



COVID-19: LAR flies emergency doctor to Portugal

A Luxembourg Air Rescue emergency doctor was flown out to Portugal on Sunday morning to help the country's hospitals cope with the dramatic health crisis, which has been provoked by the Covid-19 pandemic. The doctor is a specialist in anesthesia and resuscitation.

The operation was part of an LAR collaboration with the *Haut-Commissariat à la Protection nationale* (HCPN), the Ministry of State and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, as well as the Ministry of Health and comes just two days after Lisbon accepted Luxembourg's offer of aid in the common fight against COVID-19.

The LAR emergency physician was accompanied by a graduate nurse and teacher at the *Lycée Technique pour Professions de Santé* (LTPS) and this medical team has already started work in the Intensive Care Unit of the „Espírito Santo d'Évora“ hospital in the Alentejo region.

LAR's motto, „Air rescue without borders“, is a living reality

“The crisis has cruelly demonstrated that we can only win the fight against the pandemic if we lead it together”, says René Closter, CEO and president of LAR. “It is therefore obvious that LAR, with its more than 30 years of experience in the field of cross-border aid, undertakes to do everything possible to help those countries that are most affected, such as Portugal”.

Founded in 1988 as a non-profit association, Luxembourg Air Rescue (LAR) now has 183,000 members. The organization, with its subsidiary Luxembourg Air Ambulance (LAA), has six MD902 helicopters and six ultramodern Learjet 45XR-type air ambulances. With its 190 employees, LAR is dedicated to its corporate purpose, which is to save human lives and protect those in distress, 24/7 and 365 days a year, in Luxembourg, in the Greater Region and worldwide. LAR's operations are conducted according to the highest standards of safety and quality in the fields of medicine, technology and aviation. Our motto, “air rescue without borders”, is a lived reality at LAR: in December 2020, LAR was awarded the **2020 De Gaulle-Adenauer Prize** for the exceptional contribution its operations made to cross-border cooperation and friendship during the COVID-19 crisis. www.lar.lu

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