

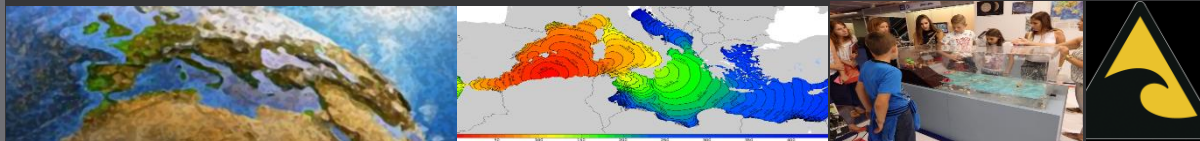
# The 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the IOC Assembly

14-25 June 2021

# ICG/NEAMTWS

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# Key Achievements

- ICG/NEAMTWS –XVI, Cannes , France 2-4 December 2019.
- The Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera (IPMA, Portugal) was accredited as the **fifth Tsunami Service Provider in NEAM region**
- New ICG/NEAMTWS Officers, May 2020



Professor Maria Ana Baptista



Professor Costas Synolakis



# Key Achievements

- First ICG/NEAMTWS Virtual Webinar, 2nd May 2020.
- Preparation for NEAMWave21 Exercise DG-ECHO Internal Training, 19 and 23 Feb 2021. High DG-ECHO staff participation



**ICG-NEAMTWS  
WEBINAR**

Number 1  
Recent Earthquake of 2 May 2020 and  
Local Tsunami in South Crete, Greece

Spreaker:  
Dr Gerassimos A. Papadopoulos  
(Greece)  
Thursday  
4 June 2020,  
10:30-11:30 CEST

Registration link:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6676292185669907468>



# Key Achievements

- **World Tsunami Awareness Day 2020**

- **NEAMTWS**

- **Regional Webinar**

- 4 November 2020



2020 World Tsunami Awareness Day  
North-Eastern Atlantic, Mediterranean and Connected Seas (NEAM)  
Regional Webinar

4 November 2020  
10.00-13.30 CEST

The overall aim of this webinar is to highlight the key advances in strategies to mitigate and prepare for tsunamis in the NEAM region, and explore how to be better prepared to reduce tsunami risk in the future. The webinar will:

- Outline key milestone achievements and challenges in the development of the technical upstream Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the NEAM region
- Highlight how pilot projects are helping to shape tsunami risk reduction at the local level
- Discuss and reflect on key challenges and opportunities in implementing local community recognition programmes such as the Tsunami Ready in the NEAM region

**AGENDA**

**Panel 1**  
Overview and national advances in strategies in mitigating and preparing for tsunamis in NEAM region

**Panel 2**  
Emerging tsunami risk reduction strategies at the local level

**Panel 3**  
Opportunities in implementing local community recognition programmes such as the Tsunami Ready in NEAM region

Moderator: Prof. Costas Synolakis, Division of Natural Sciences, Academy of Athens, Greece

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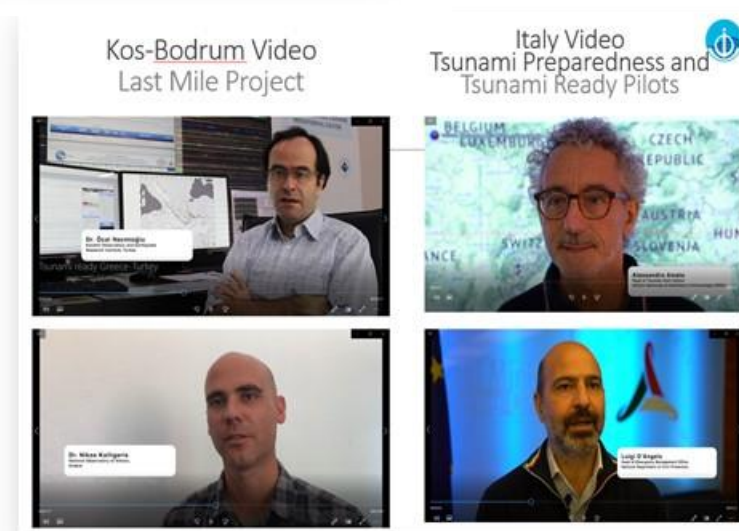
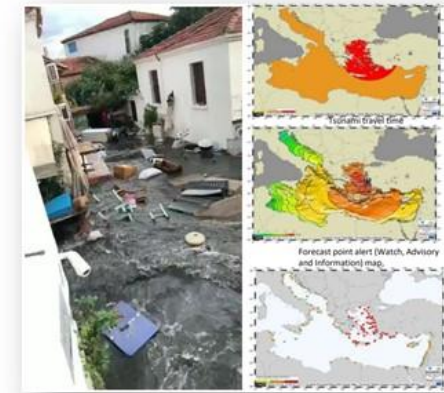
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Participants: max 120

# Key Achievements

- The webinar also represented an opportunity to discuss the recent tsunami that impacted the island of Samos (Greece) Samos and the Aegean coast of the Izmir region (Turkey) following a strong earthquake on 30 October 2020.
- Two/three [short videos](#) prepared by IOC-UNDRR in collaboration with the INGV and the Italian Civil Protection, NOA and KOERI, Israel were launched during the webinar to commemorate the WTAD, 5 Nov 2020



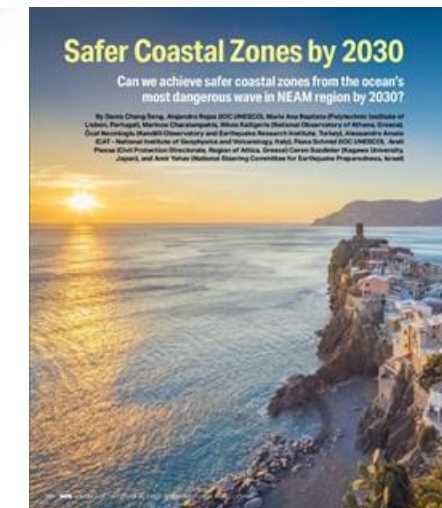
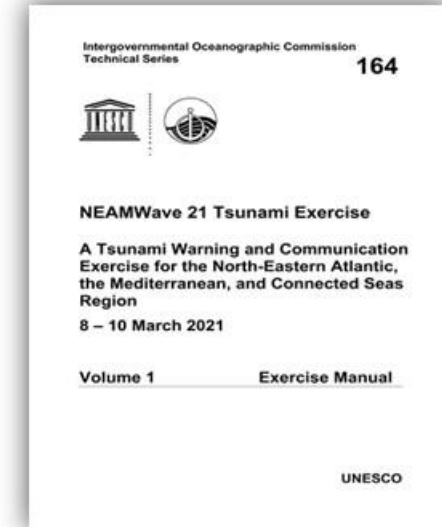
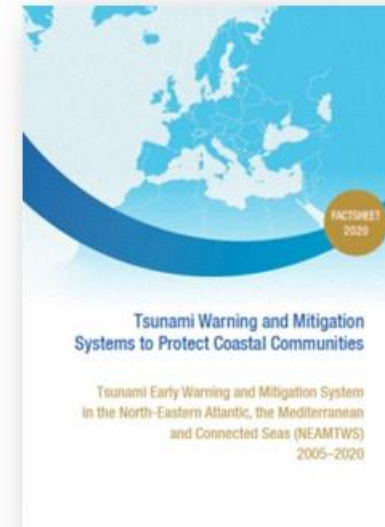
# Key Achievements

- NEAMWave21 Exercise was conducted , 8-10 March coinciding with the 10th commemoration of 11 March 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami.
- The preliminary evaluation shows that the exercise constituted a very positive experience for participating TSPs and TSRs / Member States



# Key Achievements

- Publication of ICG/ NEAMTWS Fact Sheet 2005-2020
- NEAMWave21 Exercise Manual (Two Parts: Standard & Supplement)
- Eco Magazine-ICG/NEAMTWS contribution: *Safer Coastal Zones by 2030.*



# Ongoing Activities

- New ICG/NEAMTWS 2030 Strategy. A final draft strategy will be presented at the ICG/NEAMTWS session in November 2021.
- Report on the Status of Education, Awareness and Preparedness in NEAM region. In publication process.
- Preliminary report on the evaluation of the exercise expected at the next session, Nov 2021 (Online)
- ICG/NEAMTWS Tsunami Ready Team Formed , 6 April 2021
- There are currently five Tsunami Ready pilot sites in NEAM region: [Chipiona \(Spain\)](#), [Cannes \(France\)](#), [Minturno, Palmi, Marzamemi \(Italy\)](#).
- First National Tsunami Ready Board established in Italy(May 2021) in NEAM region.
- Contributions to WTAD, 2021
- Targeted online scientific workshops/webinars ( e.g. Probabilistic Tsunami Hazards, Introduction of Tsunami Threat Levels in NEAM region etc.)



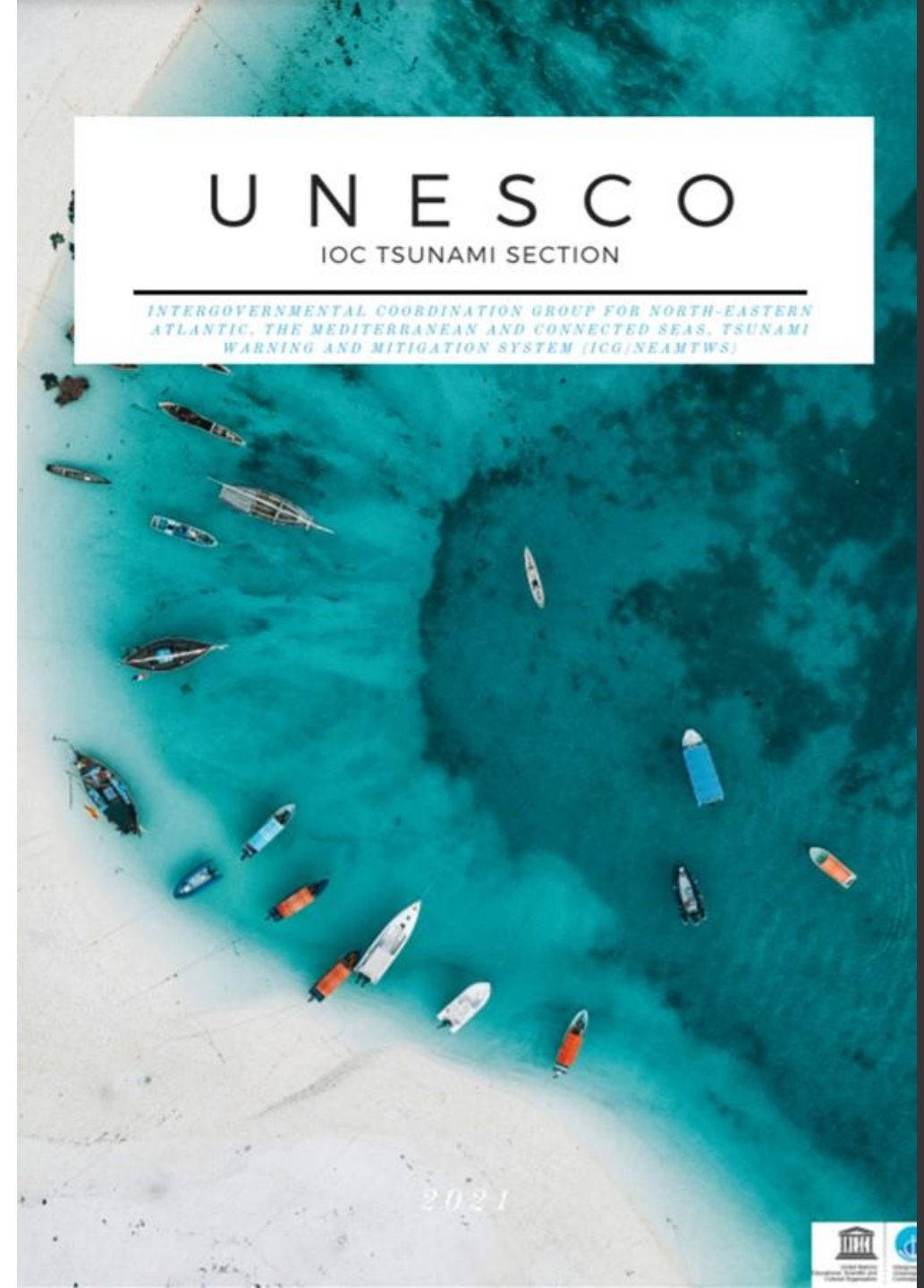


# Ongoing Activities

- New-NEAMTIC on social media platforms



- New ICG/NEAMTWS  
Quarterly News-Ocean  
Decade: Safe Ocean



# Future Activities

## New IOC-UNESCO DG-ECHO Project?

### Project Title

Strengthening the Resilience of Coastal Communities in the North East Atlantic, Mediterranean Region to the Impact of Tsunamis and Other Sea Level-Related Coastal Hazards

### Countries

Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Malta, Morocco, Spain, and Turkey

### Duration

2.5 years



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