

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION TRAINING COURSE (01-2011) REPORT

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Disaster Risk Reduction Training Course (01-2011) was the Bulgarian contribution to the Disaster Management Training Programme for 2011 of the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe (DPPI SEE) and it was organized by the DPPI, Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI) and Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB). The training was hosted by Chief Directorate Fire Safety and Civil Protection, MoI, Republic of Bulgaria and conducted in Tsarsko Selo Spa Hotel, Sofia.

The DRR Training Course (01-2011) was attended by 16 participants from 9 nations from the region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey) and with facilitation from MSB, CADRI, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia.

The aim of the course, that is part of the Capacity Development for Disaster Risk Reduction in SEE-phase II, was to support the development of disaster risk reduction capacity at all levels within the South East European region governments and organizations in order to improve their ability to better understand and manage the variety of disasters the region faces today.

The one-week course was focused on a holistic approach to reducing risks from disasters specific to the region of South-Eastern Europe. The course provided in depth orientation on disaster risk reduction concepts and guidance, including the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), as well as understanding the key aspects and activities of preparedness, response and recovery. The course built upon participants' existing knowledge base so they can relate disaster risk reduction issues in practical terms to their day-to-day work responsibilities. The course also allowed participants to apply what they have learnt in a group project and presentations at the end of the course. The course also provides an introduction to training skills and group dynamics, which is important for development of their personal skills and a good preparation for the ToT.

After the Course, the Facilitation Team selected two participants for participation on the Training of Trainers which will be held from 04-10 June 2011 in Croatia. Nominees were:

1. Ms. Preslava Lilova, Republic of Bulgaria
2. Ms. Radmila Randjelovic, Republic of Serbia

All nominees after consultations with their sending authorities confirmed their availability to participate in the ToT.

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