

## Activity report 2021/2022

### JOIN Annual General Meeting

- *SOGIT:*

Our sections continue their activities both in the emergency and social field. Generally speaking, we have registered a steady growth in the number of volunteers but more importantly in the engagement of these with the activities. We cover on daily basis large events and emergency services across the Country as well as activities with elderly, social and psychological support and patient transport.

We currently have 41 active sections.

Our National headquarter over the years has been consolidating a leadership role continuing the action to unite all sections under a common shared structure.

Following please find the main news from SOGIT.

- *COVID 19 Response:*

As we are sure you are all aware COVID pandemic hit Italy quite strongly, especially at the beginning. SOGIT played a crucial role as support to the National Health System with activities ranging from protected COVID positive and critically unwell patients transport to support in hospital and emergency services. Throughout the Country and where it was needed the most needed, different units collaborated to deliver medications, food and basic need goods to families shielding. This activity is still now ongoing as new service that SOGIT provides.

In addition to these activities, we have also established multiple testing centre.

- *Care Team:*

We have developed a team of professional psychologists and professionals specifically trained in emergency psychological support. This team is to be deployed in support to other emergency services to assist patients and families, as well as staff exposed to traumatic events with a focus on early management of PTSD and trauma response.

- *Mountain rescue team with motocross:*

Professional pilot volunteers are now deployed in some mountain areas. They are also involved in maintenance and patrolling of mountain areas to act on prevention of

accidents and fires. They provide support to emergency services in areas difficult to reach.

- *Air medical service:*

SOGIT has available a base in Masera (VB) with an emergency medical helicopter equipped for emergency services, transport of patients as well as equipment. The helicopter is also authorised for night fly.

- *Rescue Dog Team:*

Since their foundation 3 years ago our dog units have significantly developed and have been involved in a number of rescues. They are currently involved daily in rescue missions together with SOGIT boats as well as the Italian Coast Guard. They are based in Gaggiano (MI) but expanding.

- *Involvement with JOIN:*

SOGIT Italian representatives continue to be actively involved in all the JOIN activities, in particular together with the clinical group. They have translated the all the guidelines in Italian and the first aid guidelines have now been adopted by a number of different sections as first aid material.

- *Ukraine Aids:*

Directly touching our core values, SOGIT couldn't remain indifferent to the recent events and suffering of the Ukraine population. We have been involved together with JOIN to translate our first aid material. Nationally all the sections have collected an impressive amount of primary necessity goods and hygiene items, filling an entire big van. We have also organised the delivery to the border.

As JOIN member we have also collected a significant amount of donations. SOGIT has also donated and delivered a fully equipped emergency medical ambulance to Ukraine (Leopolis).

In Lignano Sabbiadoro we have now opened a refugee centre with particular focus for education.