



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

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Purpose of the presentation

- **Highlights on main evaluation findings**

Content of the presentation

- 1. Evaluation framework**
- 2. Highlights on project tasks**
- 3. Evaluation findings for the project as a whole**
- 4. Areas of opportunity for future DRR/CCA interventions**

1. Evaluation framework: Scope

- **Overall objective**: Assessment of **project achievements**
- **Purpose**:
 - Follow-up on interim evaluation
 - Investigate on **project results/outcomes**
 - Look on the project per **evaluation criteria**
 - Identity **areas of opportunity**
- **Time-frame/Methodology**: 3 months/desk review and consultation process

1. Evaluation framework: Context

- Evaluation conducted **before tangible impacts** can be evident
- **Full results** of project activities **NOT measurable** at this stage (especially longer-term outcomes)
- **BUT substantial evidence** on many of **project results** and some expected longer-term goals

2. Highlights - Task 1

Enhanced regional institutional capacity and coordination in DRR and CCA (UNISDR)

- Created ground for **bi-lateral cooperation** (need-driven)
- Alignment with **EU Civil Protection standards** (EFDRR)
- Major impact on **professional networking** and understanding of DRR among **high-level representatives**

2. Highlights - Task 2

Strengthened regional capacity and cooperation towards data and knowledge sharing on risks (UNISDR)

- **Participatory** approach (Beneficiaries and DPPI SEE)
- **Use/access to KMS has high potential**
- Positive impact outlooks, i.e. **high potential for future projects**



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2. Highlights - Task 3

Enhanced regional risk assessment and mapping capacities
through improved capacity in hazard analysis and mapping
(WMO)

- Substantial follow-up with **SEEDRMAP**
- **DARE** reached different levels in target Beneficiaries (according to capabilities + amount of data to be rescued)
- Impact on increased **institutional support** to NMHSs

2. Highlights - Task 4

Enhanced capacities to prepare and deliver accurate and timely warnings for hazardous hydro-meteorological phenomena(WMO)

- **Learning results** largely achieved (*Severe Weather Forecasting, Integrated Flood Management, QMS*)
- Promoted **cooperation** among **DM Authorities** and **NMHSs** (*Integrated Flood Management*)
- Integration of BH in **Meteoalarm** (floods in May 2014)



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2. Highlights - Task 5

Developed capacities needed to support CRM and CCA into national and regional DRR agenda (WMO)

- Addressed NMHSs' capacities to respond to demand for **specific products** for **different sectors**
- **Positive feedback** from participants in training activities and SEE-COF
- Raised attention on the need for **closer dialogue** between **climate experts** and **end-users**

2. Highlights - Task 6

**Developed and promoted a design for a regional MHEWS,
with consideration of the specific needs and situation in the
Beneficiaries (WMO)**

- Team-work at **multi-disciplinary level**
- NMHSs see the importance of harmonized systems and the related **resource use efficiency**
- NMHSs look forward to the **continuation of the work** on the regional MHEWS

2. Highlights - Task 7

Promoted disaster risk transfer products in the Beneficiaries in collaboration with the private sector, the WB, Europa Re and the SEEC CRIF (UNISDR)

- Market-based disaster risk transfer key objective in **national DRR strategies** (incl. legislation)
- Effort to develop **business-oriented actions** (trainings) to create **industry capacities** for market operators
- Log-lasting effort BUT **impact outlooks** are good

2. Highlights - Task 8

Increased public awareness in relation to DRR (UNISDR)

- Promoted **networking** and **exchange of experiences** among Beneficiaries and EU and wider international level
- Contribution to capacity building and dissemination of good practices in **urban risk reduction**
- Reinforced **DRR awareness** of **policy-makers** and **local administrators** (leading to increased focus on shift to DRR).

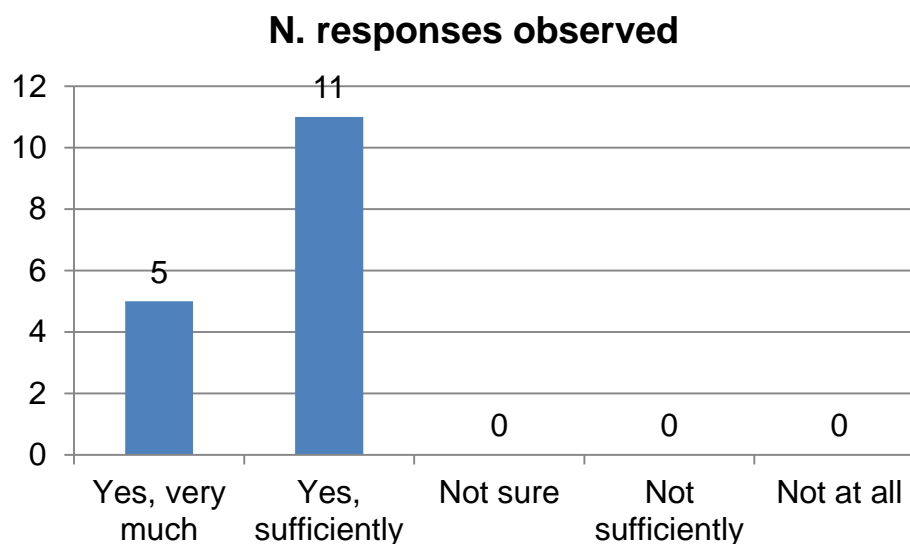
3. Evaluation findings: Relevance

- National risk profiles/**DRR CRM policies** in the Beneficiaries
- Previously implemented **regional initiatives** and major **regional centres/networks** (e.g. DPPI SEE, DMC/SEE, ISRBC)
- Needs assessment to also draw on **existing capacities**
- Coherence with **HFA**
- Approximation to **EU standards** (EU accession assistance)



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Relevance 1): *Were activities consistent with your national efforts in DRR/CRM and did implementation arrangements meet your needs?*



**Average rating
observed**

1,7 = Yes, sufficiently

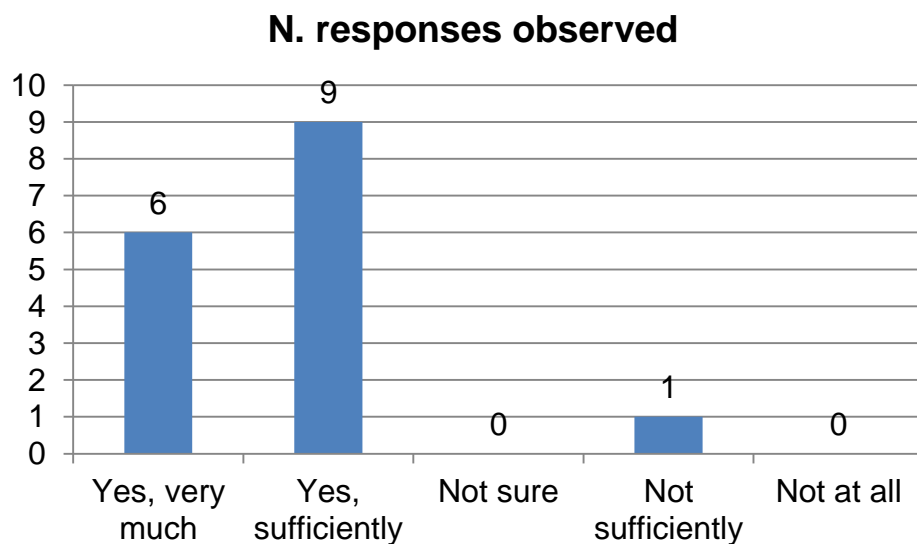
3. Evaluation findings: Efficiency

- UNISDR/WMO coordination + resources + regional partnerships + commitment in Beneficiaries = **project development mostly satisfactory and value for money**
- Good **management** and **governance** arrangements
- Not crucial **delays**
- **Good monitoring** system in place
- **Regular participation** in regional **workshops** with **positive ratings** from audience

3. Evaluation findings: Effectiveness

- Structural **constraints** BUT activities on track towards **outputs/results** and **integration** between project activities
- **Core DRR** issues + **tangible outputs** (*compared to year 1*)
- Results support project purpose = **increased capacities to address DRR/CCA in regional cooperation**
- Increased **focus** at **policy level** on **DRR** and the importance of **NMHSs**
- Most of **indicators met** and **results achieved** to a good extent.
(BUT much depends on future efforts to integrate DRR methods into operations)

Effectiveness 3): *Were project activities appropriately planned to achieve project objectives?*



Average rating observed
1,8 = <i>Yes, sufficiently</i>

3. Evaluation findings: Effectiveness

- **Longer-term goals** to which the project contributed in the view of Beneficiaries (*leading to impact..*):
 - **Institutional capacities** and national **normative framework** (EU standards)
 - **Coordination** and **knowledge exchange** with **neighboring countries**
 - **Financial risk preparedness**
 - Strengthened **hydro-meteorological services** (improved climate data quality and data management systems, specialized forecasts, multi-hazard warnings and integrated management of cross-boundary hazards)
 - **Regional hydro-meteorological network**

3. Evaluation findings: Impact prospects

- Assessing project contribution to **overall objective** closely dependent on concrete measures of change
- Not significant measurements at this stage
- Marginal **qualitative progress in HFA** in SEE (i.e. multi-hazard approach to DRR, legal frameworks for DRR, disaster information at all levels, technical/institutional capacities for DRR)
- Overall **positive impact outlooks**

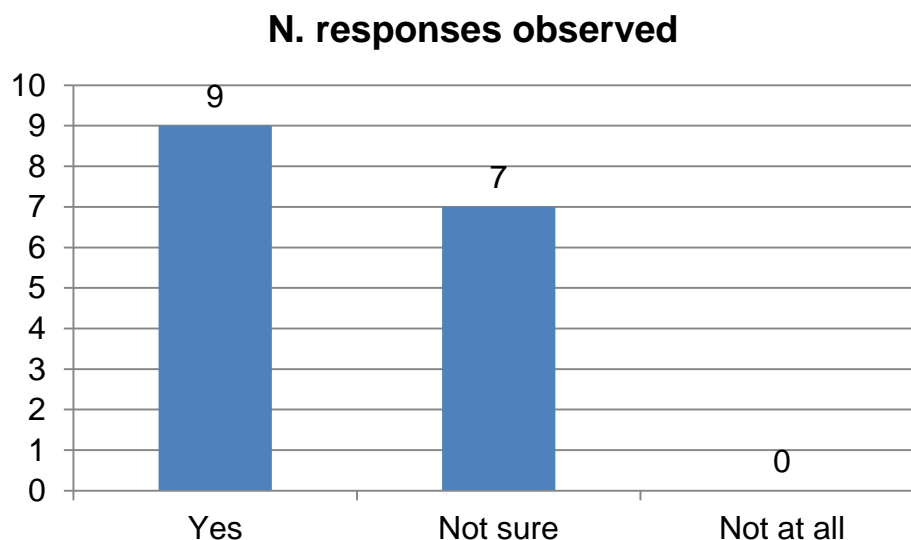
3. Evaluation findings: Impact prospects

- **Main changes to target groups:**
 - Improved understanding of **DRR framework** (policy focus)
 - Increased awareness of the importance of **DRR coordination**
 - Approximation to **EU institutional approaches** in **DRR/CCA**
 - Improved **cross-border** measures for disaster **prevention/preparedness** (harmonized hazard analysis and mapping, hazardous meteorological and hydrological phenomena forecasting and EWSs)
 - Improved **institutional support** to **NMHSs**
 - Increased awareness on **financial risk preparedness**
 - Improved **community-based DRR**

3. Evaluation findings: Sustainability

- Project activities supportive of **national efforts**
- Aim to draw on **existing capacities/resources** to ensure **ownership**
- **Sustainability** adequately incorporated in **project development**
- Project networking reinforced **cooperative links** also at EU level
- Maintenance of project outputs strongly dependent on **institutional support + international assistance**

Sustainability 1) and 2): *Are there plans to continue with project activities and is it realistic to expect institutional support to project services after project end?*





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4. Areas of opportunity

- A. Exchange of expertise with EU MSs**
- B. DRR knowledge exchange (KMS)**
- C. Financial risk preparedness**
- D. Understanding of risks**
- E. Upgraded hydro-meteorological services:**
 - Staff**
 - DARE & innovative approaches to data management**
 - Monitoring network**
 - EWS**
 - Regional/international cooperation**
- F. Inter-institutional dialogue and coordination**
- G. Public risk awareness and education**

**Thank you for your attention and your support in the
evaluation exercise.**

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