

2nd National Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting and presentation of draft Country Profile

17-19 November 2015, Yerevan, Armenia

Meeting Report

1. Welcome note and introduction

Mr Sergej Anagnosti, PPRD East 2 Programme Team Leader (TL), welcomed the participants of the 2nd National Advisory Group (NAG) meeting with anticipation of an active and productive discussion of the draft Country Profile (CP) document during the following days.

On behalf of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations (MTAES), Mr Nikolai Grigoryan, Deputy Head of Armenia Rescue Service also welcomed the participants and outlined in his opening speech the importance of different activities that have been implemented during the Programme, the work that serves to the goal of having more sustainable and resilient Partner Countries. He also appreciated the high quality of the draft CP and the effort and professionalism of the the PPRD East 2 experts when drafting the document.

Mr Hoa-Binh Adjemian, Head of Cooperation Section of the EU Delegation in Armenia, thanked the organisers of the meeting. He mentioned that EU assists Armenia through 200 various projects and this assistance amounts around 1mln. Euro per week, and such assistance lies within the values of the EU, as prevention of disasters is considered very important and that is why EU is supporting Armenia and other neighbouring countries.

After the introduction of all participants, it was agreed that the Programme experts will present what has been achieved and implemented through the PPRD East 2 Programme during 2015 followed with a discussion of the draft CP that has been previously reviewed and commented on by the Armenian stakeholders, including the discussion of the Road Maps that were part of each CP chapter, and then in the conclusion, the priorities of Armenia for their implementation during the PPRD East 2 Programme will be discussed and selected by Armenian authorities.

On suggestion of the National Program Coordinator (NPC) Mr Hovhannes Yemishyan, it has been agreed to provide 20 hard copies of the final draft CP document printed for participants for the next day to facilitate their easy orientation in the document and to be able to work throughout the discussion.

Mr Anagnosti presented the policy of the ENPI and the objectives of supporting the Partner Countries stressing one of the important principles – the more progress the PCs make – the more support they will receive. He also emphasized that PPRD East 2 works at the national strategic policy level, in the area of DRM/DRR focusing on capacity building of institutions directly implementing civil protection tasks. Mr Anagnosti thanked Mr Yemishyan for support in streamlining the work process. He pointed out the successful implementation of capacity building events, workshops and exercises that took place so far. He also expressed gratitude to MTAES and Mr Grigoryan for invitation to the 3rd DRR International Conference, December 15-16, and informed that Mr Antonín Petr will attend the event on behalf of PPRD East 2. Mr Anagnosti also presented some of the events planned to take place at the beginning of the year 2016.

2. Presentation of the Activity Area A and achievements in 2015

Mr Marco Massabo, Disaster Loss Data expert presented the Activity area A aiming to improve the legal and institutional framework for DRM; EU Flood Directive and the level of approximation to it by the country; then referred to the activity C1 – ERRA and C2 – Disaster losses.

Responding to the concern of the NPC on the progress of development of ERRA, Mr Anagnosti

informed that a report on ERRA revealed many bugs in ERRA that had to be fixed to make the system fully functional, the next steps and recommendations would be presented during the session on ERRA.

3. Presentation of the Activity Area B and achievements in 2015

Mr Michael Elmquist, the Civil Protection key expert, presented the Activity area B and achievements in 2015.

Mr Yemishyan proposed to implement the 2017 exercise with participation of INSARAG teams. Mr Anagnosti explained that for the exercise it is important to apply and respect the EU CP module concept. He stressed that Armenia was the only country that kept the rule of 50/50 participation in the PPRD East 2 trainings.

4. Presentation of the Activity Area C and achievements in 2015

The Disaster Loss Data (DLD) expert Marco Massabo presented Activity area C which consists of two components – firstly, the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA), the tool supporting visualization of data, risk information, to be collected by national authorities and other initiatives; secondly –specifically addressing disaster loss data database (disaster loss data indicator is the key point of Sendai framework for action). He informed that the ERRA installation manual has been prepared. Since the software was developed by another company, it was not easy to get full control of the system. The next step would be to migrate from the virtual server to a physical server of MTAES. Full support for installation of ERRA will be provided remotely. He agreed that ERRA trainings should be included on the Road Map recommendations of the CP.

Mr Antonín Petr, the Capacity Building key expert informed about the Copernicus system which allows to get satellite images and maps of disaster areas, and that all the services are free of charge. To activate the system and request the products from the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC), there needs to be an official request either through the EU Delegation or the ERCC in Brussels in order to get authorization for using this service. The Programme offered a support in a case of a need to activate the service.

Mr Anagnosti explained that as soon as Armenia identifies ERRA as a national priority, training for local specialists will then be included in the plan of activities subject to available funding.

Mr Vlad Avetyan, Ministry of Agriculture asked if it would be possible to use the suggested system for assessment of losses to agriculture due to freezing, hailing, fires, etc.

Mr Massabo replied that based on analysis of the recommendations, it is to develop and adopt a methodology for assessing economic losses from disaster for different sectors, including the agricultural.

On the question from the representative of the RA NAS Institute of Geological Sciences – whether the ERRA that has been previously installed and working on the server of the Institute will also be updated to allow the system work without glitches, Mr Anagnosti responded that ERRA can be reinstalled at the Institute as well. Overall upgrading of the ERRA system and to have ERRA fully functional is planned to be implemented by 2017. Every second year there is a Civil Protection Forum taking place in Brussels, and till the end of 2017 the fully functioning and upgraded ERRA system would be ready for a presentation at the CP forum in Brussels.

It has been decided that Mr Massabo with support of the Local Coordinator will have a meeting with MTAES experts and GIS IT experts the Crisis Management Centre at MTAES to discuss technicalities of the ERRA implementation. The meeting took place in the morning of 19 November, 2015, where the next steps and procedures on ERRA installation were clarified.

5. Presentation of the Activity Area D and achievements in 2015

Mr Antonín Petr, Capacity Building key expert presented what has been achieved and implemented within the Activity Area D on Raising Awareness about Disasters in 2015. Main achievement was the short follow-up assessment missions in PCs, however Mr Petr pointed out that due to technical

reasons the assessment team was not able to address this area of Awareness raising about disasters in all six PCs, therefore there was also a questionnaire developed and shared with all PCs.

The questionnaire focused on following areas:

- A. National Communication Strategy/Policy
- B. Existing awareness raising activities at school level
- C. Assessment of PPRD East Journalist Network
- D. Synergies with other actors active in disaster risk management awareness raising activities
- E. National awareness raising campaigns on disaster risk management

Additionally, it was mentioned that the Journalists Network (JN) that has been created during the Phase 1 of the Programme has been assessed and reactivated. The assessment was done through a Journalist Network questionnaire which was distributed to all members of the Phase 1 JN. The questionnaire focused on:

- experience from working with the PPRD East 1
- experience from working in DRR and DRM areas
- experience from development of national and/or PPRD East 1 Communication Strategy/Policy
- willingness to continue working with PPRD East 2
- ideas/proposals for future activities were sought from members of the JN.

There are 5 members of the Journalist Network from Armenia, out of the total 37 members.

Mr Anagnosti informed that one of the principal approaches agreed with the DIPECHO South Caucasus is that whatever methodology is used for Disaster Risk Assessment in the country by the DIPECHO partners working on the community bottom-up level, the same methodology will be employed on a top-down level.

Mr Grigoryan commented that preferably not only the PPRD East 2 team will implement activities during the Phase 2 of PPRD East, but the public awareness activities will be also implemented by the countries locally. He informed that it has been decided during Sendai public awareness session which he chaired – how to attract journalists into the DRR sector. A working group will be created as a result of the 3rd International DRR Conference which will take place in Yerevan that will work for the next 15 years of the Sendai Framework. He suggested to consider all the developments in-line with Sendai and include them in the work plan of the PPRD East 2, such as capacity development of the CP authorities in the public awareness area, and raising awareness of the targeted population groups. He stressed the need to come up with certain plan of activities that are commonly important and prioritized in all the six countries to be motivated working towards these activities and achieve results. He also informed that the development of the national Communication Strategy is almost completed and that it is rather anticipated to have the Programme and EU experts to verify the national strategy and to check if it is really in line with the EU guidelines.

6. Presentation of the Activity Area E and achievements in 2015

Mr Davide Miozzo, Disaster Risk Management expert presented the Activity Area E focusing on the volunteering system in civil protection and DRM. It has been mentioned that MTAES is working on creating of a Registry of volunteer groups for Armenia

Mr Anagnosti informed that the National Coordinators of the PPRD East have been recognized by the DG ECHO as the National training coordinators, which means Mr Yemishyan should verify the registration of the nominated professionals to participate in the exchange of experts.

TL promised to send info on the Exchange of Experts program (financed by DG ECHO) with the details on how many places/quotas allocated to each country. The NPC asked to authorize the Local Coordinator of PPRD East to support with the application arrangements for the Exchange of Experts program.

7. Presentation of the Country Profile document

Mr Elmquist presented the Armenia Civil Protection Profile. He clarified that while the MTAES has number of other functions, but the Country Profile is focusing on the Civil Protection.

Mr Yemishyan clarified that the Ministry of Emergency Situations has been established in 2008, while the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations joint in 2014, so it needs to be reflected in the Country Profile. The Rescue Service does not have the status of state body.

He also clarified that works will be implemented to have a centralized warning/alert system by 2017, but there are local warning systems installed beside the water reservoirs, Armenian Nuclear Power Plant. So, while local systems available, but there's a lack of centralized system to be coordinated by the CMC.

8. Progress made in the adoption of recommendations provided within the PPRD East Programme Phase 1

Mr Davide Miozzo spoke on uptake of the recommendations of the phase 1 of the PPRD program.

Mr Yemishyan outlined the priority areas: motivating people to get involved in volunteering; learning from a model of a European country similar to Armenia. He informed that according to the legislation of Armenia - if a person has no certain specific qualification, he is not allowed to perform rescue works, and only can be involved in such works if there are instructors available to support and coordinate their activities.

Mr Ashot Mnatsakanyan, Seismic Protection Survey, commented that the feedback from the rescue service with regard to seismic situation and risks states that all the issues raised are the same as in Europe; however, the financial constraints hinder the improvement. The most important risk on the country level is earthquake and not the floods, which is why it needs to be addressed more in details in the CP.

Mr Yemishyan informed that while the SEVESO Directive has not been ratified in Armenia yet, the UN Trans-Boundary Disasters Convention has been adopted in Armenia, according to which all the tasks have been distributed between the ministries. Civil protection plan in case of chemical disaster has been approved by the government decree No. 861 from 2011. As to the Floods Directive, the Ministry of Agriculture has been identified as the state responsible body in the area of floods prevention. All the plans of flood prevention are stipulated on the Marz level. At the National level, there are plans for a chemical disaster, a plan for Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) disaster, and in case of earthquake.

Mr Yemishyan stated that the previous DRR strategy was based on the Hyogo FA, now with the new, revised priorities of the Sendai, the National DRR strategy will be revised accordingly to have it ready by the end of 2016, although the Sendai states that the countries should have a strategy by the year 2020.

It has been requested by Mr Miozzo to share even the draft document that has been developed in order to come to correct conclusions on recommendations.

Mr Yemishyan stated that the National DRR Platform is a Foundation in Armenia. The state responsible body for DRR is MTAES, besides, there is the Platform and it's not a standard approach when the state, international and public parties have common discussions at the Platform.

Mr Anagnosti emphasized that the National Platform should have the weight in position to influence the CP system, so it has to be a part of DRM system. In this terms the Armenian Platform is a striking example for PPRD countries.

Mr Ara Barseghyan, Deputy Director, ARNAP Foundation - DRR National Platform, stated that on one hand we say that Platform is working outside of the MTAES system, on the other hand - the members of the Platform Board are deputy ministers from all the ministries. So, the Platform facilitates that the voice of the NGOs and international organisations is heard in the ministries. This is the most valuable mechanism. The recommendation to ensure funding for the Platform is very important, as, otherwise a lot of time is spent on raising funds, instead of working towards DRR.

Mr Levon Azizyan, Hydrometeorology and Monitoring Service, informed that currently out of 47 meteorological monitoring stations only 10 automated, where according to world meteorological organization, mechanical observations should also be in place to verify the accuracy of data. There is serious problem with regard to hydrological data, particularly for floods.

Mr Anagnosti marked that there is a need for thorough Disaster Risk Assessment, and ensured that this message will be passed to EUD in Brussels.

With regard to forest fire issues, Mr Miozzo requested the participants to send him sufficient info in order to make necessary modifications in the CP.

Mr Yemishyan inquired on the status of providing the Mike 11 prediction software. Mr Anagnosti explained that such procurement needs to be justified to the EU, and as soon as MTAES clearly defines the objectives - the purchase request will be sent to the EU to proceed.

Mr Ara Barseghyan suggested adding a law adopted in July 2015 on the Program for 2015-2020 on Seismic Strengthening of public schools. The Law mentions that seismic assessment has been performed in the schools and for 2015-20 some 377 priority schools have been identified. 617 mln USD investment needed. For all the schools the amount needed is more than 1bln.

9. Floods management and approximation to the EU Floods Directive

Mr Massabo presented floods management and approximation to the EU Floods Directive. Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture commented that the Ministry of Agriculture is the authorized body responsible for anti-flooding measures, as recognized by the government decree. Min Agro should be mostly involved in development of risk prevention measures and their implementation. Risk prone zones mapping, risks assessment is more of a Hydrometeorology Service' tasks. The priority measures to be implemented identified jointly with MTAES, and the implementation is a direct responsibility of the Min Agro. The State Committee of Water Economy (SCWE) of Min Agro is directly working on issues related to dams. There is a need to separately present the roles of the SCWE in the CP, as well as to clearly reflect on the role of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The discussion further went on the water basin management plans and the set-up of the relevant responsible Basin Management organizations.

Due to lacking coordination body in the area of floods prevention, the recommendation of Mr Massabo to have one river basin body to be represented by several Ministries that are in charge of flood management at the river basin level was accepted.

Mr Hovhannes Khangeldyan, Head of Crisis Management Centre (CMC), informed about the government decree defining that by the end of 2015 all security systems of dams should be connected to the CMC.

After the end of the official part of the second day of the meeting, the participants stayed and worked bilaterally with the Programme experts in small groups on:

- 1) Including the Ministry of Agriculture into the CP
- 2) Clarifying the responsible organization managing flood risk at river basin level
- 3) Clarifying the timelines of the Road Maps

10. Disaster Risk Assessment

Mr Massabo presented on Disaster Risk Assessment. With regard to hazard and risk mapping, he recommended developing a methodology for risk assessment that should be valid for several hazards. He stated that EU Guidelines for Disaster Risk Assessment is a reference for that; and the desirable functionality in ERRA should be decided jointly.

He also referred to CP Road Map suggesting to amend the National Strategy for DRR in order to include DRA in national policy; the road map can be used as action plan for that.

Mr Yemishyan explained that changes could be introduced only after discussion with the work group, then circulated through the channel of ARNAP before submitting to the government.

11. Disaster Loss Data collection and processing

Mr Massabo presented on Disaster loss data collection and processing. Mr Vlad Avetyan clarified that commissions comprised of local authorities work on loss data collection, after that they present the Act to Min Agro, which consolidates and submits to government for reimbursement. There is no insured property in agricultural sector. Mr Massabo agreed to modify this in the CP.

Mr Yemishayn added that all the ministries also present their loss data. Government decree No. 1562 dated 2011 regulates the set-up of the commissions on community, Marz level. The conclusions of these commissions are considered as legal documents and called "loss assessment of physical and legal entities. The commissions should be comprised of different sector experts.

12. Inclusion of Disaster Risk Reduction in public spending

Mr Petr presented the subject of Inclusion of disaster risk reduction in public spending. In reaction to this presentation, Mr Yemishyan explained that country has no dedicated funds for disasters, so the only resource for that is reserve funds of the state, which can be allocated after government decision. As for the prevention, in case of floods - at first, the most flood prone zones have been studied, then the Ministry of Agriculture presented the results of study to the government, then the government provided the estimated funds. This procedure works since 2005.

T Overall, the national stakeholders agreed that the budget of each ministry does not show the distribution of spending specifically for prevention purposes and separately for elimination of disaster consequences.

13. Host Nation Support

Mr Elmquist presented on Host Nation Support. With regard to TTX to be organized in Armenia, Mr Yemishyan suggested that the facility of the Crisis Management Academy can be used instead of using the operational centre CMC.

Mr Vlad Avetyan suggested to rephrase the statements on functions and responsibilities of the Ministry of Agriculture to reflect their control and regulatory role on the quality of food supply imported as humanitarian aid; he during clarified that during severe earthquakes the Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for regulation of issues regarding the entry and exit of the rescue dogs into/from territory of Armenia. He also informed that currently is under discussion the new draft plan on population protection during severe earthquakes, and it is suggested to include the provision of water supply to the affected population and to those involved in the rescue works as a function of the Ministry of Agriculture jointly with the local authorities.

It has been suggested in addition to the airports to include also the Meghri and Bagratashen land border entry points. Mr Yemishyan clarified that based on the agreement with the Ministry of Defence the use of any other available transport hubs is regulated and can be provided when necessary.

14. Volunteerism in Civil Protection in Armenia

Mr Miozzo presented on Volunteerism in Civil Protection in Armenia. The discussion went on the participation of volunteers in case of emergencies; however, it should imply that volunteer work should be focused on prevention and preparedness as well. The discussion further went on civil protection education in schools.

TL informed that depending on the topic that will be selected to be addressed within the PPRD East - the exchange of experts (in the field of volunteerism) is considered as one of possible activities.

15. Raising awareness about disasters

Mr Petr concluded that the area on raising awareness about disasters is working well in Armenia, which can be proved by a number of events - the international DRR conferences being organized 3

years in a row in Armenia, the activities of the Emergency Channel, provision of trainings, publications, etc.

He mentioned that according to the outcomes of the assessment conducted in July 2015, the national Communication Strategy is currently under development, so in this case the Programme can assist with a provision and sharing of EU knowledge and expertise to this process and to subsequent development of the respective Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy, depending on the state of play.

Mr Nikolai Grigoryan informed that the Strategy will be multilaterally discussed through the DRR Platform and then submitted to government for approval. The parties agreed that when they meet again in December, Mr Grigoryan will present the draft of the national Strategy to give an idea of its scope and vision. He stated that the Action Plan to be developed together with international experts would be more competitive and more bankable, however he pointed out that if it would be developed without the national experts, it may not come into life and work. He also suggested testing crisis communication procedures in parallel with the development of the Communication Strategy, instead of testing it during the TTX2 in July 2017.

16. World Bank initiative - on-spot meeting

As the PPRD team learnt about the new program of the World Bank in the area of DRR/DRM, upon request of the TL, the NPC helped to organize a meeting with the local coordinator of the WB program – Mr Ara Nazinyan, aiming to identify potential synergies between the two programs. The team learnt that this program has been designed upon request of the Armenian government, and includes a component to improve geo-spatial data sharing for disaster risk management; the project is planned to be completed by the end of 2017. The TL, on the other hand, briefly presented the objectives and activities of the PPRD East 2 program. Mr Nazinyan outlined the main areas of WB relevant work, such as capacity building, Sendai framework direction, the school safety program aiming to strengthen resilience of the schools; support to the Ministry of Urban Development to reviewing the building codes and the practice of implementing the codes; understanding the risk financing measures; ensuring more resilient structures to avoid losses. Mr Nazinyan agreed to share the Concept Note of the program. Then, it has been agreed to further seek an opportunity for a meeting with other experts of the WB program, who were based out of Armenia, likely through a Skype conference call.

17. Data and Information sharing and INSPIRE Directive

Mr Massabo presented Data and Information sharing and INSPIRE Directive. Mr Arshavir Avagyan from the Institute of Geological Sciences (IGS) of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS RA) informed that while developing the ERRA, they have followed the requirements of the INSPIRE Directive. The state property management cadaster is not willing to be guided by the requirements of the INSPIRE, and does not make the spatial databases publicly available. So, the question is what kind of data should be included into the geo database.

Mr Massabo responded that since INSPIRE is establishing standards for exchanging data among different institutions, in this case, the data sharing policies need to be established and/or clarified.

Mr Yemishyan commented that the first implementer of the INSPIRE Directive should be the National Institute of Standards CJSC of the Ministry of Economy of Armenia. Then, the IGS of NAS also can be included along with the State Cadaster.

He recommended arranging the CP circulation through the channel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, so that all the Ministries officially receive the document for their study and provide official feedback. How best it can be done procedurally in Armenia is a matter of further discussion.

18. Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)

Further, IGS NAS RA representatives Ms Anna Elbakyan and Mr Alexander Arakelyan presented the ERRA program installed at IGS in 2014, with its hazard layers and possibilities of its tools to assess the probability of occurrence of disasters.

It has been emphasized that while the ERRA is a regional atlas, and is valuable for its methodology, and it is important to develop and upgrade both ERRA's software and content, yet the country should have own risk atlases based on deep studies, which requires tangible investments, as the quality of outcome risk assessment information directly depends on the quality of the input data. It is important to have one unified common methodology for ERRA development on all the levels – country, community, regional, and this approach should be included in the DRR strategy of the country. Generally everyone agreed on Road Map for ERRA.

19. Summarizing the national priorities.

In conclusion, both Mr Grigoryan and Mr Anagnosti thanked the participants for their open, active and constructive contribution to the discussions, analysis of the CP and its Road maps. Mr Grigoryan, additionally expressed his gratitude for the highly professional work of the PPRD East 2 experts done in drafting of the draft CP.

Mr Anagnosti invited the national stakeholders identify and select which of the discussed topics are considered to be the most important, suitable and relevant to address within the PPRD East 2 Programme. Due to limited resources, the priority can be given to up to 3 to 4 topics. For other topics of importance, support can be provided in development of project proposals for obtaining funding from other sources.

Mr Yemishyan informed that with regard to the Host Nation Support the main disaster in Armenia is earthquake. There is a plan describing the entire process and there are sufficient institutional arrangements.

After the detailed discussion, the summarized priorities of Armenia for addressing and implementing within the PPRD East 2 are:

1. Raising awareness about disasters
2. Flood Risk Management and Approximation to the EU Flood Directive
3. Disaster Risk Assessment, ERRA and Disaster Loss Data as three in one

Mr Yemishyan concluded that while volunteerism is a priority for Armenia, this is not an equal priority with the above 3 topics in terms of expectations from the PPRD East 2 Programme.

20. Conclusions and next steps

- EU assists Armenia through 200 various projects amounting to around 1mln. Euro per week
- ERRA trainings should be included on the Road Map recommendations of the CP
- ERRA can be reinstalled at the Institute of Geological Sciences of NAS RA as well
- By the end of 2017 the fully functioning and upgraded ERRA system would be ready for a presentation at the CP forum in Brussels
- Meeting re ERRA installation procedures with the IT specialists of the Crisis Management Centre at MTAES took place in the morning of 19 November, 2015
- All the Programme developments should be considered and implemented in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030 and included in the work plan of the PPRD East 2
- The National Programme Coordinators of the PPRD East 2 have been recognized by the DG ECHO as the National training coordinators
- The most important risk on the country level is earthquake
- The UN trans-boundary disasters convention has been adopted in Armenia
- The Ministry of Agriculture is the designated state responsible body in the area of floods prevention. All the plans for flood prevention are stipulated on the Marz level.
- The National DRR strategy will be revised in-line with Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030 to be ready by the end of 2016

- Need to pass the message to EU in Brussels that there is a need for thorough Disaster Risk Assessment
- As soon as MTAES clearly defines the objectives for using the MIKE 11- the purchase request will be sent to the EU to proceed.
- There is a need to separately present the roles of the SCWE in the CP, as well as to clearly reflect on the role of the Ministry of Agriculture.
- The government decree was issued defining that by the end of 2015 all security systems of dams should be connected to the CMC.
- Disaster Loss Data collection is the task of commissions comprised of local authorities
- The facility of the Crisis Management Academy can be used to host TTX in Armenia
- With regard to the topics selected for addressing during the PPRD East 2 - the exchange of experts is one of possible activities
- The draft National Communication Strategy is in process of development. EU expertise needed to assess and verify the Strategy.
- Programme team needs to meet with the experts of the World Bank initiative.
- Data sharing policies need to be established and/or clarified in Armenia (INSPIRE Directive)
- The first implementer of the INSPIRE Directive should be the National Institute of Standards CJSC of the Ministry of Economy of Armenia
- It is highly recommended to arrange the Country Profile document circulation through the channel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia
- The country need to have own risk atlases based on in-depth studies
- The approach of one unified common methodology for ERRA development at all the levels should be included in the DRR strategy of the country
- The priorities identified for Armenia for addressing within the PPRD East 2 Programme:
 - a) Raising awareness about disasters
 - b) Flood Risk Management and Approximation to the EU Flood Directive
 - c) Disaster Risk Assessment, ERRA and Disaster Loss Data as three in one

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11:00-11:15	Brief Overview of the PPRD East 2 Programme activities and achievements in 2015	Team Leader
11:15-11:45	Presentation of the Activity Area A activities and achievements in 2015	Disaster Loss Data Expert
11:45-12:15	Tour de Table	Plenary
12:15-12:30	Coffee break	
12:30-13:00	Presentation of the Activity Area B activities and achievements in 2015	Civil Protection Key Expert
13:00-13:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
13:30-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-15:00	Presentation of the Activity Area C activities and achievements in 2015	Disaster Loss Data Expert
15:00-15:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
15:30-16:00	Presentation of the Activity Area D activities and achievements in 2015	Capacity Building Key Expert
16:00-16:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
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16:45-17:15	Presentation of the Activity Area E activities and achievements in 2015	Disaster Risk Management Expert Team Leader
17:15-17:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
17:45-18:00	Conclusion of Day 1	Team Leader Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations EU Delegation

Day 2 – 18 November 2015

10:00-10:15	Summary of Day 1 and introduction of Day 2	Team Leader
10:15-10:30	Brief Overview of updated Country Profile – purpose, methodology and outcomes	Team Leader
10:30-11:00	Armenia Civil Protection Profile	Civil Protection Key Expert
11:00-11:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
11:30-11:45	Coffee break	
11:45-12:15	Progress made in the adoption of recommendations provided within the PPRD East Programme Phase 1	Disaster Risk Management Expert
12:15-12:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
12:45-13:15	Flood management and approximation to the EU Floods Directive	Disaster Loss Data Expert
13:15-13:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
13:45-14:45	Lunch	
14:45-15:15	Disaster risk assessment	Disaster Loss Data Expert
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15:45-16:15	Disaster loss data collection and processing	Disaster Loss Data Expert
16:15-16:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
16:45-17:00	Coffee break	
17:00-17:30	Inclusion of disaster risk reduction in public spending	Capacity Building Key Expert
17:30-18:00	Tour de Table	Plenary
18:00-18:30	Conclusion of Day 2	Team Leader Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations EU Delegation

Day 3 – 19 November 2105

10:00-10:15	Summary of Day 2 and introduction of Day 3	Team Leader
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10:45-11:15	Tour de Table	Plenary
11:15-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-12:00	EU approach to volunteerism in civil protection	Disaster Loss Data Expert
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12:30-13:00	Raising awareness about disasters	Capacity Building Key Expert
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14:30-15:00	Data and information sharing and INSPIRE Directive	Disaster Loss Data Expert
15:00-15:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
15:30-16:00	ERRA	Disaster Loss Data Expert
16:00-16:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
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16:45-17:45	Discussion about National Priorities	Plenary
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