

UNISDR-WMO IPA Project «Building Resilience in Western Balkans and Turkey»

Summary of activities implemented by UNISDR

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The project has been strongly driven by beneficiaries' needs and experience and aimed to strengthen existing institutional framework instead of build parallel systems

Background

29 months project

Supported by European Commission-DG Enlargement through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

Focus on Environment and DRR Sector

Overall objective is to contribute to reducing the vulnerability of the SEE by enhancing the regional cooperation and capacity to address DRR in the context of existing risks posed by meteorological and hydrological hazards as well as new risks posed by the changing climate, with focus on:

Building/enhancing regional networking and coordination in DRR;

Strengthening cross-border cooperation in DRM;

Enhancing the regional capacity to supply/exchange data and information in DRR.

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

Synergies

The project builds upon:

previously conducted United Nations Development Programme (“UNDP”)/WMO *“Regional Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction in South-East Europe”*

UNISDR experience with the World Bank (“WB”) and other partners in the South Eastern Europe Disaster Risk Mitigation and Adaptation Programme (SEEDRMAP)

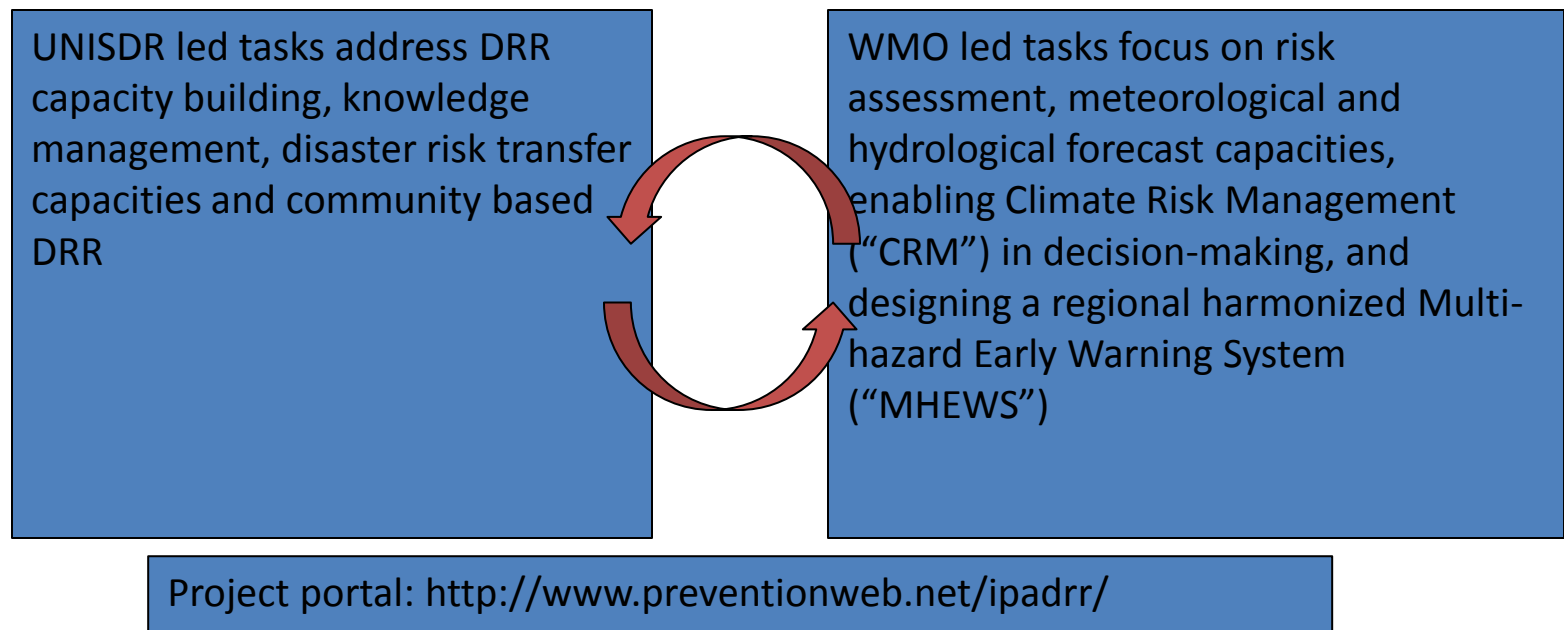
Complements regionally owned DRR initiatives, e.g. Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South-Eastern Europe (“DPPI SEE”),

Benefits from the implementing partnership of other initiatives in the region, e.g. Drought Management Centre for South-Eastern Europe (“DMC/SEE”), International Sava River Basin Commission (“ISRBC”), Romanian Meteorological Administration, Meteorological Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, etc.

Target groups and Project structure

Experts in the national authorities in charge for Disaster Management (“DM”)/DRR and the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (“NMHSs”), insurance markets’ regulators and insurance agents, mayors, community-based DRR organizations and the general public in the Beneficiaries.

The project is divided in 8 integrated tasks under the responsibility of UNISDR and WMO:



UNISDR project tasks

1. Enhance the regional institutional capacity and coordination with respect to DRR and CCA
2. Strengthen the regional capacity and cooperation towards data and knowledge management on risks
7. Promote insurance and reinsurance products for disaster risk transfer in the Beneficiaries
8. Increase public awareness in relation to DRR

Task 1 achievements (Enhance the regional institutional capacity and coordination with respect to DRR and CCA)

16 participants in exchange/study tours from 8 beneficiaries

4 of participants were Director Generals (DG)/deputy DG in beneficiary organizations

25% of total beneficiary participants were woman

Average exchange lasted 4-5 days

	COUNTRY (WB & Turkey)/ INSTITUTION	HOST COUNTRY /INSTITUTION	WHEN in 2013/2014	SUBJECT AREAS	PARTICIPANTS
1	Albania / General Directorate of Civil Emergencies, Ministry of Interior	Italy / Department of Civil protection	8 - 11 July 2013	HFA1 HFA 3 HFA 4	Mr Maximilian Dhima Mr Ertrush Brahja
2	Bosnia and Herzegovina / Ministry of Security	Netherlands / Ministry of Security and Justice	14 -18 July 2013	HFA 1	Ms Jovana Andzelic Ms Ivana Veselic
3	Croatia / National Protection and Rescue Directorate	UK / Civil Contingencies Secretariat (CCS)	27 – 30 May 2013	HFA 2: Risk assessment methodologies – in line with EU Guidelines	Ms Natasa Holzinger Mr Josip Sajko
4	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia / Crisis Management Center	Finland / Ministry of Interior	27 - 31 January 2014	HFA 1 HFA 2: Risk assessment (as Croatia) HFA 3: Public awareness strategies	Mr Urim Vejseli (dep DG) Mr Veli Kadri
5	Montenegro / Directorate for Emergency Situations, Ministry of Interior	Portugal / National Authority for Civil Protection (ANPC)	19 – 22 June 2013	HFA 1 HFA 3	Mr Ljuban Tmusic (DG) Ms Kristina Palajsa
6	Serbia / Sector for Emergency Management, Ministry of Interior	Sweden / Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)	1 – 3 October 2013	HFA NP and coordination at all levels	Mr Predrag Maric (DG) Mr Ivan Baras
7	Kosovo ² / Emergency Management Agency, Ministry of Internal Affairs	Germany / National Platform for DRR (DKKV)	7 – 11 October 2013	HFA 1: NP and strategy	Mr Fadil Kodra (DG) Mr Mustaf Gashi
8	Turkey / Prime Ministry Disaster & Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD)	Italy / Department of Civil protection	26 - 31 January 2014	HFA 2: on implementation level	Mr Eren Demir Mr Murat Beyhan

Task 2 achievements (Strengthen the regional capacity and cooperation towards data and knowledge management on risks)

User Needs Assessment Survey

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Building Resilience to Disasters in
Western Balkans and Turkey

UNISDR-WMO project "Building Resilience to Disasters in the Western Balkans and Turkey" - Task 2

In the framework of the Task 2 of the UNISDR-WMO project "Building resilience to Disasters in the Western Balkans and Turkey" supported by the European Commission, DG Enlargement (IPA II) it is envisaged to strengthen the capabilities in knowledge sharing and information organisation through a web-based Knowledge Management System (KMS) which will be hosted by Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe (DPPI-SEE).

There is a wealth of material produced for Western Balkans and Turkey in Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), and a need to enhance the dissemination capabilities among local, national and international stakeholders which are often not aware of the knowledge products available.

This new web-portal shall host a system in which documents, publications and media material dealing with DRM and CCA can be retrieved using a multi-language interface. This will help the coordination among different stakeholders dealing with DRM / CCA in the region and contribute to avoid duplication of initiatives and studies.

The KMS will be designed with a participatory approach that aims at targeting the content of the portal to the needs and requirements of users. We have prepared a short survey that will help us to reach this goal. Please be informed that your identification will be kept confidential and the answers will be treated statistically.

Kindly complete the survey before the 19th of July. The results will be communicated by the end of July. Thank you in advance for your participation.

1. Name and Surname *

2. Contacts *

(email, phone number)

SEEKMS: AN INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN WESTERN BALKANS AND TURKEY

Knowledge sharing is a crucial part of effective Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation actions. It relies on a smooth flow of information from the local to the national and international levels and a common platform that assures integration between different national languages.

seekKMS - through its multi-language interface for Western Balkans and Turkey - allows knowledge and information sharing using national languages across multiple institutional levels and stakeholders. The result is an increased impact and use of the knowledge produced in Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation for the Western Balkans and Turkey.

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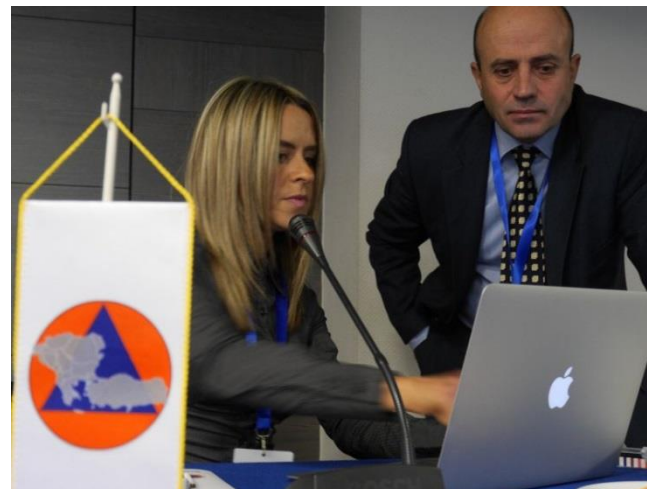
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Task 3 achievements (Promote insurance and reinsurance products for disaster risk transfer in the Beneficiaries)



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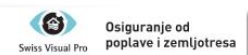


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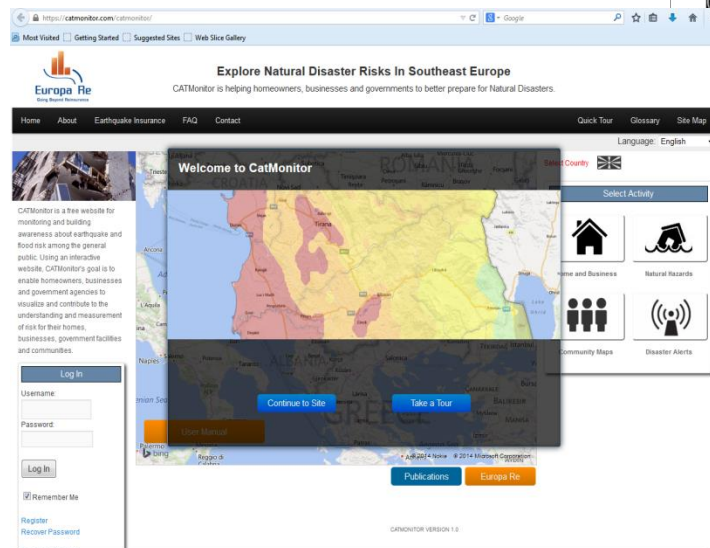


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Project portal: <http://www.preventionweb.net/ipadrr/>

Task 8 achievements (Increase public awareness in relation to DRR)





Povećanje otpornosti gradova

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Expected Outcomes

- Identify key messages for a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA 2) to enhance Local Government leadership
- Exchange experiences on the progress made so far, in the implementation of the 'Ten Essentials' including the challenges and gaps.
- Identify key drivers and barriers for enhancing implementation of DRR at local level
- Discuss and agree on a global plan of action for Making Cities Resilient

Consultation outcomes



Overview of areas of opportunity for further developments

A) Exchange of expertise with relevant institutions in the EU MSs

It has proven to be an effective tools for improving DRR capacity of Beneficiaries. It should be further promoted, specifically targeting institutional framework, leading to development of DRR policy based on prevention measures and taking into account the huge financial loss caused by disasters to support to political decision makers and allow for the political commitment

B) DRR knowledge exchange

Expanding networks and improving communication and information sharing between key regional DRR actors. KMS is a suitable tool however additional efforts would be beneficiary to increase its accessibility.

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C) Financial risk preparedness

Low disaster risk insurance penetration in SEE, as demonstrated by flood event in May 2014 (only 2% of damages covered by insurances).

Governments need to be further supported in developing national financial risk preparedness. Information campaign addressing citizens.

Further cooperation and exchange between insurance companies and governmental agencies is recommended toward a strong Private Public Partnership.

D) Inter-institutional dialogue and coordination

Teamwork among different professional disciplines contributes in addressing the complexity of DRR, particularly when resources are limited. Dialogue between multiple stakeholders helps building a national consensus for reducing disaster risks and contributes to holding governments accountable for their work towards a pro-active disaster risk management. Where appropriate in the course of next regional initiatives, additional emphasis should be put on reinforcing coordination between traditional DRR actors and NMHSs.

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E) Public risk awareness and education

Educating the public on risk/vulnerability reduction is a key step towards further effective risk governance. Increased public understanding of DRR/CCA-related concepts and the responsibilities in addressing DRR upon different stakeholders creates measures of accountability for the actions taken by governments and promotes greater focus from governments on DRR/CCA investments.

Key activities to increase public awareness of disaster prevention shall be further promoted (e.g. public education, providing policy-makers with greater understanding of science, including DRR/CCA in education curricula and training, developing community-based disaster risk management and engaging the media in DRR awareness activities).

Thank you

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