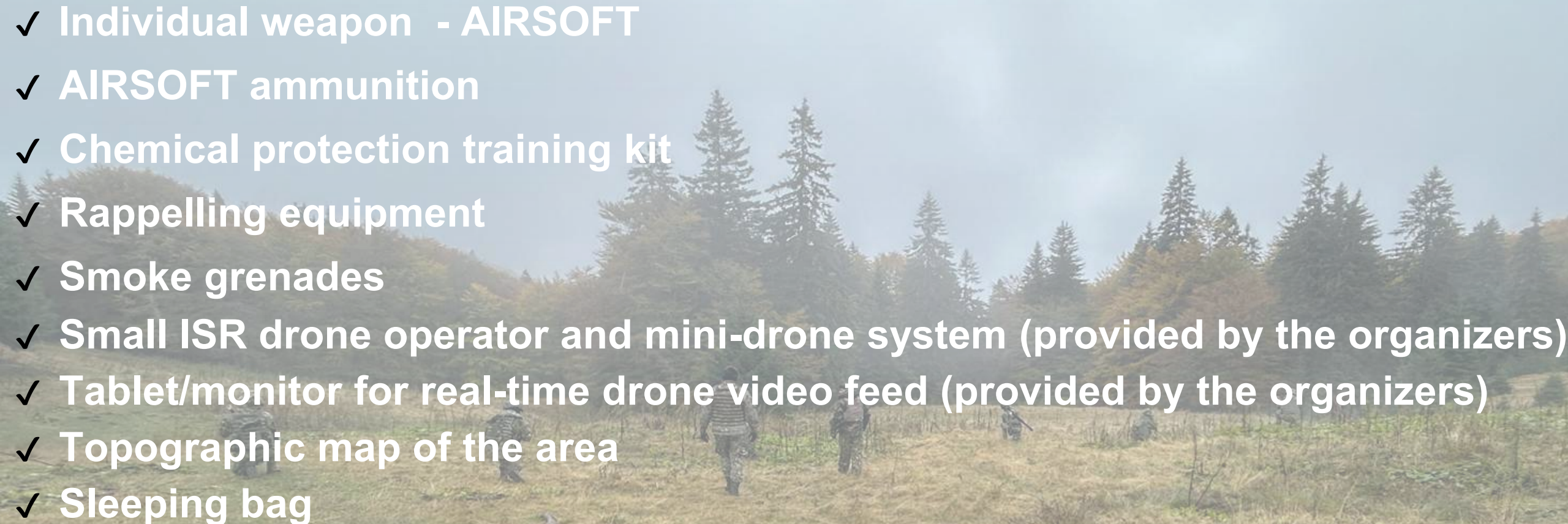


TEAM

- ✓ Topographic map of the area
- ✓ Compass (and/or GPS if authorized)
- ✓ Stretcher or casualty evacuation device
- ✓ MEDEVAC kit
- ✓ Whistle or signalling devices
- ✓ Ropes, carabiners, slings (for slope or rope tasks)
- ✓ Notebook and pen (for orders / reporting)
- ✓ Small ISR drone operator and mini-drone system (provided by the organizers)
- ✓ Tablet/monitor for real-time drone video feed (provided by the organizers)

*Some equipment will be provided by the organizers.

05 EQUIPMENT – provided by the LFA*

- ✓ Individual weapon - AIRSOFT
 - ✓ AIRSOFT ammunition
 - ✓ Chemical protection training kit
 - ✓ Rappelling equipment
 - ✓ Smoke grenades
 - ✓ Small ISR drone operator and mini-drone system (provided by the organizers)
 - ✓ Tablet/monitor for real-time drone video feed (provided by the organizers)
 - ✓ Topographic map of the area
 - ✓ Sleeping bag
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- A background image showing a group of people in military-style clothing walking through a grassy field towards a line of evergreen trees. The scene is slightly hazy, suggesting a misty or overcast day. The people are carrying gear, and the overall atmosphere is that of a training exercise in a natural setting.

06 IMPLEMENTATION



Blended intensive programme (BIP) / 3 ECTS
Could be organized on a rotational basis
(iMAF initial principle)



ARE YOU READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?

