



2nd National Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting and presentation of draft Country Profile 27 -29 October 2015, Chisinau, Moldova

Meeting Report

1. Brief overview of the PPRD East 2 Programme

The Eastern Partnership Flagship Initiative on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to natural and man-made Disasters (PPRD East) was launched in 2010 by the European Union to strengthen the countries' resilience, preparedness and response in addressing these challenges. With this regional initiative, the European Union provides the six Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) with dedicated assistance to enhance legislative, administrative and operational civil protection capacities as well as increase access to information on risk exposure and involvement of stakeholders.

The PPRD East Programme Phase 2 will be implemented during 2015 – 2018 year and has the approach such as legal approximation and institutional sustainability by sharing expertise and working knowledge, undertaking situation analysis, assisting in drafting national primarily and secondary legislation etc.

2. Welcome note and introduction

The event was officially opened by Mr Sergej Anagnosti, the PPRD East 2 Team Leader, and Mr Ghenadie Barbu, Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service (CPESS) representative with a thank you note for the participants' attendance and cooperation/interest towards the PPRD East programme activities implementation. Mr Sergej Anagnosti highlighted the main topics that will be addressed during the three-day meeting with a focus on Country Profile and Road Map that have been developed. Moreover, for the efficiency of the meeting a short presentation of the Programme and an introduction and approval of the draft agenda have been made. It was particularly highlighted that the Programme's role is providing assistance to national authorities in implementation of the areas that will be selected as the national priorities within the PPRD East 2 Programme, and supporting to identify additional funding related to the implementation of those activities which will be beyond the scope or financial limits of the Programme, while the activities indicated as the priorities in the Road Map within the project will be the responsibility of the relevant institutions.



3. Presentation of the Activity Area A

The general objective of the Activity Area A is to improve institutional and legal framework of Partner Countries on disaster management and prevention and approximation to EU Acquis and best practices. Activity Area A addresses:

- A1: the approximation of Partner Countries to the EU Floods Directive
- A2: development and/or further improvement of national risk assessments
- A3: improvement of Partner Countries' legislative and institutional civil protection/disaster risk management framework

During the meeting the Mr Marco Massabó Disaster Lost Data expert, addressed the main achievements of Activity Area A and the steps that will be undertaken till the end of the Programme. Also, the Disaster Risk Assessment from the draft of the Moldova Country Profile (legal institutional framework, key implementers, and current status of practice, relevant initiatives, and recommendations) has been presented with the defined methodology for collecting and data transmission/reporting through standard records. Moreover an overview of current status of practice regarding the collection of disaster loss data in Moldova was made, the procedure for collecting and recording of loss data with focus on recommendations regarding improvement of legal and institutional framework, developing and adjustment of a unified methodology for assessing economic losses from disaster etc.

4. Presentation of the Activity Area B

The Activity Area B addresses the close cooperation between the Partner Countries and Participating States of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism through regular exchanges of information, expertise and best practices, trainings, table-top exercises (TTX) and a joint regional exercise (regional field exercise and regional TTX).

Mr Michael Elmquist, Civil Protection Key Expert, explained the training program calendar of the Area B for the implemented trainings/exercises etc. and those planned for the following year and till the end of the Programme. Also, an analysis of the Civil Protection of Republic of Moldova have been made highlighting the vulnerabilities, legal basis, organization, tasks, civil military cooperation, international cooperation etc. A special attention was given to the Host National Support in Republic of Moldova, the legal framework and the current status regarding the functionality of the system in MD, also being accentuated the main gaps and recommendations.

5. Presentation of the Activity Area C

The expected results of the Activity Area C are:



- further development of Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA), developed under the PPRD East Programme Phase 1 and put in practical use by Partner Countries; and
- improving national disaster loss data collection and processing in consistency with the European common approach for developing national loss databases and sharing of information.

During the meeting, Mr Marco Massabó explained the functionality and the object of the ERRA, the need of information to be secured so that the information sharing regarding disasters is in line with the results of the Twinning project on the INSPIRE Directive, especially with the wider public to function based on a sharing policy.

6. Presentation of the Activity Area D

The Activity Area D presented by Mr Antonín Petr Capacity Building Key Expert, addresses few aspects, such as: review, development and implementation of Communication strategy (an important focus was given first to the assessment of situation in the Partner Countries); Collaborations with EU Delegations and other international cooperation initiatives; The assessment and re-activation of the Phase 1 Journalist Network and as result was elaborated the update version of the list with contacts details of journalists interested in working with the Programme.

In the frame of Activity Area D implementation progress and the recommendations were provided within the PPRD East Programme Phase 1. According to the evaluations, the recommendations were implemented at a high/medium level. It was also highlighted that only a harmonic effort of CP stakeholders and of legislative bodies will be able to withstand its strict implementation timelines. It is thus important to closely monitor all the system building and policy-making initiatives that are necessary for the achievement of the set goals.

7. Presentation of the Activity Area E

The Area E Mr Davide Miozzo, the PPRD East 2 expert, addresses the issues related to fostering volunteerism in Disaster Risk Management. The important tasks are to improve the national volunteering system and conduct the national campaigns on the promotion of EU approach to volunteerism. During the presentation the expert explained the term of “volunteer” and the importance of volunteering system in case of exceptional situations. Also it was highlighted that a strong volunteering system requires investments not only of financial resources but also good management and time.

8. Raising Awareness about Disasters

One important area presented and discussed during the meeting was the development of the assessment on the raising awareness about disasters. The assessment in Moldova was applied



through a questionnaire survey. The questionnaire was divided in few blocks addressing the following aspects: a) existing national Communication strategies on raising awareness about disasters; b) existing activities in school for children c) experience of national authorities in raising awareness activities; d) national raising awareness campaigns, etc. After the information analysis, a set of issues have been detected and a list of recommendations formulated in order to address these issues, including a Road Map providing series of activities, division of responsibilities and indicative timeframe for their implementation.

The CPESS mentioned that at the moment that they are in process of finalising a draft communication strategy which was developed with the support of UNDP Moldova, and after its approval it will be shared with other institutions. However, it was highlighted by the PPRD East 2 team that the drafted Strategy cannot be understood as the national Communication Strategy, which does not exist in Moldova, because it will cover the CPESS level only. The CPESS confirmed that it will be firstly applied at the service level and after a while depending on the results, the possibility of implementing it at national level will be discussed. The PPRD East 2 team offered its support and assistance in the process of drafting the national level Strategy including development of the Plan of Actions for its implementation.

9. Conclusions and next steps

It was concluded that the draft Country Profile, including the Road Maps for the individual chapters constitutes a substantial work which was very much appreciated by the national stakeholders. The participants were invited to provide in writing any additional questions/comments or recommendations on the Country Profile the Roadmap. It is important to do the closely monitor of all the system building and policy-making initiatives that are necessary for the achievement of the set goals. Moreover, the participants welcomed the idea of a platform with info related to floods available for general public.

The national priorities for their implementation during the PPRD East 2 were discussed, selected and are:

- Flood Risk Management, Disaster Risk Assessment, Disaster Loss Data complemented with ERRA;
- Raising Awareness about Disasters;
- Host Nation Support.

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Draft Agenda

Day 1 – 27 October 2105

9:00-9:30	Registration	
9:30-9:45	Official Opening	Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Moldova EU Delegation
9:45-10:00	Welcome note and introduction of participants	PPRD East 2 Team Leader Plenary
10:00-10:15	Brief Overview of the PPRD East 2 Programme activities and achievements in 2015	Team Leader
10:15-10:45	Presentation of the Activity Area A activities and achievements in 2015	Disaster Loss Data 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 activities and achievements in 2015	Civil Protection Key Expert
12:00-12:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:00	Presentation of the Activity Area C activities and achievements in 2015	Disaster Loss Data Expert
14:00-14:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
14:30-	Presentation of the Activity Area D activities	Capacity Building Key Expert



15:00	and achievements in 2015	
15:00-15:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
15:30-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45-16:15	Presentation of the Activity Area E activities and achievements in 2015	Disaster Risk Management Expert Team Leader
16:15-16:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
16:45-17:00	Conclusion of Day 1	Team Leader Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Moldova EU Delegation

Day 2 – 28 October 2105

9:00-9:15	Summary of Day 1 and introduction of Day 2	Team Leader
9:15-9:30	Brief Overview of updated Country Profile – purpose, methodology and outcomes	Team Leader
9:30-10:00	Moldova Civil Protection Profile	Civil Protection Key Expert
10:00-10:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
10:30-11:00	Progress made in the adoption of recommendations provided within the PPRD East Programme Phase 1	Disaster Risk Management Expert
11:00-11:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
11:30-11:45	Coffee break	
11:45-12:15	Flood management and approximation to the EU Floods Directive	Disaster Loss Data Expert
12:15-12:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
12:45-13:45	Lunch	

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13:45-14:15	Disaster risk assessment	Disaster Loss Data Expert
14:15-14:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
14:45-15:15	Disaster loss data collection and processing	Disaster Loss Data Expert
15:15-15:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
15:45-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-16:30	Inclusion of disaster risk reduction in public spending	Capacity Building Key Expert
16:30-17:00	Tour de Table	Plenary
17:00-17:30	Conclusion of Day 2	Team Leader Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Moldova EU Delegation

Day 3 – 29 October 2105

9:00-9:15	Summary of Day 2 and introduction of Day 3	Team Leader
9:45-10:15	Host Nation Support	Civil Protection Key Expert
10:15-10:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
10:45-11:15	EU approach to volunteerism in civil protection	Disaster Risk Management Expert
11:15-11:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
11:45-12:00	Coffee break	
12:00-12:30	Raising awareness about disasters	Capacity Building Key Expert
12:30-13:00	Tour de Table	Plenary
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	Data and information sharing and INSPIRE Directive	Disaster Loss Data Expert
14:30-	Tour de Table	Plenary

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15:00		
15:00-15:30	ERRA	Disaster Loss Data Expert
15:30-16:00	Tour de Table	Plenary
16:00-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-17:15	Discussion about National Priorities	Plenary
17:15-17:30	Closing words and group photo	Team Leader Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Moldova EU Delegation



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