



Republic of Serbia
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Sector for Emergency Management

DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME 2015

*International Cooperation in Case of Emergencies-Host Nation Support
20-21 May 2015, Belgrade, Serbia*

EVENT REPORT

1. General information and objective of the event

The seminar „*International Cooperation in Case of Emergencies-Host Nation Support, 20-21 May 2015, Belgrade, Serbia*“ represents Serbian 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 Sector for Emergency Management Ministry of Interior.

The aim of this seminar was to exchange and complement experience gained during the emergency situation in May 2014, when the Republic of Serbia as a recipient of international humanitarian aid, was in a position to provide logistical support for foreign rescue teams, also to organize their deployment to the field and efficient use all their capacities. During the seminar, the DPPI SEE member countries' representatives shared their experiences and best practices towards improving the regional cooperation and the development of procedures for host nation support (HNS).

On the first day of the seminar, presentations were delivered by the host country, i.e. representatives of the Republic of Serbia Sector for Emergency Management, including by the Serbian Red Cross and Serbian Institute of Public Health, who shared their experiences from engagement in the HNS operations during the last year's floods. The second day of the seminar was devoted to other participating countries' experience on HNS and related discussions on key points identified in the country presentations were led accordingly.

2. Lecturers/ instructors

The seminar was conducted under the management of Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia/ Sector for Emergency Management and moderated by Mr. Ivan Baras, Assistant Head of Sector and Mrs. Katarina Jovanovic, Head of International Relations and Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The seminar lectures were delivered by the representatives of the host country (Sector for Emergency Management, Red Cross, the Institute of Public Health of Serbia) and by participating experts from the DPPI SEE focal administrations. Guest speaker at the seminar was a representative of the Italian Civil Protection Department - International Relations Unit.

3. Participants

The event was attended by 20 experts from 9 DPPI SEE member countries.

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3. Conclusions and recommendations

- Define needs with specifications of objects and equipment to avoid inadequate donations and waste of time and money
- Determine authority which will coordinate with international teams in your country
- Assess whether the EUCP team is required
- Maintain constant communication with the country providing the assistance (teams or humanitarian aid) in order to provide adequate information on the possibilities and the specific requirements of the teams that are coming
- Make a detailed plan on HNS in advance
- Maintain good communication with all organizations involved in the process
- Take care of the assisting teams, including the vehicles and equipment
- Provide for consecutive interpreter in order to overcome language barriers
- Provide training for liaison officers, members of the local self-government and the CPP training
- Provide adequate medical support to the assisting teams
- Well-coordinate transit with the Border Police, the Customs

Finally, endeavour at further developing international cooperation networks and strengthening neighbourly relations to facilitate communication and coordination in case of natural disasters.

4. Problems and solutions

All the participants were experts on the topics discussed and majority of their suggestions was related to the improvement of local planning of disaster response. There were no problems or difficulties faced during the event that could affect its success.

6. Financial Report

The host organization provided internal transport for participants and engagement of its staff for the whole duration of the seminar. All other costs were covered from the DPPI SEE budget.