UPDATE OF THE MACEDONIAN ACTIVITIES IN LIGHT OF THE UPCOMING SUMMIT ON DRR&CCA

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Macedonian National Platform & Coordination

- **Capacity building** – strengthening the institutional capacity within the General Secretariat of the Government

- **Coordination enhancement** – increasing efforts toward internal, inter institutional coordination and collaboration

- **Political level approach** – stressing the importance of the DRR&CCA vision at all levels in the Macedonian political institutions

- **Public awareness** – promoting public awareness in regard to DRR&CCA
Macedonian DRR&CCA process on the Internet
http://www.macefdrr.gov.mk
Macedonian government invested its own means to buy three firefighting airplanes and 35 firefighting vehicles ... and offered them and all other equipment to the neighboring countries in case of fire disasters.

In 2012 we have had around 344 fires that burned 2.166 hectares, several dead and 14 injuries.

The equipment was very useful...but obviously not enough.

The neighboring countries have successfully used some of the equipment.
Macedonian Army helicopters joint Bulgarian teams to put out the huge forest fire in the country’s northern region of Veliko Turnovo

“Several regional countries joined to help douse fires sparked by high temperatures and dry conditions ... The blazes in Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, Croatia, Montenegro, Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) ... cause a lot of damage, material and human loses ... These countries put on disposal their resources” (SETimes, 03 August 2012)

“The Serbian-Russian Centre for quick response in case of fire, flood and earthquake is open for all countries in the region that have a need for co-operation in order to fight emergencies” (SETimes, 03 August 2012)
Disasters and climate change in an ancient times...

- The Curse of Akkad - Circa 2100 B.C.

"The large fields and acres produced no grain
The flooded fields produced no fish
The watered gardens produced no honey and wine
The heavy clouds did not rain
On its plains where grew fine plants
'lamentation reeds' now grow."

- Quotations from H. Weiss, The Sciences, May/June 1996
What make difference...?

- Disaster risks are almost the same
- Natural treats has never been eliminated or even significantly decreased
- Climate changes are repeating in cycles with centuries

What is the difference?

- The human approach to treats and disasters...
- The level of knowledge in the field...
- The societal attitude toward the natural dangers...
- Holistic and well organized policies...
- The technology progress in favor to prevention and dealing with the consequences...
- And I do hope: UNISR & EFDRR & our common vision for safer future for new generations
COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
EU STRATEGY FOR SUPPORTING DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

PRIORITY AREAS FOR INTERVENTION

- “4.1. Ensure that DRR is a national and local priority with (1) a strong institutional basis for implementation.....(2) effective DRR needs a strong institutional basis, which can be made stronger through e.g. capacity building; .......(3) Capacity building and instruments to ensure that EU will go ‘the last mile’ to benefit the communities and people most at risk - will be vital in this process.

- …Political commitment is key to advancing DRR issues at all levels. The EU will support developing countries taking the lead on DRR and implementing the Hyogo Framework, and will advocate DRR by increasing its visibility and demonstrating its benefits.”
► **Political dialogue on DRR:** The EU will launch a political dialogue on DRR with all developing regions and countries in existing fora ...

► **Support the integration of DRR into developing countries' development policies and planning,** including relevant sectoral policies, climate change adaptation strategies and crosscutting issues.

► **Better integrate DRR into EU policies, support strategies, programmes and projects.**

► **Support the development and implementation of national policy, legal and institutional frameworks for DRR,** including National and Regional Platforms.
Regional Action Plans on DRR: The EU will support the development and implementation of DRR action plans in disaster-prone regions.

Integration of DRR into EU and developing country policies and planning and support for key national DRR investment. The EU will integrate DRR into EU development cooperation, humanitarian response and recovery efforts.

The EU will coordinate its support for key DRR investments already identified and planned for in such national frameworks.

The EU will implement the strategy using the full range of funding instruments at its disposal and in the context of the EU target of raising Official Development Assistance (ODA) to 0.56% of GNP by 2010. (Target reconfirmed in Doha 2008).

Commitments in 2006: €39.95 million, and in 2007: €65.06 million)
**Dubrovnik 2012 – Macedonia’s proposal:**

- We strongly recommend the Governments to strengthen their DRR&CCA institutional capacities on a political and professional level. We encourage the political leaders to establish particular DRR&CCA organizational forms on a highest possible level and to invest in developing human resources in this field.

- We, UNISDR and EFDRR pledge our firm commitment to support the increase of the investments in an equipment necessary for DRR&CCA efficient policy implementation in the developing countries. We will support quality DRR&CCA investment projects within the framework of UN and EU offered financial assistance in this regard and help to make it possible for the EU candidate countries as well.

- We commit ourselves to support sub-regional NP cooperation and regional projects in the SEE and help organization of a regular annual meetings of National coordinators and National HFA Focal Points in the SEE within the SEE Cooperation process that is an ongoing annual event.
Some additional ideas...

- Organization of a public competition for the best chosen doctoral dissertation in the field of DRR&CCA

- Introducing the DRR&CCA academic magazine with an editorial board consisted of prominent professors and leaders in the field

- Organization of an annual academic and scientific conference on DRR&CCA and publishing Annual as an outcome of the conference

- Establishment of a digital library related to DRR&CCA (books, periodicals and video)
Moments to be remembered…
Macedonia 2012

and warnings to be remembered as well…

“There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains…But be on your guard…” The Gospel of Mark 13:7-9