CIVIL PROTECTION COOPERATION WITH THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES – PHASE II (IPA CP Cooperation Programme II)

DPPI SEE Regional Meeting
Sarajevo, 28 November 2013
BACKGROUND

• South Eastern Europe is exposed to a variety of hazards as witnessed in recent years
  • disasters have caused significant social and economic impact

• the need for regional cooperation in SEE in disaster management and DRR is important and recognized on several high-level events
  • Ministerial conference of the South East Europe Cooperation Process on Disaster Preparedness and Prevention, Sophia, Bulgaria, April 2008
  • Ministerial Meeting on Disaster and Emergency Management of the South-East European Cooperation Process, Antalya, Turkey, May 2010
  • Ministerial Conference on the Harmonization of the Regional Activities in Prevention of the Natural and Man-made Disaster, Belgrade, Serbia, November 2011
  • Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation of the South East European Co-operation Process, Ohrid, FYROM, June 2013
REGIONAL COOPERATION

• several regional cooperation frameworks

• DPPI SEE regionally owned, institutionalized initiative (by the countries, for the countries)
  • Permanent Secretariat
  • Regular meetings on DG and operational level (exchanges of experiences, networking)
  • Comprehensive training programme
EU CIVIL PROTECTION

- cooperation with candidate and potential candidate countries of the WB in the field of civil protection is important – it is the future of the European Civil Protection Mechanism

- countries are immediate EU neighbours and their future lies within the EU

- intensified after 2008
  - first on political level
  - afterwards operationally during emergencies and within the EU projects
  - additional possibilities with the adoption of the new legislation in 2014 (Article 28)
IPA CIVIL PROTECTION COOPERATION PROGRAMME II

- **Contracting authority:** European Commission, DG Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO)

- **Beneficiaries /Partner countries**
  Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as Kosovo*, Turkey

- **Duration**
  5 November 2013 – 4 November 2015

- **Budget**
  1,987,000 EUR

* This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in the line with UNSCR 1244 nad the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.
OBJECTIVES

• **Overall objective:** To reduce risks and the vulnerability of Partner countries to natural and man-made disasters at national and regional levels

• **Purpose:**
  • To increase the ability of the Partner countries to cooperate with the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and relevant EU institutions;
  • To increase the capability of the Partner countries to further develop effective national civil protection / disaster response systems and collaborate regionally.

Snow storm, Montenegro 2012

Floods, Albania 2010
IMPLEMENTING CONSORTIUM

Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief (URSZR)

German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW)

National Protection and Rescue Directorate of the Republic of Croatia (DUZS)

Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)

Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Civil Protection Department (DPC)

Synergies International Consulting s.p.
IMPLEMENTING APPROACH

- Build on **lessons learned** from the first IPA CP Programme

- **Joint programme** of the Consortium and Partner countries - the key of success and best added value achieved
  - we have the general framework, the implementation can be to certain extend tailored to your needs

- **Strong participatory approach** with Partner countries
  - involvement in the management structure (Steering Group)
  - joint planning (Country Specific Meetings, Exercise Planning Meetings)
  - exchange of experience (two way process)
  - trainers, lecturers, support personnel

- **Regional ownership** – in each of the Partner countries at least one event
MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

**CONSORTIUM MEMBERS**
URSZR (SI), DUZS (HR), THW (DE), MSB (SE), DPC (IT), SYNERGIES

**BENEFICIARIES**
AL, BIH, ME, FYROM, RS, TR, Kosovo*

**STEERING GROUP**
Representatives of Beneficiaries(NC/NTC), Consortium Members, COM, RCC, DPPI

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TEAM**
Key Expert 1 & TL
Key Expert 2
Key Expert 3
Key Expert 4
Non key experts

**SUPPORT STAFF**
Consortium Members

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PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

KEY EXPERTS

• **Mr. Branko Dervodel** – team leader (URSZR)
• **Ms. Susanne Wacht** – Senior Training Expert (THW)
• **Mr. Igor Milić** – Senior Exercise Expert (DUZS)
• **Ms. Cvetka Krajic Tomin** – Senior Capacity Building Expert (Synergies)

• Active involvement of **all consortium partners**

• **Partner countries Nominations – Steering Group**
  • National Correspondent
  • National Training Coordinator
  • National Exercise Coordinator (tbd)
PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Component 1

- TRAININGS (at least 5 courses x 20 participants)
- EXCHANGES OF EXPERTS (at least 5 participants from each Partner country)

Component 2

- PLANNING CONFERENCES
- TABLE-TOP EXERCISES
- 2 REGIONAL FIELD EXERCISES (October 2014, June 2015, participants: 3 Partner countries + 2 EU CP Mechanism PS, duration: 3 days (incl. 1 night)
- MECHANISM EXERCISES (participation as observers)

Component 3

- POLICY WORKSHOPS
- TABLE-TOP EXERCISES ON HNS (in each beneficiary country, 10-20 participants, duration: 3 days)
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
COMPONENT 1 – TRAININGS

Objective:
• Provide training opportunity for national experts in preparing for national and international interventions with emphasis on EU Civil Protection Mechanism

Activities:
• organization of at least 5 training courses for 20 participants
• 2 – 4 different topics - logic and rationale of the trainings in the Mechanism Training programme will be respected, adopted to the needs in the region
• synchronization with the field exercises, TTX on HNS, workshops and Exchange of Experts (EoE) Programme

• nomination of Training Coordinators – key persons for selection of prospective suitable participants
COMPONENT 1 – EXCHANGES OF EXPERTS

Objective
• facilitate experts to gain and transfer knowledge

Activities
• a minimum of 5 participants per Partner country
• linked to other activities of the Programme
• “Guidelines for EoE” will be prepared in inception phase and distributed well in advance of actual exchanges to support appointed National Correspondent’s in selection process.

Proposed participant’s profile:
• experts from CP administrations
• experts from operational level (either from CP authorities or CP - related organizations e.g. team leaders)
• experts from scientific / academic / research institutions
COMPONENT 2 – EXERCISES

Objective
• Provide conditions for exercising the **process of requesting international assistance and responding to such a request** after a large scale disaster in the region via the CU CP Mechanism

Activities
• **two regional field exercises (FX)** of **three days each** (incl. one night – excluding travelling time)
• **1 ½ day table-top exercise (TTX)** with command post exercise (CPX) features, immediately before the FX
• participation of min. **3 Partner countries + 2 Mechanism Participating States**
• **two planning conferences** which will be organized back-to-back with other programme events
• **scenarios** - relevant for the region with magnitude big enough to trigger a request for international assistance through the EU CP Mechanism (earthquake the main scenario)
COMPONENT 2 – EXERCISES

• accommodation, catering, sanitary installations, medical provisions (e.g. MEDEVAC), insurance, etc. to be provided
• exercise planning team - representatives of Partner countries and consortium experts

Proposed dates:
• October 2014 (Montenegro)
• June 2015

• VIP and observers programme
• Evaluation workshops organized immediately after the field exercises (fresh impressions and initial lessons)
• Comprehensive lesson learned meetings will be organized after the evaluation report of the exercise has been prepared
COMPONENT 2 – OBSERVERS IN M. EXERCISES

Objective
• Provide learning opportunities for knowledge and experience transfer

Activities
• Based on the EU CP Mechanism exercise plan for 2014 / 2015 the Consortium will discuss with Partner countries and hosting Participating States the possibilities for participation of observers in Mechanism full-scale and modules exercises
COMPONENT 3 – TTX on HNS

Objective
• Increased inter-institutional cooperation at national levels for effective acceptance of international relief

Activities
• **one TTX on HNS of up to 3 days in every Partner country** aiming at enhancing inter-institutional cooperation at national levels
• **10-20 participants**
• link to the **annual national exercises** in the Partner countries
• HNS study from first IPA Programme and EU HNS Guidelines will be taken into account
• synergies with the components 1 and 2
COMPONENT 3 – WORKSHOPS

Objective
• Discuss on high-level the relevant civil protection issues

Activities
• 2 policy related workshops
  • Duration min. one and a half day
  • 2 participants from each Partner country
  • discussion papers will be prepared
• first in September/October 2014 back-to-back to a EU DG Meeting in Italy
• second in September 2015
COMPONENT 3 – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Objective
• Delivery of tailor-made expertise in the area requested

Activities
• possibilities to request for technical assistance
• for the areas requested, the Consortium will deliver tailor-made expertise
• capacity building and increased compliance with EU requirements and practices in the field of CP
COUNTRY SPECIFIC MEETINGS

• we kindly ask to accept our team
• short time frame

Objective:
• to present activities in detail
• countries opportunity to express the needs and expectations – joint planning

Proposed dates
• 29 November – Bosnia and Herzegovina
• 4-5 December 2013 (tbd) – Serbia
• 10-12 December 2013 – Montenegro
• January 2014 (tbd) – Turkey
• January 2014 (tbd) – Albania
• January 2014 (tbd) – FYROM, Kosovo*
• comprehensive programme with several activities

• proper planning key to successful implementation

• the activities are financed from the EU programme

• Draft implementation plan will be prepared in Inception phase by the end of February 2014 and discussed with Partners

• Presentation of detailed plan on Steering Group Meeting in Brussels in February 2014 (8th week)
Thank you for your attention!

We are looking forwards to our cooperation!