

# ONLINE SEMINAR ON COVID-19 AND MILITARY PERSONNEL'S RIGHT TO HEALTH

DATE:

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**13:30 - 14:30 CET**

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With COVID-19 the military has been called up to supplement civilian health emergency response measures across the OSCE region during the past months at an unprecedented scale, performing tasks unaligned with traditional military training and preparedness. Defence forces have had to devise new strategies and practices to protect the health of their soldiers and to guarantee good and safe working conditions. Access to healthcare and swift evacuations for soldiers, as well as access for oversight bodies to conduct monitoring and inspections are among the critical elements in applying the rights to health of armed forces personnel in this new context.

As a pre-launch event to the upcoming new edition of the ODIHR-DCAF Handbook on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Armed Forces Personnel, this webinar will discuss the right of armed forces personnel to both physical and mental health during and after health emergencies, including different implications of measures for men and women in the armed forces.

**Speakers will include:** **Emmanuel Jacob**,  
President of EUROMIL

**Rain Liivoja**  
Associate Professor at the University  
of Queensland's School of Law, TBC

**Tamar Gabiani**  
Head of the Department of Human Rights Defense  
in Georgia, Public Defenders Office of Georgia

**Colonel Dr. Johannes Backus**,  
Bundeswehr Medical Service Command (Germany)

**Moderated by:** **Jonna Naumanen**  
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