On 8 November 2016 the third National Advisory Group (NAG) meeting was held within the framework of the EU funded Programme for Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters in the Eastern Partnership Countries – PPRD East 2.

The purpose of the meeting was:

- To report to the national stakeholders the accomplishments of the Programme in 2016
- To present, discuss and agree upon the next steps and activities that will be undertaken within the PPRD East 2 Programme in the region and specifically in Ukraine.

Mr. Sergej Anagnosti, PPRD East 2 Team Leader opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and announcing the purpose of the meeting.

Mr Nazar Boryshkevych, National Programme Coordinator, Deputy Head of the Department for European Integration and International Cooperation, State Emergency Service welcomed participants and expressed high appreciation of the level of cooperation with EU within the framework of the Programme PPRD East 2 as the main beneficiary. He emphasized importance and practical use of trainings, table-top exercises and study visits conducted by the Programme for representatives of SES and other ministries and agencies. Mr. Boryshkevych has also informed participants of the meeting about creation of five inter-agency working groups in accordance with priority topics chosen by Ukraine and identified in the work plan for 2016 that was approved at the 2nd Steering Committee Meeting. He pointed out that establishing of the working groups will further foster inter-agency cooperation and approximation of Ukrainian legislation in the sphere of prevention, preparedness and response to natural and man-made disasters to EU Acquis.

Mr. Boryshkevych concluded his speech by expressing appreciation for high efficiency of cooperation with the PPRD East 2 Programme and EU and thanking for their work.

Mr. Jean – François Moret, EU Sector Manager, Energy, Environment, Green Economy, Civil Protection welcomed participants and noted attendance in the meeting of the representatives of a number of ministries, agencies and non-governmental organisations that work in the field of PPRD East 2 Programme objectives, that is one of EU tools to assist Ukraine to get closer to European legislation. Mr. Moret provided overview of other EU initiatives working in the field such of environment and ecology such as APENA Project - “Support to Ukraine in approximation of the EU environmental acquis”, TAIEX Programme which provides support for experts’ exchange visits and DG ECHO salt mine initiative in Slovakia that might be useful for Ukraine too.

The meeting proceeded with participants’ introducing themselves followed by presentation of draft agenda.

Mr. Anagnosti outlined general scope of PPRD East programme, PPRD East 2 Programme results, activity areas - approximation to the EU acquis and best practice, civil protection capacity building programme, further development of the electronic regional risk atlas, awareness raising about disasters,
cross-cutting activities and programme management; its approach, activities and achievements in 2015-
2016. He indicated the number of activities that were carried out by the Programme and the number
of participants who took part in them. Mr. Anagnosti also informed participants about cooperation and
coordination with other EU initiatives and the World Bank and updated about the status of creation and
strengthening working groups in accordance with the work plan for 2016-2018.

He emphasized SES efforts in establishing of all five working groups on selected priority topics and first
meetings conducted by the working groups on disaster risk assessment (DRA), disaster loss data (DLD)
and raising awareness about disasters (RAD)

Thereafter Mr. Anagnosti presented Activity A in more detail. He presented its overall objective that is to
improve institutional and legal framework of Partner Countries (PCs) on disaster management and
prevention and approximation to EU Acquis and EU good practice, activity timeline and expected results
by the end of PPRD East 2 stated as improved legal and institutional framework of PCs on flood risk
management and Reliable, accessible and comparable flood risk information and data developed in
connection with ERRA

With regard to achievements by Ukraine within Activity A Mr. Anagnosti highlighted establishment of the
National working group and development of its action plan and timelines of activities, cooperation and
coordination with APENA Project. He updated participants about implemented or on-going activities and
their expected results for the period of 2016-2018 and encouraged PCs’ representatives to participate at
EU working group Flood. Mr. Anagnosti also suggested that SES becomes an information hub
accumulating all updates on flood risk management and to add the topic of latest developments and legal
changes in the area of flood risk management to the agenda of the next WG meeting.

At tour de table SES representative Mr. Viacheslav Anishchenko informed the participants that
Approximation to EU Flood Directive was approved in October 2016 by the Parliament of Ukraine within
the framework of APENA Project.

Mr. Michael Elmquist, Civil Protection Key Expert, DEMA presented achievements and planned activities
for Activity B on civil protection. He mentioned that four basic training courses, two operational
management courses, one of the two advanced training courses and table-top exercises (TTX) in each of
PCs were conducted up to date. In Ukraine TTX were held in March and focused on the development of
National road map for implementation of Host Nation Support (HNS).

Mr. Elmquist thereafter informed participants about activities to be implemented in the upcoming year –
delivery of the remaining advanced training course and full-scale exercise for all partner countries field
exercise “EU MOLDEX 2017” and by the end of PPRD East 2. He indicated proposed dates for
conducting two planning conferences, field exercise and lessons learnt conference. He also informed
participants about preparation and logistics details for the exercise, emphasizing that firm dates for the
activities will additionally be confirmed after holding all 3rd NAG/CAG meetings in all partner countries.

Mr. Antonín Petr, Capacity Building Key Expert continued presenting Activity B on Host Nation Support
(HNS) and provided summary of main steps such as assessment of situation in the PCs, development of
Country Profile, Road Map on HNS. He presented information about HNS activities which will be
implemented in the period of 2016 – 2018, such as Regional Table-top Exercise (TTX) involving all PCs
simultaneously, development of HNS relevant legal framework and Standard Operating Procedures
(SOPs) for HNS, full-scale field exercise. On this point, he stressed that Ukraine will play role of not only
the Sending Nation but equally also role of Transit Nation as minimum one rescue team will transit
through the territory of Ukraine.

In the achievements part, Mr. Petr pointed out the delivery of two-day HNS TTX in Kyiv in March engaging
representatives of twelve Ministries and agencies and the HNS TTX exercise’s conclusions and
recommendations, appointment of national focal point and establishment of inter-governmental HNS
working group comprised of eight participants. He also informed the participants about the ongoing
activity conducted by SES which is a survey amongst the governmental bodies. The goal of this survey is to collect information for drafting of national Road Map for implementation of HNS. The Road Map is expected to be finalised by the end of 2016.

Representative of MoIA, Ms Olha Yeriomina offered support in conducting the HNS exercise on behalf of the Ministry and reminded participants about reforms taking place in the structure of the institution.

Mr. Anagnosti presented Activity C and its objectives - further development of electronic regional risk atlas and improving national disaster loss data collection and provided the timeline for implementing activities by the end PPRD East 2. He provided an overview of implemented activities andERRA workshop that took place in June 2016 in Ukraine and presented outcomes obtained up till current date: shared understanding of the achievements with the key stakeholders, commitment for the completion of installation of ERRA and for the future installation of the upgraded ERRA, common understanding of the requirements for the upgraded ERRA both from the IT and from the content point of view, commitment from beneficiaries to the roadmap of upgraded ERRA implementation, confirmation of the list of data and platforms to be linked to ERRA (from external and internal sources), improved understanding of metadata and catalogue, improvement and confirmation of the implementation of the Road Maps (definition of next steps).

Thereafter he presented activities to be implemented in 2017 emphasizing that on the basis of the indications gathered at the 2nd regional workshop on ERRA ToR for upgraded ERRA have been developed and is under approval process by EU. He then presented the roadmap for the activities connected with the roadmap for the implementation of the upgraded ERRA for the period till 2018 for the Programme in general and specifically to Ukraine.

At tour de table session representative of the Institute of Mathematical Machines and Systems Problems Mr. Vasyl Begun indicated that in Ukraine there are institutions like the Institute of Aerospace Research that possess technical expertise for placing data in ERRA. He requested to consider that information while announcing the tender and also to provide information about announced tender ahead of time.

Mr. Anagnosti continued presenting Activity C relating to disaster loss date (DLD) and pointing out that four out of six partner countries have chosen DLD as a priority topic. He reminded participants about findings of assessment in the field such as disaster loss data being a highly regulated field in all partner countries, a regional framework for sharing data is in place in some countries (based on CIS methodology), systematic systems for collecting disaster loss data are in place, current regulatory framework limits the possibility to exchange data at European and international level as different standards and classifications are used by PCs. He also reported on Ukraine's progress in the field – establishing interagency working group, holding its first meeting and approving the work plan. Mr. Anagnosti has also elaborated on expected results of working group activities - definition of set of national loss indicators based on JRC DLD Guidance (2015) as well as the Sendai indicators and revision of current legislation and preparation of amendments for enabling the sharing of disaster loss data at EU and International level according to JRC DLD Guidance (2015) and Sendai indicators.

Mr Petr gave presentation on Activity D Awareness Raising about Disasters (RAD). He provided the overview of activities on revision and update of the National Communication Strategy, national awareness raising campaigns on disaster risk management, national media campaigns on disaster risk management, awareness raising in schools, continuation of initiated work with journalists.

As to the achievements, Mr Petr highlighted the organisation of the Regional Workshop on National Communication Strategy (NCS RW), appointment of the national focal point, establishment of the Ukrainian RAD Working and Regional Workshop on Cooperation with Journalists and Communication Experts. Then Mr Petr informed about the first meeting of the national RAD WG which resulted in revision of the WG composition and developing the plan of action for the period till next WG meeting scheduled to take place in the beginning of 2017.
Mr Petr continued his speech by presenting Activity E on Fostering Volunteerism in Disaster Risk Management. Among the achievements, he highlighted the Study Tour on Civil Protection Volunteerism (CPV) to Denmark and Finland, establishment of inter-governmental working group on Civil Protection Volunteerism (CPV WG) and appointment of the national focal point. He also pointed out that Ukraine did not select the date for the first meeting of the CPV WG. He concluded his presentation with informing participants about future regional and national activities for year 2017.

Mr Anagnosti continued presenting Activity E on ensuring project visibility – launching the web-site and page on Facebook, newsletter publication; and programme management – National Coordinators, Steering Committee and third round of NAG/CAG meetings and reporting to EU.

Mr Taras Polishchuk, SES, made a wrap-up presentation about the reforms within the Service in relation to civil protection. Main efforts initiated by SES being engaging volunteers to fire-fighting brigades and introduction of insurance for hazardous enterprises. Among difficulties to reform fire-fighting system Mr Polishchuk indicated gaps in legislation and poor technical base.

Comments and Recommendations:

- To pay more attention for sustainability issue after PPRD East 2 ends
- To consider technical expertise of Ukrainian research institutes for participation in tenders on development of software of risk atlas/passport and data bases
- SES to become an information hub accumulating all updates on flood legislation
- SES to appoint a focal point for preparation to a full-scale exercise
- To better coordinate work with other EU financed initiatives such as TAIEX and APENA

Conclusion of the Meeting

Mr. Boryshkevych thanked EU and PPRD East 2 for the assistance provided to SES within the Project and other initiatives which significantly helps to approximate Ukrainian legislation to EU aqui. He expressed sincere appreciation for support by PPRD East 2 team and experts.

Mr. Moret thanked all participants for their active participation in the meeting and encouraged to contact EU on the matters that are beyond PPRD East 2 scope but require expert or technical assistance.

The meeting ended at 18:00 on 08 November 2016.

Annex A 3rd PPRD East 2 NAG Meeting Agenda
Annex B 3rd PPRD East 2 NAG Meeting List of Participants