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### The Programme's 2016 achievements and future plans presented in Azerbaijan

The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan and other national stakeholders from Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ecology and Natural Resources, Health, Education, National Assembly, State Border Service, State Customs Committee, Republican Seismic Survey Centre and Institute of Geography of Azerbaijan National Academy of Science, Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society and Trend News Agency, and representatives of UNICEF, French Embassy and EU Delegation in Azerbaijan met at the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Advisory Group (NAG) meeting. The meeting, organized within the EU-funded Programme for Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters in the Eastern Partnership Countries (PPRD East 2), took place on 10 November 2016 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The objective of the meeting was twofold – to report to the national stakeholders the accomplishments of the Programme in 2016, and 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 Azerbaijan. Flood risk management, disaster risk assessment, civil protection volunteerism, raising awareness about disasters, and host nation support, complemented with civil protection capacity building, have been specifically addressed and discussed in details. These are thematic topics selected by the national disaster risk management stakeholders at the 2<sup>nd</sup> NAG meeting organised on 1-3 March 2016 to be further addressed within the PPRD East 2 Programme in Azerbaijan.

#### Background information

The EU-funded Programme for Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters in EaP Countries (PPRD East 2) is contributing to the peace, stability, security and prosperity of the Eastern Partner Countries. It is also aimed to protect the environment, population, cultural heritage, resources and infrastructures of the region by strengthening the countries' resilience, preparedness and response to man-made disasters and disasters caused by natural hazards.

The PPRD East 2 Programme facilitates the strengthening of disaster risk management capacities at the national level in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, aims to strengthen regional cooperation among the Partner Countries, and brings Partner Countries progressively closer to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. The Programme will last for 4 years with a budget of €5.5 million.

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