Policies to reduce climate and natural disaster water-related risks

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1. Introduction

Climate System

Image of a diagram showing the climate system, including changes in the atmosphere, ocean, and land surface, and interactions such as heat exchange and precipitation-evaporation.
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Climate Scenario for the Europe - IPCC?
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What trends of water balance components are in Croatia from the beginning observation?
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Meteorological data:

Zagreb-Grič
1862-2000,
other 23 stations
1951-2000

Average monthly air temperature, precipitation amounts, relative humidity and field capacity of the soil
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Hydrological data:

Sava River: Zagreb i Županja 1931-2000

Average monthly river discharge
25-year moving averages of air temperature for Zagreb-Grič for the period 1862-2000
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Air Temperature:

25-year moving averages of air temperature for 24 weather stations for the 1951-2000
1. Introduction

Precipitation Amounts:

25-year moving averages of annual precipitation amounts for Zagreb-Grič and the period 1862-2000
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Potential Evapotranspiration:

25-year moving averages of potential evapotranspiration for Zagreb-Grič and the period 1862-2000

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Real Evapotranspiration:

25-year moving averages of real evapotranspiration for Zagreb-Grič for the period 1862-2000

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Cumulative Soil Moisture Change:

Cumulative change of difference between 25-moving average of recharge of moisture into the soil and its losses from the soil for Zagreb-Grič and the period 1862-2000

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Surface run-off:

25-year moving averages of surface run-off calculated by Palmer’s procedure for Zagreb-Grič and period 1862-2000
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**River Discharge:**

25-year moving averages of river discharge for the Sava river at Zagreb and for the period 1931-2000

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**River Discharge:**

Comparison of 25-year moving averages of river discharge for the Sava river at Zagreb and Županja for the period 1931-2000
In south Eastern Europe, 80% of disasters events are related to hydro-meteorological hazards and conditions.
2. DRR Projects in SEE

1) 2007 – SEE Disaster Risk Mitigation and Adaptation Programme, the World Bank, WMO and UNISDR

Component 1a: Strengthening of Hydrometeorological Services in South Eastern Europe

Component 1b: Development and upgrading of hydrometeorological information & flood warning/forecasting system in the Sava River Basin
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Report I: Bengt Tammelin, Finish Meteorological Institute

WB- UN/ISDR - WMO project:

1a) Strengthening of Hydrometeorological Services in South Eastern Europe

Target Countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, FYR Macedonia, Moldova and Serbia.

Our message to the governments:

“Strengthening of NMHSs must not be seen as an expenditure, but as an investment”
Joint radar network among the SEE countries and Romania & Hungary reduces significantly the required number of radars compared to country-wise approach.

From national to regional:
38 M€ → 20 M€

Coverage of Romanian and Hungarian radar networks (seen on Internet pages) are given by with dashed and dotted lines.
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Report II: Mihailo Anđelić, Republic Hydrometeorological Institute of Serbia
Jožef Roškar, Environmental Agency of the Republic of Slovenia,

WB- UN/ISDR - WMO project:

1b) Development and upgrading of hydrometeorological information & flood warning/forecasting system in the Sava River Basin

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Real time hydrological stations by the end of 2007

Legend:
Sava - Hydro
Country
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatia
Montenegro
Serbia
Slovenia
The Drina River
The Sava River
The Sava River tributaries
State borders
Sava catchment

Source: SARIB, NMHS’s
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2) March 2009 – **Regional Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction in South Eastern Europe**, EC DG Enlargement, WMO and UNDP

**Activity 1:** “Building Capacity in Disaster Risk Reduction through Regional Cooperation and Collaboration in South East Europe” - UNDP

**Activity 2:** “Regional Cooperation in South Eastern Europe for meteorological, hydrological and climate data management and exchange to support Disaster Risk Reduction” – WMO

**Target countries:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo (as defined by UNSCR 1244) and Turkey
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Regional Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction in South East Europe

Draft National Report
Croatia

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Information collection and report development

Project is guided by the Hyogo Framework for Action

Focus is on natural hazards

Focus is on disaster risk reduction:
“The concept and practice of reducing disaster risks through systematic efforts to analyze and manage the causal factors of disasters, including through reduced exposure to hazards, lessened vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and the environment, and improved preparedness for adverse events.”

Information collection February – May 2010

Review and analysis of various documents, data and information

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Key disaster management laws in Croatia: the Protection and Rescue Law, the Fire-fighting Law, the Fire-protection Law, the Law on Protection from the Natural Disaster

Key disaster management authority – the National Protection and Rescue Directorate

Croatian National Platform for DRR – established in 2009

Main natural hazards affecting Croatia: floods, earthquakes and forest fires

Early Warning System – System 112 – established, fully functional in 2011
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Strategic documents addressing some elements of disaster management:

- Water Management Strategy (2008)
- Strategy of Governments Programmes for 2010-2012 (2009)

Mainstreaming DRR has commenced in education

Extensive regional and international cooperation
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Draft Recommendations – the way forward

HFA priority #1: Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation

Recommendation 1:
To strengthen coordination, strategic planning and management of disaster risk reduction at the national level through modifications of the existing institutional set-up by empowering, i.e. providing authority, accountability and responsibility to one of the existing national entities (the National Protection and Rescue Directorate or the National Platform or the Rescue and Protection Headquarters of the Republic of Croatia) to evolve into a multi-stakeholder national mechanism that serves as an advocate of disaster prevention and disaster risk reduction; provides coordination, analysis and advice on areas of priority; and undertakes strategic DRR planning and management.

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Recommendation 2:
To facilitate and support establishment of mirrored/similar/same mechanisms at the county and local self-government levels through strengthening and reinforcing local capacities, institutions and governance capabilities.

Recommendation 3:
To encourage all existing disaster risk reduction actors in Croatia, e.g. the National Protection and Rescue Directorate, the Meteorological and Hydrological Service, the Republic Seismological Survey, line Ministries and respective public enterprises, the Croatian Red Cross, civil society and business community to work together and invest additional efforts in recognizing and fulfilling existing disaster risk reduction tasks and responsibilities.

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HFA priority #2: Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning

Recommendation 4:
To enhance the early warning system and interoperability of the System 112 through modernization of the continuous and real-time collection and information sharing by expanding the hydrological, meteorological and seismological monitoring networks, establishing integrated fire-protectionsystem and ensuring functional horizontal and vertical links among all disaster risk reduction actors.

Recommendation 5:
To enhance technical and human resources of Meteorological and Hydrological Service in operational monitoring, warning, forecasting and mapping of hydrological and meteorological hazards.
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Recommendation 6:
To further strengthen operational cooperation of the National Protection and Rescue Directorate and the Meteorological and Hydrological Service through joint training and improvements to the standard operating procedures across agencies linked to the different threat levels and lessons learnt from each disaster event.

Recommendation 7:
To enhance investments in climate modeling and forecasting and analysis to support sectoral planning for at-risk sectors.

Recommendation 8:
To increase the awareness of the citizens and media regarding the early warning system and the European Emergency Number 112.
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**HFA priority #3: Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels**

Recommendation 9:
To include the Meteorological and Hydrological Service, the Republic Seismological Survey, other respective line Ministries, the Croatian Red Cross, expert organizations and individuals in the process of mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into national educational curriculum by establishing Curriculum Revision Working Group composed of the representatives from the Ministry for Science, Education and Sport, from the National Protection and Rescue Directorate and from institutions just mentioned.
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**HFA priority #4: Reduce the underlying risk factors**

Recommendation 10:
To develop the disaster risk reduction Strategy and corresponding Implementation/Action Plan as a first mutual step undertaken by the key disaster risk reduction actors, e.g. the National Protection and Rescue Directorate, the Meteorological and Hydrological Service, the Republic Seismological Survey, line Ministries and respective public enterprises, the Croatian Red Cross, civil society and business community toward integration of disaster risk reduction in national operating programming, followed with the implementation of the said Strategy.

Recommendation 11:
To develop national capacities for climate services to support medium and longterm sectoral planning through strong collaboration and cooperation across many ministries and with the Meteorological and Hydrological Service, andthrough enhanced regional cooperation with other South Eastern European and EU countries.

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HFA priority #5: Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels

Recommendation 12:
To proceed with the establishment, in Croatia, of the Centre of Excellence for a training of fire fighters and coordination of response to forest fires in the countries of South Eastern Europe, including the harmonization of the development of fire-fighting brigades in the countries of the region through standardization of equipment and procedures, thus promoting regional cooperation and collaboration in disaster risk reduction in South Eastern Europe.
4. Conclusions

- Follow the Hyogo Framework for Action, national and EU legislative
- Focus on natural hazards, including water-related disaster risk reduction
- Continue to collaborate on World Bank, WMO, UNISDR, EC Projects for South Eastern Europe
- Strengthen capacities and collaboration of water-related institutions as Meteorological and Hydrological Services and Croatian Waters including collaboration with such institutions in SEE and EU
- Use the results of scientific projects like HyMeX
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