



## **1<sup>st</sup> PPRD East 2 NATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING**

***23th of April 2015***

***Venue: Jazz Hotel, Chisinau, Moldova***

The first meeting of the National Advisory Group (NAG) within the PPRD East 2 Programme was held in Chisinau on April 23, 2015. The group was established to raise the Partner Countries' ownership of the Programme and its activities and thus contribute to the sustainability of the Programme results. The main objective of the NAG is to provide guidance and support to the implementation of the Program in Moldova. NAG members are the representatives of the Governmental institutions, agencies involved in civil protection and disaster risk management as well as representatives of scientific and donor communities.

Mr Barbu, the representative from the Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service (CPESS) and the PPRD East 2 Steering Committee member, officially opened the meeting. He welcomed participants, highlighted the importance of the current Programme for the country, and wished all NAG members to have the productive meeting. Also, Mr Barbu mentioned that the second phase of the Programme includes some modifications comparing to the Phase 1, more training will be organized and some of the participants of today's meeting will take place to these trainings. If during the Phase 1 more civil protection representatives were trained, in the Phase 2 a mixt group of professionals (50 % civil protection representatives and 50 % other relevant institutions) will be selected. In this case the relationships between the institutions/professionals will be straightened. Another important aspect in the Phase 2 will constitute the field exercises. Br Barbu emphasized that during the last year the Crisis Management Centre of the CPESS (CMC) has been established. CMC is composed of 3 components:

- a) Operational room – which is working 24/7 and where operational information is gathered;
- b) Room for Experts – where experts are preparing solutions for the Emergency Situations committee of RM;



c) Political Room – for Ministries and President of the Emergency Situations committee (RM Prime Minister);

All three components were joined together for better management and intervention in case of emergency situations.

Mr Anagnosti, the Programme Team Leader in his opening speech presented the objectives of the NAG 2 meeting in Moldova, and also the members of the consortium. Mr Anagnosti specified that at the end of each presentation the floor will be opened for the Q&A, and he will highly appreciate all the recommendations and comments during the event. The presentation included an overall presentation of the Programme, the guiding principles, PPRD East 2 results and approach. The main thematic topics of the Programme are:

- flood management and approximation to the EU Flood Directive
- disaster risk assessment and Electronic Regional Risk Atlas
- disaster loss data collection and processing
- inclusion of DRR in public spending
- civil protection capacity building including the organisation of the field exercise
- Host Nation Support
- lessons learned concept related to field exercise
- EU volunteerism approach
- awareness raising

Also, Mr Anagnosti presented the activity areas and the planning of the 2014 / 2015 year.

Non-key Expert Mr Luca Molini was the next presenter. He presented the general objectives of the Activity Area A and what it will address; also he highlighted the working plan for each sub-activity:

a) Approximation of partner countries to EU Floods Directive – the directive requires Members States to assess if all water courses and coast lines are at risk from flooding, to map the flood extent and human risks in these areas and to take adequate and coordinate measures to reduce this flood risks. Activities for this component are: capacity building for the implementation of the EU Floods Directive



and addressing flood prevention; update on EU floods Directive adoption in ENPI-EAST region (for the first year); trainings for strengthening the capacities needed for the implementation of EU Floods Directive; development of flood hazards maps and flood risks maps;

- b) Development or further improvement of national risk assessments – Mr Molini specified the sectors that are affected by disasters (population, housing, agriculture, public buildings, critical infrastructures, economy). Upon the finalisation of disaster risk assessment, decision-makers need to take into consideration the hazard and risk prioritization, to leverage resources and to minimize duplication.
- c) Provision of support for the improvement of the countries legislative framework and inter-institutional arrangements (update country profile in the first year and support for recommendations uptake).

**Discussion:**

- Participants showed their interest in using the MIKE FLOOD Software (toolbox for flood modelling), that will be provided during this phase of the Programme (next 6 months) to all the Partner Countries;
- The Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA) needs to be continuously updated and the presented institutions at the event need to come with relevant data's for uploading in the system;
- The Geology and Seismology Institute representatives recommended to include all types of risks that Republic of Moldova is affected into ERRA;
- All data and information in the atlas need to reflect as much as possible the situation in the field.

Mr Elmquist presented the Activity Area B, civil protection part of the Programme: the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, the training program and the methodology for training. Also, Mr Elmquist presented the table top Exercises (TTX1, TTX2) and the calendar of planned events. The request is communicated to organise the TTX in Moldova in newly established CMC.



The following speaker was Mr Phil Langdale, who made a presentation on Host Nation Support. Mr Langdale emphasizes the HNS phases, as well as guiding and supporting documents.

### **Discussions:**

- National legal framework related to receiving humanitarian/emergency assistance from the international community in case of disasters needs to be established. There is also need to be introduced to the best examples of the countries that have already such legal framework.
- In the custom code there is no mention/indications about the facilities and support that the intervention/rescue teams/aids need to receive in order to support their intervention in emergencies situations.
- The relevant legal framework need to be in line with the actual needs and realities.

The next presentation showed the Activity Area C that addressed the further development of the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas and the improving of national disaster loss data collection and processing. Within the disaster loss data component, the following will be assessed:

- a) National drivers for loss data
- b) Methodology of data collection
- c) Methodology of data recording
- d) Model of disaster loss database
- e) Public communication, etc.

During the presentation it was mentioned that a survey will be made for analysing the existing methodology, data base and tools for disaster loss data collection and processing. A disaster loss data toolkit for all Partner Countries will be developed.

### **Discussion:**

- The participants mentioned the necessity to have access to the ERRA System and to adapt the data, correct the errors and to make the necessary changes.
- It was proposed that some information from the online atlas should be shared with the population, and with wide public. For example, investors need to know if the



geographic area where they are planning to invest (in factories, pipelines, roads, railroads, etc.) is prone to disaster risk and to what extent.

The last presentation was dedicated to the Activity Areas D and E – communication strategy, awareness raising campaigns, work with journalists and collaboration with international cooperation initiatives; as well as to fostering volunteerism in disaster risk management and ensuring Programme visibility.

NAG Members were informed about the PPRD East 2 proposed activities. Materials developed to raise the awareness of children are available at the national level and will be further used by CPESS in their public awareness activities. It was also emphasized that is important to establish a culture of “risks”. In this sense it is considered useful and important learning about experiences of other countries. CPESS highlighted the importance of working with media and press officers from other national institutions involved in disaster prevention and civil protection for preparing a national communication strategy covering disaster risk management.

Ms Puscasu, CPESS Press Officer, emphasized the importance of good communication and collaboration with media, and other press channels. In this sense, she stressed the training of journalist as an important aspect and welcomed that component of the Programme.

As for Activity Area E, the development of an Action Plan for creation of national volunteers network according to the good practices in EU was presented as potential activity.

### **Discussions:**

- In Moldova a well-established law that is regulating the volunteers' activity in the Civil Protection field does not exist.

At the end the participants thanked the Programme team for the work executed in the current Programme phase.



## Annex 1: Agenda of the event

### 1<sup>st</sup> PPRD East 2 National Advisory Group Meeting Moldova

April 23, 2015

JAZZ Hotel, Chisinau, Moldova

#### DRAFT AGENDA

9:00-9:30	Registration	
9:30-9:45	Official Opening	Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service EU Delegation
9:45-10:00	Welcome note and introduction	PPRD East 2 Team Leader Plenary
10:00-10:15	Brief Overview of the PPRD East 2 Programme	Team Leader
10:15-10:45	Presentation of the Activity Area A	Flood Risk Management Expert
10:45-11:15	Tour de Table	Plenary
11:15-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-12:00	Presentation of the Activity Area B	Civil Protection Key Expert Host Nation Support Expert
12:00-12:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
12:30-13:00	Presentation of the Activity Area C	Flood Risk Management Expert
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
14:30-15:00	Presentation of the Activity Area D	Information & Media Expert
15:00-15:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
15:30-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45-16:15	Presentation of the Activity Area E	Team Leader
16:15-16:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
16:45-17:00	Next steps	PPRD East 2 Expert Team
17:00-17:30	Closing words and group photo	Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service EU Delegation



**National Advisory group meeting Moldova**

**Date: April 23, 2015**

**Venue: JAZZ Hotel, Chisinau**

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