



DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME 2015

Comparison of the Legislation on Disaster Management of the DPPI SEE Member Countries

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EVENT REPORT

1. General information and objective of the event

The event "Comparison of the Legislation on Disaster Management of the DPPI SEE Member Countries" represents Turkey'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 Republic of Turkey prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD).

The aim of the event was to encourage the legal experts of the member countries to share knowledge and expertise regarding three topics determined below:

- to point to/ present strong and weak points of their countries' existing legal frameworks
- to mention the regulations governing the areas such as early warning, participation of civil society and communications, environmental management, insurance mechanism, humanitarian aid, human rights, women and vulnerable groups in disasters etc. in the context of disaster risk reduction and response processes
- to estimate if there is a need for an amendment or arrangement of legislation about disaster management due to technical or social developments and national or international requirements.

2. Lecturers/ instructors

The event was conducted under the management of Legal Department of AFAD.

3. Participants

The event was attended by ten (10) experts from six (6) DPPI SEE member countries and supported by ten (10) representatives of AFAD.

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3. Conclusions and recommendations

Country presentations mostly focused on national plans and strategies and their reflection in the legal system. As is known, national policies and legislation in most of the countries are focused on rescue and relief activities. The presentations led to a conclusion that there was a need to shift this approach to prioritizing disaster preparedness and prevention.

Certain presentations motivated the participants to discuss a number of specific topics in more detail, such as legal responsibility of the governments for all phases of disaster management cycle, the insurance mechanisms of countries as an important economic and legal instrument of risk transfer mechanisms or/and participant countries' cases which were brought in front of European Court of Human Rights for an infringement in disaster management area.

One of the weaknesses identified in the countries disaster management legislative frameworks was the lack of financial solutions for which legal basis was largely not in place, which then raised the question of how to solve the issue of national disaster management funding by using legal instruments. The participants agreed that it would be useful to have the subject of funding and related solutions addressed as a key topic under one of the future DPPI SEE events.

4. Problems and solutions

Due to the ongoing refugee crisis in Europe, not all the DPPI SEE countries could participate.

Two of the country presentations contained little or no information relating to the event main topic.

5. Opinions of participants

The participants found the event to have been highly beneficial towards stronger networking.

6. Financial Report

In-country travel, working materials, welcome reception, social dinner, İzmir city Tour, Ephesus –Şirince Tour, coffee breaks and meeting facilities were an-kind contribution of the host country.

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