



2014 Floods

Emergency in Serbia

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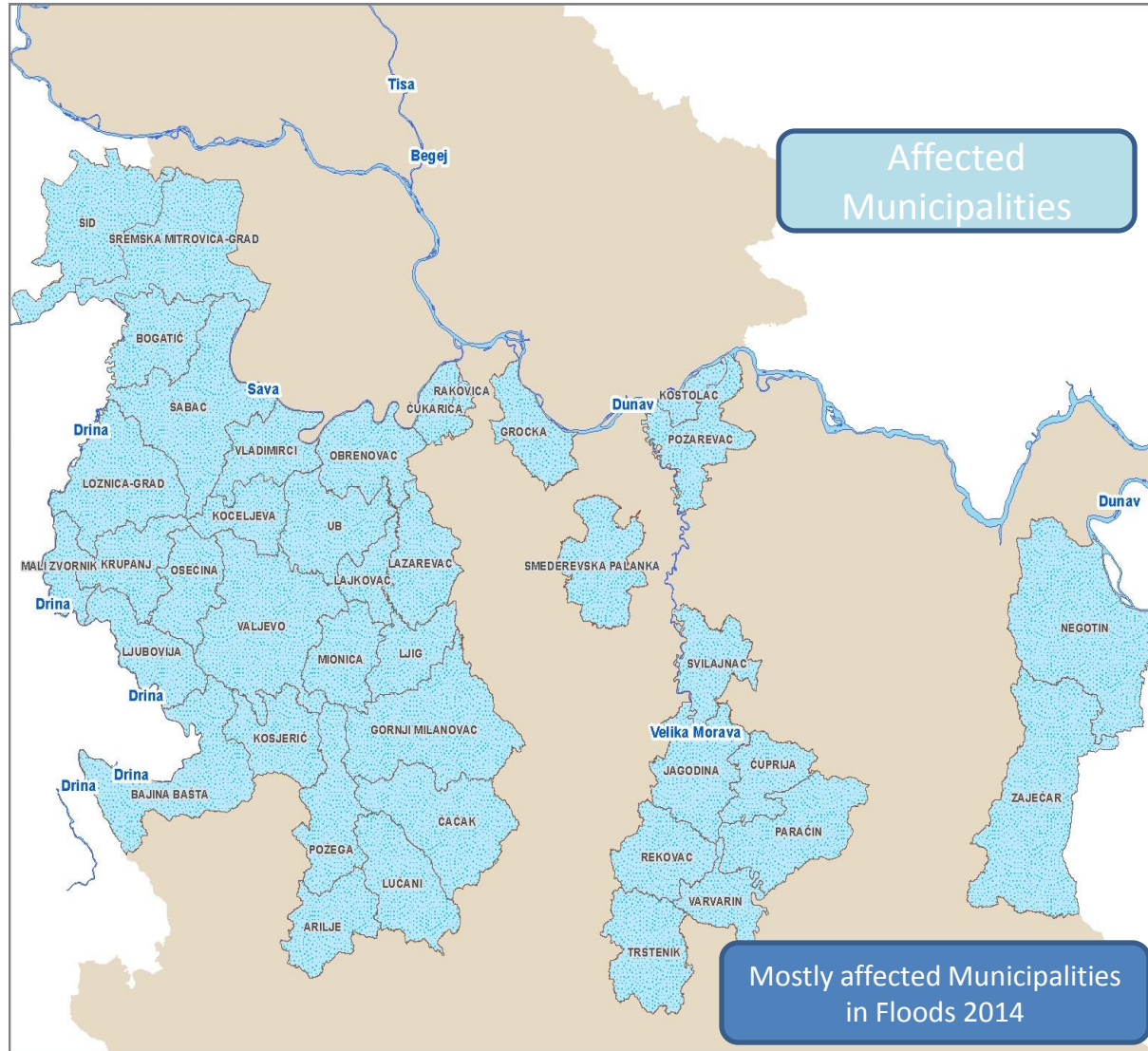
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Republic of Serbia has been affected by the catastrophic floods,
unprecedented in its history.



Following the session of National Emergency Management HQ (NEMH)
Emergency Situation was declared for the whole territory of the Serbia,
on 15 May and lasted until 23 May 2014



40 Municipalities
– 9 cities, and
– 31 municipalities

1,6 million people were
affected

Municipality of Obrenovac,
near Belgrade, was mostly
affected (90% flooded)



Consequences

- 31,879 people were rescued and evacuated with 180.000 in need of assistance
- 485 housing units are completely destroyed by the floods and landslides, 16.200 housing damaged
- Environment
- Economy – mostly affected economic sectors were energy, mining, and agriculture,
- Road infrastructure – roads, bridges and railways
- Health Sector – 74 health facilities, including health posts and clinics, were affected
- Education – total of 35 buildings of educational institutions was severely damaged
- **Losses mount to 1,5 billion Euros**





Republic of Serbia has engaged all available national resources in protection and rescue activities

National Emergency Management HQ, coordinated the work of all government ministries and agencies that were involved in the national response to the disaster.

Emergency activities - Engaged Forces

➤Sector for Emergency Management, MoI

Fire Rescue Units, Specialized Flood Response and USAR Teams, Specialized Civil protection Units

➤General Police Directorate, MoI

Police, Gendarmerie, Special Units, Helicopter Units, Border Police, Traffic Police, and all other services of the Ministry of Interior

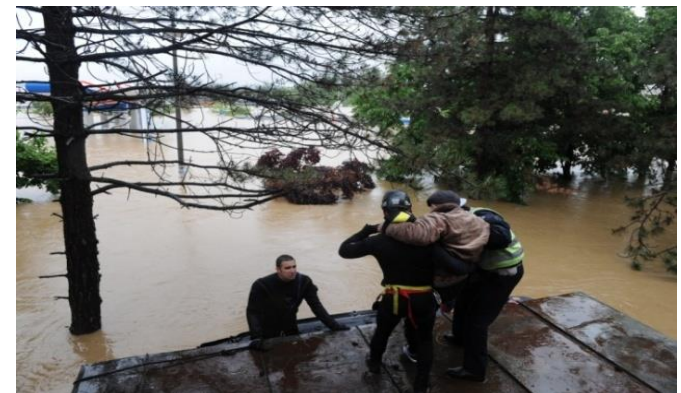
➤Serbian Army

➤Red Cross of Serbia

➤Mountain Rescue Service of Serbia

➤Associations, organizations and companies

➤Volunteers





International Assistance

**On 15 of May
Government of Serbia has requested
international assistance on bilateral level and
through the European Union Civil Protection
Mechanism**

- Flood Rescue Teams
- Helicopters
- High Capacity Water Pumping
- Water Purification Teams

Sector for Emergency Management, Mol, was responsible for the coordination and engagement of the international teams in the affected areas

**Assistance was provided by
14 countries – 22 teams – with 563 members**





International Assistance

EU Civil Protection Mechanism

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Romania
- Slovenia

Bilateral Relations

- Belarus
- Croatia
- Hungary
- Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Russian Federation

Serbia has also received humanitarian aid and financial support from many countries and international organization and private donors





International Assistance

Assistance in facilitating and coordination the engagement and stay of international teams in Serbia as well as assistance in field assessments was provided by EU and UN teams

➤ EUCP Team

➤ UNDAC Team





Lessons learned

These types of disasters are to be expected in the future. For this reason, we believe that it is necessary to invest more to

- Improve prevention
- Improve Early warning
- Strengthen capacities of Protection and Rescue Services
- Further activities on education and raising public awareness
- Strengthen international cooperation





Lessons learned

Further develop international and regional cooperation in order to be as efficient as possible in response to all types of disasters, through

- Bilateral and multilateral agreements
- Regional initiatives
- Joint programmes and projects



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Thank you for your attention

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