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The inaugural meeting of a Disaster Risk Assessment Working Group for Ukraine

Disaster Risk Assessment is a key element of decision and policy-making process. Rather than an activity, it can be viewed as a multi-disciplinary process, allowing for the identification, quantification and understanding of the extent and impacts of the risks a community is facing. It can be performed at different level (from local to national and regional), in a multi-purpose framework (urban planning, spatial planning, emergency planning, etc.) and by a single or multi-risk approach.

The EU-funded Programme on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters in the Eastern Partnership Countries (PPRD East 2 Programme) intends, among its objectives, to provide assistance to the Programme Partner Countries to enhance their national risk assessment methodology and practice. To this end, main references are the work on disaster risk assessment already developed and shared within the PPRD East Programme and the EU Guidelines on Risk Assessment and Mapping for Disaster Management. The PPRD East 2 Programme intends to assist Partner Countries in adjusting national DRA methodology to reflect the EU Guidelines on DRA; to provide training to Partner Countries on how to implement the adjusted methodology, and then to mentor them as they put the theory into practice; and to assist Partner Countries in uploading developed data, information and maps in the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA), developed within the Programme.

The work is mainly organized at national level. In Ukraine, a Working Group on Disaster Risk Assessment has been established with the aim to work on the inclusion of EU DRA Guidelines in the National Action Plan 2015-2020 for Risk Management. Within this framework, the inaugural meeting of the UA DRA Working Group has been organized in Kyiv on 13 July 2016. Representatives of key institutions involved in disaster risk assessment in Ukraine - State Emergency Service, National Academy of Science, Ukrainian Research Institute of Civil Protection, State Water Resources Agency, Ukrainian Hydro-meteorological Institute, Ministry of Infrastructure - participated at the meeting. The current status of the implementation of the National Action Plan to Implement the Risk Management Concept for Man-made Emergencies and Natural Disasters 2015-2020 in the area of Disaster Risk Assessment has been presented, and the next steps necessary for implementation of the part of the Action Plan relative to DRA and adoption of the EU Guidelines for DRA has been discussed and agreed upon.

Background information

The overall objective of the PPRD East 2 Programme is to contribute to the peace, stability, security and prosperity of the Eastern Partner Countries and to protect the environment, the population, the cultural heritage, the resources and the infrastructures of the region by strengthening the countries' resilience, preparedness and response to man-made disasters and disasters caused by natural hazards.

The purposes of the PPRD East 2 Programme are to strengthen disaster risk management capacities at national level in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, to strengthen regional cooperation among Partner Countries, and to bring Partner Countries progressively closer to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

The duration of the Programme: 4 years (December 2014 - November 2018)

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Electronic Regional Risk Atlas: <http://pprdeast2.eu/en/regionalnyy-yelektronnyy-atlas-risk/>



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