



1st PPRD East 2 National Advisory Group Meeting in Belarus

Date: April 16, 2015

Venue: Hotel “Bonhotel”, Minsk, Belarus

The objectives of the 1st meeting of the PPRD East 2 National Advisory Group (NAG) were to familiarize the participants of NAG (list of participants attached, Annex 1) with the purposes, guiding principles, expected results and objectives of the Programme; to review the Programme Work Plan for 2015 to receive the participants' feedback on the presented Programme activities.

The representative of the Delegation of the European Union in Belarus Ms Natallia Stasevich opened the NAG meeting. In the welcoming speech she noted that the Programme provides favourable opportunities for joint work of



representatives of six Partner Countries and international experts in the sphere of civil protection and disaster risk management. In order to receive good Programme results it is very important to receive input from all the Programme stakeholders and partners. Alignment with the EU regulations and the improvement of national legislation are important components of the Programme because it establishes the basis for the future work together.

The Deputy Head of International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Emergency Situations Ms Anna Uss in her speech confirmed positive results achieved in the Phase 1 of the PPRD East Programme and their importance for Belarus and indicated national expectations for the PPRD East 2. Receiving quality advisory and expert support under the Programme activities will be main goals for the MoES. On other hand Belarus would like to share their experience in civil protection and disaster risk management with the EU and EaP countries. Each of the Programme Partner Countries has its own legislation and its own approaches. This fact should be taken into account during the Programme implementation.

The Member of the Permanent Commission on Ecology, Natural Resources Use and the Chernobyl Disaster, Deputy of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus Ms Svetlana Tchekan stressed the importance of the Programme as the platform for teamwork in the field of civil protection for the Eastern Partnership countries and the EU and at the national level.

The PPRD East 2 Team Leader Mr Sergej Anagnosti and Key and Non-Key Experts presented the overall and the annual Work Plan and draft of calendar of events planned for 2015, as well as Programme activities:





Activity Area A:

- A.1 Capacity Building for the Implementation of the EU Floods Directive and for addressing flood prevention.
- A.2 Development and/or further improvement of national risk assessments
- A.3 Provision of support for the improvement of countries' legislative framework and inter-institutional arrangements.

Activity Area B:

- B.1 Capacity building through civil protection trainings and exchange of information, expertise and best practice regarding the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.
- B.2 Capacity building through table-top exercises on Host Nations Support (HNS).
- B.3 Capacity building through full-scale field exercise.

Activity Area C:

- C.1 Further development of the ERRA.
- C.2 Improving national disaster loss data collection and processing.

Activity Area D:

- D.1 Review and Further development and implementation of the Communication Strategy.
- D.2 Collaboration with the EU Delegations and coordination with other disaster risk management initiatives in Partner Countries

Activity Area E:

- E.1 Fostering volunteerism in disaster risk management.
- E.2 Ensuring Programme Visibility.
- E.3 Programme Management.

The Programme thematic topics of flood prevention and approximation to the EU Floods Directive, further development of ERRA, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and civil protection capacity building, the Host Nation Support, alignment of the national legislation according to the EU approaches and best practices, raising awareness, and addressing inclusion of volunteers to disaster response were discussed by the members of NAG and noted as most sensitive of the Programme issues for Belarus. Particularly, new approach of the ERRA development was discussed and should be clarified during the following Programme events (including the ERRA workshop planned for May 2015 in Georgia).





The 1st Belarus NAG PPRD East 2 meeting reached the following decisions:

- 1) The activities of the Programme and the expected results described in the overall and annual Work Plan are reviewed and confirmed as important for implementation in Belarus.
- 2) The next NAG meeting will be held in October-November 2015 in Minsk.
- 3) Belarus will share the national experience in the civil protection and disaster risk management and especially on collecting, processing and sharing disaster loss data with the Partner Countries.
- 4) The NAG has confirmed Belarus' readiness to host the field exercises within the PPRD East 2 Programme.





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