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Minutes of DMTP STEERING GROUP MEETING Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, 6th of April 2009

The DMTP (Disaster Management Training Program) Steering Group meeting was held on 6th of April 2009 and it was chaired by Romania as the DMTP Chair for 2009.

Eleven countries from the SEE region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey) were represented at the meeting. Also the meeting was attended by the DPPI international partners and organizations: CADRI, DEMA, UN-ISDR, as well as by the DPPI Secretariat.

After the adoption of the agenda, the following topics were debated:

DMTP Plan for 2009 – updates

The 2009 DMTP Plan was reviewed and countries representatives confirmed the well on-going process for organizing the events and provided updates regarding the exact dates and location. DMTP chair and the DPPI Secretariat should contact the Moldavian POC regarding the APELL seminar, scheduled for the second half of June 2009.

Turkey proposed to organize, at the end of 2009, a disaster medical assistance workshop. The activity will be organized jointly with the Ministry of Health from Turkey. Further information should come soon through DPPI secretariat.

The updated DMTP Plan for 2009 is presented in Annex 1 to the present report.

Report - conclusions of Budva Plenary Meeting regarding the international exercise BUDVA 2009 in Montenegro

The activity was held on 05.02.2009 in the city of Budva and assembled experts from 8 DPPI countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey). The exercise timeframe is 8 – 12 June 2009 and the aim is to create an integrated response to possible natural and technological risks in the South Eastern Europe region.

The exercise scenario consists in five parallel segments, covering the following areas: fire in an open space, traffic accident, search and rescue from ruins, chemical accident and the provision of medical assistance and shelter to affected population. Mr. Zoran Begovic, head of Montenegro's delegation, launched an imperative message to all DPPI countries to positively respond to the invitation of participation.

In this view, all the countries should send to the DPPI Secretariat, within 15 days, a letter of confirmation regarding the participation to the exercise. A final planning meeting will be organized at the end of April.

Also the Montenegro representative presented a new project, PROTEUS, a seminar under the topic of cave rescue techniques. Project PROTEUS is intended to be implemented this year and has full support of Slovenia and Croatia. Montenegro analyzes the possibility to launch the project back – to – back with the Budva exercise.

Report – Basic Hot Fire Training, 15 – 20 March 2009, Ig, Slovenia

The activity was organized by the Administration of Civil Protection and Disaster Relief from Slovenia and supported by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) and 18 participants attended it, from 8 DPPI countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Turkey). Slovenia covered all costs for the course except the travel, which was supported by the DPPI SEE.

The training was implemented as a combined structure of theoretical lectures and practical work given and supervised by licensed teachers and instructors trained by MSB. All participants have confirmed that they gained valuable knowledge in the field of their day – to – day work. The overall feedback was very positive and Slovenia and Croatia stated that the aim of this kind of activities is to focus more on the operational level (team leaders and first responders).

Slovenia intends to organize the above-mentioned training also in 2010.

Further on, Slovenia presented some conclusions on the seminar on Community Civil Protection Mechanism, held in November 2009. The event has been attended by 27 participants (24 from twelve DPPI states and 3 from two non DPPI states) and it echoed positively in the participants' reviews. Hungary highlighted the importance of the topic and the quality of the learning process. Slovenia covered all costs for the course except the travel, which was supported by the DPPI SEE.

Project proposal (DPPI, CADRI, MSB) – *Disaster Risk Reduction in SEE*

Romania together with CADRI representative presented the *Disaster Risk Reduction in SEE Project*, a 2 years project, developed under the aegis of DPPI SEE and supported by CADRI (trio of UN-OCHA, UNDP and ISDR) and Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB).

The project has designed a core group of experts from DPPI states (Croatia, Macedonia and Romania), and the partner organizations CADRI and MSB.

The purpose of the project is to reduce the vulnerability of DPPI countries to natural hazards by developing the capacity of local authorities and actors to reduce risk, while carrying out preventive, response and recovery activities and promoting a coordinated approach in disaster risk reduction, in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action.

The results of the project are:

- 2 training courses on Disaster Risk Reduction that are tailor-made for the needs of the SEE region development, 24 participants each, (Pilot I in 2009 and Pilot II in 2010);
 - 1 Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop with 8 to 10 graduates from the two Pilot Courses, which will form a sustainable pool of facilitators / trainers in the SEE region that has the capacity and the tools to strengthen the commitment given to disaster risk reduction and the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) at regional and at national levels;
 - 1 future delivery-training course to be run exclusively by the DPPI SEE countries, within the DMTP, using the trainers and facilitators from the ToT. This activity is supposed to take place at the end of 2010 or in the beginning of 2011.
- Pilot I will be held in Romania, timeframe 04 – 09 October 2009.
 - Pilot II will be held in Croatia, in the first half of 2010.
 - The Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop will follow shortly the Pilot II. Turkey expressed the willingness to host the event in the second half of 2010.

Target audience – a mixed group of participants, not only from civil protection, but also from civil society organizations (Red Cross, academic institutions, NGOs, etc.) and other organizations with prevention/response planning/early warning functions.

The purpose is to have a heterogeneous group to maximize learning processes and exchange of experience on risk reduction and related professional practices. Since the course will be the point of departure for the selection of future trainers, **an important requirement for participants would be their strong interest and possibly previous experience in training organization, design and/or delivery.**

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia and Turkey have positively appreciated the project.

All countries were encouraged to actively participate in the project and to attend the meeting of the Design Working Group (held after the Regional Meeting), as well as analyze the opportunity to host the future delivery-training course.

A special attention should be given by the countries to the internal selection of attendees for the courses. It is crucial to select those candidates with appropriate skills, who can be involved further on in the training process at national and international level, and will help building the capacities in the field of disaster risk reduction.

In this context, **each DPPI country should propose up to 4 candidates**, who will be carefully selected by the Design Working Group, based on the requirements stated in the Course Description. A preliminary invitation and admin package should be sent at the beginning of May.

DMTP event proposals for 2010

Following the discussions, the draft DMTP Plan for 2010 is presented in Annex 2 to the present report. The countries to be included in the DMTP Plan for 2010 are still analyzing further events.

Countries should send to the DMTP Chair and DPPI Secretariat all their proposals regarding the events for 2010, as well as specific details for each event (timeframe, location, partners, envisaged funds, etc.).

DMTP overview / future expected outcomes

Based on the continuous support of the countries, DPPI SEE has evolved into a regionally owned initiative, so DMTP should be focused on **keeping the same high quality** of the organized events. That implies to promote capacity building, very good cooperation with partners and also to include fund raising for bringing in external / professional expertise.

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