



**Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Interior
Sector for Emergency Management**

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After the flood that happened in the Republic of Serbia in May 2014, which was the biggest flood in the last 120 years and damaged more than 1.6 million people in 38 municipalities in Central and Western Serbia,

There was a need for the improving of the system, changing the existing Emergency Management Law in systemic solution in the prevention, assessment and risk management, as well as in reconstruction and assistance after disasters.

The new [Disaster Risk and Crisis Management Law](#) will clearly define the tasks, roles and responsibilities of all relevant institutions at local and national level.

- National Disaster Risk Management Program Adopted by the Government in December 2014
- Disaster Risk and Crisis Management Law
- Law on Reconstruction
- Action Plan 2016-2020
- New legislative framework developed with support of EU, UN and WB
- Systemic approach to the DRCM and recovery process: prevention-response-reconstruction
- Key innovations based on global best practices and lessons learned

- By this Law, it will be establish Directorate for Risk and Emergency Management directly responsible to the Pry minister

- Serbia aims to their legislation be fully aligned with Sendai Framework

- **Develop a systemic approach** towards risk management and reduction
- Undertake activities and measures on **strengthening prevention**
- Plan and implement **investments based on** understanding risk
- Ensure the highest possible level of **protection of lives and assets** from new disasters
- **Reduce risk and damages** of natural disasters

- **On 7 March 2016** due to a heavy rainfall and flooding threats an emergency situation has been declared in 17 cities and municipalities in central and western parts of Serbia



- Totally 710 households have been flooded while 170 persons were evacuated from these areas, while around 500 in affected areas are threatened.



- After the session of the National Emergency Management Headquarters on 10 March 2016 the Serbian government declared an emergency situation on the entire territory of the Republic of Serbia due to the flooding occurrence on the territories of 17 cities and municipalities in central and western Serbia.



- This decision was made as a preventive measure to facilitate and speed up the activities of all state authorities and national protection and rescue stakeholders in their effort to save lives, ensure the security of citizens and their property but also the recovery of affected areas.



- Members of the Sector for Emergency Management of the Ministry of Interior together with other relevant state authorities continuously monitor the situation on the ground.
- **Capacities of the Republic of Serbia are sufficient and there is no need for international assistance.**



- National Emergency Management Headquarters on 15 March 2016 made a decision to revoke an emergency situation previously declared on the entire territory of the Republic of Serbia.



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