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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Sector for Emergency Management

DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME 2015

Seminar on Emergency Response Plans to Disasters

18-20 February 2015, Belgrade, Serbia

EVENT REPORT

1. General information and objective of the event

The event "Seminar on Emergency Response Plans to Disasters" represents Serbia's contribution to the Disaster Management Training Programme (DMTP) for 2015 of the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe (DPPI SEE). The event was hosted by the Republic of Serbia and co-organized by Sector for Emergency Management of the Ministry of Interior.

The aim of the event was the exchange of experiences between DPPI SEE member states about the planning of an organized local authority response to floods, flash floods, and earthquakes. This Seminar was also a place for exchange of views and opinions on the required level of training and equipment necessary for stakeholders and responders to these threats at the local level, including that for regular services for preventive and operational activities, planning and practicing raising the level of preparedness for timely response through deployment of national response capacities and forces.

Target audience included managers and experts of national and local protection and rescue services who are dealing with the development of emergency response plans. The Seminar was organized as a plenary session on the first day and as a workshop on the second day.

Regarding the content of Seminar on Emergency Response Plans to Disasters on the 19th of February 2015 the program included expert lectures and following discussion. Therefore on the first day of the Seminar the presented topics were: *Local Authority Emergency Protection and Rescue Plan*, (legislation, developers, plan contents, plan development, plan structure) delivered by Department for Civil Protection, MoI/SEM, *Experiences from implementation of flood protection and rescue plans in local self-government units*, (competence, operational flood protection plans, forces and resources, example of local authority plan, experiences) delivered by Emergency Management Department in Belgrade, MoI/SEM, *Development of local operational flood protection plans*, delivered by Public water management company „Srbijavode“, *Experiences from implementation of flood protection and rescue plans in local self-government units*, delivered by Emergency Management Departments in Valjevo and Bor, *Training of Local Emergency Management Headquarters for an Effective Emergency Response*, delivered by National Training Center for Emergency Situations.

Presentations were delivered also by representatives of participating DPPI SEE countries. Therefore, Albanian representatives spoke about *Emergency Response Plans to Disasters in Albania*, and Bosnian representatives spoke about *Plans and Disaster Response, problems with landslides after May 2014 floods, and Protection and Rescue system in Bosnia and Herzegovina*. Bulgarian representatives had presentations on *Bulgarian Best Practices in Disaster Protection Planning and on Module for High-Capacity Pumping*, and Croatian representatives presented *National Protection and Rescue Directorate activities in the city of Vukovar during May 2014 floods*.

On 20th of February 2015 according to previously established program a fruitful workshop was organized. Therefore on the second day of the Seminar there was a discussion on *Plan development* (Methodology for plan development - single and for each risk separately; who is establishing the methodology; who is developing the methodology; who is

and educational conditions for plan developers), *Planning of forces and capacities* (different ones - local, national, public and private companies, citizens; are there any duties of private companies; who is setting them out and in what way; are there any benefits - tax advantages for companies and citizens; in what way the participation in protection and rescue operations is being stimulated), *Financing of plan implementation* (Providing of funds for plan implementation; refund for engagement of resources of private companies and private persons according to market prices or only to the costs incurred), and *Control and plan implementation* (Is there any control and assessment of plan elements; who makes it; what are the consequences; who is responsible for plan implementation; responsibility for failure of disaster response).

After these participants shared experiences and lessons learnt in implementation of plans, and facilitators gave their conclusions after short seminar analysis. After this activity and following certificate awarding ceremony the Seminar ended.

2. Lecturers/ instructors

The event was conducted under the management of Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia/ Sector for Emergency Management and facilitated by Mr. Zivko Babovic, Deputy Head of Department for Civil Protection, Mol/ SEM, with expert lectures given by Ms. Sonja Radojkovic, Head of Division for Planning, Operational and Analytical Activities, Department for Civil Protection, Mol/ SEM; Mr. Aleksandar Lazarevic, Head of National training center for emergency situations, Mol/ SEM; Mr. Rade Milosevic, Head of Emergency Management Department in Belgrade, Mol/SEM; Mr. Milan Mihailovic, Head of Emergency Management Department in Valjevo, Mol/SEM; Ms. Martina Egedusevic, Independent engineer, PWMC "Srbijavode"; Mr. Djula Losonc, Red Cross of Serbia.

3. Participants

The event was attended by 22 experts from 8 countries. In addition to majority presence of experts from Serbia who shared their opinions and experiences, the added value of this seminar was a possibility to exchange views with colleagues from the region which in a much higher level raised general knowledge about a given topic and allowed insight into the planning issues and response modes to emergencies in DPPI SEE countries.

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3. Conclusions and recommendations

Some of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar on Emergency Response Plans to Disasters are:

- The local emergency management staff and the staff of the local self-government units must be filled with qualified and professional staff
- Continuous training must be provide
- Staff work space must be filled with the necessary infrastructure (including the system of radio communication)
- The role and importance of operating forces is invaluable, as on professional, so on volunteer base, where they fulfilled their assigned tasks most responsibly. It is necessary to further stimulate them, help them in acquisition of specialized equipment and educate them for every following threat, i.e. earthquake, floods, etc.)
- Implementation of the new, more precise model for predicting the water levels
- Creating new flood charts for this county and implementing them into the planning documents, and use them as base for planning the measures and activities in the planning documents
- Determining and equipping the space for the operating work of the local staff
- Improving the collaboration with the countries in the region to deal with the issues of flood protection (timely information exchange about water levels, water flow, necessary measures, joint exercises etc.)

4. Problems and solutions

All the participants were experts on the topics that were discussed on this Seminar and majority of their suggestions was related to the improvement of local planning of disaster response.. There were no problems or difficulties during the event that could have an effect to its success. Also some of the participants emphasized a need to develop guidelines for better dealing with planning on local level.

5. Opinions of participants

All participants expressed high impressions on fruitful knowledge they gained and excellent organization of this event. A number of comments were with regard to a similar situation in countries of a SEE region.

6. Financial Report

MoI/SEM provided its drivers and vehicles for transfer of participants from the airport to the hotel and vice versa. SEM Staff members - Natasa Strahinjc, inspector, National training center for emergency situations; Nenad Paunovic, inspector, National training center for emergency situations, MoI/ SEM and Dejan Radinovic, inspector, International Cooperation Section, MoI/ SEM – were directly engaged in event management, preparing materials as well as organizing of social activities. All the additional expenses of MoI/SEM were not charged as Serbian contribution to DPPI SEE.

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