



**Building Resilience to Disasters in
Western Balkans and Turkey**

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“Building Disaster Resilience in Western Balkans and Turkey”

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Overall Objective: To reduce vulnerability of IPA Beneficiaries to natural disasters, in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), and increase their resilience to climate change.

Project purpose: To enhance the capacity of IPA Beneficiaries to address disaster risk reduction in both today's and the future predicted climate.

Beneficiaries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244/99) the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey

Implementing agencies: UNISDR (4 tasks) WMO (4 tasks)

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- **Donor:** EC DG Enlargement – through the Instrument for Pre- Accession Assistance (IPA) under the Regional Multi-Beneficiary Programming 2011-2013: Sector: Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction.
- **Contributions:** 2,200,000 Euro (IPA); 390,000 Euro UNISDR and WMO contributions. Total budget 2,590,000 Euro
- **Implementation timeframe:** 21 May 2012 – 20 May 2014

Preparatory Process

EC Consultation Mechanisms:

- **June 2010-4 Feb 2011:** National IPA Coordinators meetings, including consultations
- **October 2010:** Working group on Environment and DRR endorsement of project fiche priorities

UNISDR with HFA Focal Points:

Discussion with HFA Focal Points of the beneficiary countries:

- **June 2010:** presentation on possibility of collaboration with the EC in the context of the inter-coordination and integration of DRR within the IPA multi-beneficiary 2011-2013 Environment and DRR
- **March 2011:** presentation of the four identified results within the IPA project fiche related to UNISDR at the DPPI SEE Regional Meeting

WMO with NMHSs and project partners:

- **March 2011:** consultation and coordination of the second phase during the final meeting of the DRR/SEE Project (Phase 1)
- Coordination and consultation with the project partners: European Severe Storms Laboratory (ESSL); National Meteorological Administration of Romania; Drought Management Centre (DMC/SEE); Regional Instrument Centre (RIC); SEE Virtual Climate Change Centre (SEEVCCC); EUMETSAT; EUMETNET and ECMWF
- Consultation with the Directors of NMHSs during the sessions of the Informal Conference of the Directors of NMHSs of SEE countries (ICSEED) (sessions in 2010 and 2011).

EC Approval of the Project Fiche 18 July 2011

EC-UNISDR Financial Agreement 21 May 2012

Official Launch and 1st Steering Committee Meeting 31 August 2012 (Zagreb)

The new Project – UNISDR Focus areas



1. Enhance the regional institutional capacity and coordination on to disaster risk reduction and adaptation to climate change.



2. Strengthen the regional capacity and cooperation towards data and knowledge sharing on risks.



3. Promote disaster risk transfer through insurance and reinsurance products.



4. Increase public awareness in disaster risk reduction

Task 1: Enhanced regional institutional capacity and coordination in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures.

- 1.1. Enhanced DRR knowledge: officers who have responsibilities in their institutions on issues related to DRR acquired relevant knowledge in the areas of climate change adaptation and risk reduction through their engagement in an exchange with their peers in EU selected countries.
 - 1.1.1 Organization of peer exchange tour for 2 participants for each IPA beneficiary with selected EU countries.
 - 1.1.2 Development of a final report of the peers' exchange.
- 1.2. Improved institutional DRR capacity and coordination at regional level, as result of participation of IPA beneficiaries to the peers' exchange
 - 1.2.1 Organization of a session in an existing regional meeting (such as DPPI SEE Regional Meetings) to present the outcomes of the peers' exchange and impact on their institutions.

Task 1: implementation at date

- Completed consultation with all 8 beneficiaries through surveys and direct interviews.
 - Identified DRR needs and subject areas vis-à-vis HFA priorities
 - Profiled the officers to attend ExP (at least one senior expert);
 - Identification of the EU host country/host institutions which best comply with the needs identified by the IPA Beneficiaries;
- First exchange Programme took place between Croatia National Protection and Rescue Directorate and the United Kingdom Civil Contingencies Secretariat (4th week May 2013).



Task 1: implementation at date

- “Exchange kit” developed and tailored for each exchange
 - “Information note” to participants (travel tickets; accommodation arrangements; working agenda with agreed specific objectives and training material.
 - Background documents on main topics identified
 - Guidelines for exchange programme/study tour and introduction
 - Application (registration) form
 - Participant’s evaluation form
 - Certification
- Developed a specific assessment format with indicators and measurable outputs to enable ex-post assessment and reporting on efficiency and added value of each DRR focused exchanged between IPA Beneficiaries and EU members.
- Visibility: press release issued following each exchange.

	COUNTRY (WB&Turkey)	HOST COUNTRY/INSTITUTION	WHEN in 2013	SUBJECT AREAS
1	Albania	Italy	July 2013	HFA1: NP HFA 3: school curr, edu. material, public awareness strategy HFA 4: building codes
2	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Netherland	Need to re-schedule	HFA 1: NP and strategy
3	Croatia	UK	May 2013	HFA 2: Risk assessment methodologies – in line with EU Guidelines
4	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Finland	October 2013	HFA 1: NP, where it is a “a gov. body”; implementation of NP and coordination at all levels HFA 2: Risk assessment (as Croatia) HFA 3: Public awareness strategies
5	Montenegro	Portugal	June 2013	HFA 1: NP HFA 3: DRR Tot School curriculum and training systems
6	Serbia	Sweden	September/ October 2013	HFA 1: NP, where it is a “a gov. body”; implementation of NP and coordination at all levels
7	Kosovo*	Spain	July or September 2013	HFA 1: NP and strategy
8	Turkey	Germany	July or September 2013	HFA 2: on implementation level

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

Task 2: Strengthen the regional capacity and cooperation towards data and knowledge sharing on risks. – UNISDR

- 2.1. Enhanced DRR Knowledge sharing capacity: a Knowledge Management System (KMS) consisting of a web-accessible database of national and regional information will be developed and hosted by DPPI SEE.
 - 2.1.1 Development of a KMS consisting of a web-accessible database of national and regional information specific to disaster risk reduction, including regional experts' contacts and resource material. The interface shall be in multiple languages.
 - 2.1.2 Consolidation of relevant information and publication and other content to be included in the KMS taking into account the DRR material developed nationally, regionally and internationally in the last 10 years.
- 2.2. Increased participation in knowledge sharing: development of guidelines on the use of the KMS and capacity building of relevant officers on its use and functions.
 - 2.2.1 Preparation of training guidelines on the use of the KMS to be shared with IPA beneficiaries countries



Task 2: Implementation at date

- Technical assessment on KMS Specifications completed (UNISDR Information Management Unit).
 - Design (user case analysis methodology)
 - Architecture (multi-lingual interface costruction and linkage with PW)
 - Graphic requirements
- Recruitment of the international consultant completed
 - System workplan to be shared with DPPI by first week of June 2013

Task 7: Insurance and reinsurance products for disaster risk transfer are promoted among the IPA beneficiaries in collaboration with the private sector, the World Bank and Europa Re.

- 7.1 Enhanced capacities of beneficiary countries to promote the penetration of insurance products for disaster risk transfer.
 - 7.1.1. Develop a training package (in local languages) for insurance agents that would promote Europa Re insurance products in IPA beneficiaries participating in Europa Re program.
 - 7.1.2. Organization of training sessions for insurers and insurance agents participating in Europa Re programme
- 7.2 Increased public awareness on tools available to mitigate the risk of disasters through insurance products available for homeowners and SMEs.
 - 7.2.1. Design and print out flyers, brochures and other hand-out materials (in local languages) on Europa Re Program and products.
 - 7.2.2 Prepare a promotional video clip in local languages for Europa Re insurance products;
- 7.3 Enhanced disaster insurance visibility through a regional conference on disaster risk transfer options and the services available through Europa Re.
 - 7.3.1 Organize the 2nd Regional Europa Re Insurance Conference dedicated to the launch of Europa Re's operations – in IPA countries



Task 7: Implementation at date

Re-assessment of the planned implementation modality in June-July 2012



Amendment

- Preparation in consultation with the World Bank and Europa Re of the Statement of Work (sow):
 - Definition of the training content and module structure (Insurance Regulators – Ministry of Finance and Insurance Agents)
 - Definition of the technical standards for videos and awareness material
 - Workplan
 - Request for Proposal specifications
- UN wide analysis for procurement suitable options ➡ **UNOPS**
- Procurement completed ➡ **Stellar Re**

Task 7: Implementation at date

- Delivered the First Version of Training Package Content
 - Defined overall content of the training sessions
 - Proposal for Venues of Training Sessions Submitted for Approval
 - Preparatory work
 - Action plan developed
 - Venues identified for the training sessions for the three sessions in Albania, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as SEEC CRIF members and invited Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro representatives as member in the accession phase
 - Estimated participation (300 participants)

Task 8: Increased public awareness on disaster risk reduction.

- 8.1. Enhanced knowledge on DRR among local governmental officers and mayors
 - 8.1.1 Implementation of the "Making Cities Resilient: My City Is Getting Ready" in IPA beneficiaries (support for local launching of the campaign)
 - 8.1.2 Development of brochure, flyers and other communication/visibility material to be published on web social networks and PreventionWeb
 - 8.1.3 Support mayors and LGUs representatives to attend main event on reducing urban risks regionally and internationally.
 - 8.1.4 Organization of a press conference with high level representatives and community representatives on awareness of community based DRR interventions for Western Balkans and Turkey.
- 8.2. Increased knowledge on communication and DRR
 - 8.2.1 Development of a compendium of good practices in urban risk reduction from the experiences of cities in IPA beneficiaries.
 - 8.2.2 Translation of relevant DRR materials into local languages and dissemination.



Task 8: Implementation at date

- Supported five IPA mayors to attend the Global Platform for DRR to enhanced their DRR knowledge and networking capacity:
 - Organization of the Open debate on “*Disaster Risk Reduction measures at the local level in South Eastern Europe*” between IPA mayors/representatives (Lezhe, Sarajevo Centar, Dubrovnik, Cetinje, Pristina and Saint-Pierre-des-Corps (France). Debate moderated by UNISDR Deputy Director.
 - Organization of a press conference back-to-back with the open debate and issued a press released circulated among over 300 journalists in Europa through UNIRIC
- Supported the IPA mayors to sign up and commit to the 10 essentials to make their cities resilient:
 - Sarajevo Centar
 - Lezhe
 - Cetinje
 - Van

Task 8: Implementation at date

- Translated and designed the “Making City Resilient” campaign kit in Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian (underway the translation in Albanian, Macedonian, Montenigrin and Turkish).
- Developed 8 banners to promote community awareness in DRR translated in the language of the IPA Beneficiaries



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