



2nd National Advisory Group Meeting and presentation of draft Country Profile 6-8 October 2015, Kyiv, Ukraine Meeting Report

On 6-8 October 2015 the 2nd 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 present activities and achievements of PPRD East 2 Programme in 2015;
- to present updated draft Country Profile (CP) of Ukraine to national and international stakeholders, receive the participants' feed-back and comments;
- to discuss and agree on national priority areas which will be addressed over the remaining period of the Programme implementation.

1. Official opening

Mr Sergej Anagnosti, PPRD East 2 Team Leader, opened the meeting by welcoming the participant followed by Mr Oleg Melchutskyi, Steering Committee member, Deputy Head, State Emergency Service who welcomed participants and emphasized that Ukraine is confidently moving in the direction of strengthening its cooperation with the European Union. Additionally, he expressed a great appreciation to the EU Member States for their support to Ukraine in the difficult times that the country presently goes through. Mr Melchutskyi stressed that knowledge about European civil protection procedures and practices and the experience of Partner Countries obtained by Ukrainian professionals during trainings, workshops and other activities within the PPRD East 2 Programme equipped them with skills that were used for developing the concept of reform of the unified civil protection system and the reform of the State Emergency Service (SES) of Ukraine. He stated that SES is completely satisfied with the support provided by PPRD East 2 Programme within the framework of cooperation with EU and expressed the hope for the fruitful cooperation to continue in the future. By concluding his speech he thanked the Programme experts for their work.

Mr Jean-François Moret, EU PPRD East 2 Programme Manager, EU Delegation to Ukraine, welcomed the participants and the increased attention of Ukraine to the sector of civil protection. He acknowledged the strong desire of Ukraine to move closer to EU, particularly in civil protection field. He informed the participants that in May 2015 in Brussels, DG ECHO made an offer proposing a statute of associated partnership for the countries neighbouring EU and that the EU is following-up on this proposal for concrete steps to be made in that direction which requires a consultative process with the EU Member States. In 2016, there will be a clear proposal for Ukraine to be more closely associated with the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. In conclusion of his speech Mr Moret thanked the experts of the PPRD East 2 team for developing the CP of Ukraine.

being a very well elaborated and very comprehensive document for the three more years to come. He also acknowledged tremendous efforts of Ukraine to implement certain parts of the *EU Acqui*. He offered the value added in addition to the excellent job that PPRD East 2 team is doing by suggesting a tool-box of instruments for a closer cooperation for approximation to Civil Protection Mechanism. He mentioned the new initiative of DG ECHO with SAWR and Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources that can increase efficiency of cooperation as well.

The meeting proceeded with participants' introducing themselves followed by presentation and approval of draft agenda.

2. Brief overview of the PPRD East 2 Programme activities and achievements in 2015

Mr Anagnosti introduced members of the PPRD East 2 Consortium and provided brief overview of PPRD East 2 Programme, its approach, nine thematic topics – flood management and approximation to the EU Floods Directive, disaster risk assessment, disaster loss data (DLD) collection and processing, Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA), inclusion of disaster risk reduction in public spending, Host Nation Support (HNS), EU approach to volunteerism in civil protection, raising awareness about disasters, data and information sharing and INSPIRE Directive -, activities and achievements in 2015 and the upcoming activities for the period till February 2016. He also pointed out that the topic of approximation to EU Flood Directive was chosen as a priority topic by all 6 Partner Countries and passed the floor to Mr. Roberto Rudari, Disaster Risk Prevention Expert, CIMA.

3. Presentation of the Activity Area A activities and achievements in 2015

Mr Roberto Rudari, Disaster Risk Prevention Senior Expert, outlined general objective for Activity A that is improvement of institutional and legal framework of Partner Countries on disaster management and prevention and approximation to *EU Acqui* and best practices, the focus of the objective, areas that EU Flood Directive covers and its fit into the flood risk management cycle. He provided an update of the activities conducted on adoption of EU Floods Directive in ENPI-EAST Region – assessment missions and regional workshop on EU Floods Directive in Minsk resulting, *inter alia*, in drafting 6 national road maps, 2 sub-regional road maps and 1 regional road map. Mr Rudari highlighted capacity building trainings planned for the next year.

4. Presentation of the Activity Area B activities and achievements in 2015

Mr Michael Elmquist, Civil Protection Key Expert presented Activity B, its training programme – completed and upcoming BAT courses, dates and venues for table-top exercises, advanced training courses and large scale field exercises as well as other activities such as EU Civil Protection Forum in May, 2015 and invitation to observe EU CP exercise SEQUANA 2016.

Mr Elmquist emphasized that the idea of having one TTX focused on HNS in each country had proven its value at the first TTX in Moldova as it brought wide variety of national stakeholders around the table and triggered live discussions between ministries, agencies, and other institutions.

5. Presentation of the Activity Area C activities and achievements in 2015

The floor was turned to Mr Rudari who presented Activity C, its expected results - further development of Electronic Regional Risk Atlases and improving collection and processing of national disaster loss data -, regional workshops on ERRA in Tbilisi and DLD in Chisinau, assessment missions, surveys and developing recommendations as activities for reaching the stated results.

6. Presentation of the Activity Area D activities and achievements in 2015

After short description of the main activities and sub-activities that are planned within the Activity Area D of the Programme framework, Mr Antonín Petr Capacity Building Key Expert continued with presentation of main outcomes achieved during past months. This included mainly short follow-up assessment missions in PCs. However, Mr Petr pointed out that due to technical reasons the assessment team was not able to address this area of awareness raising about disasters in all six PCs, therefore there was also a questionnaire developed and shared with all PCs.

The questionnaire focused on following areas:

- A. National Communication Strategy/Policy
- B. Existing awareness raising activities at school level
- C. Assessment of PPRD East Journalist Network
- D. Synergies with other actors active in disaster risk management awareness raising activities
- E. National awareness raising campaigns on disaster risk management

Another activity conducted within the activity area D was assessment and re-activation of PPRD East Journalist Network (JN) which was developed during Phase 1 of the Programme. It was done through a Journalist Network Questionnaire which was distributed to all members of the Phase 1 JN.

The questionnaire focused on:

- experience from working with the PPRD East 1,
- experience from working in DRR and DRM areas,
- experience from development of national and/or PPRD East 1 Communication Strategy/Policy,
- willingness to continue working with PPRD East 2,
- ideas/proposals for future activities.

7. Presentation of the Activity Area E activities and achievements in 2015

Mr Davide Miozzo presented Activity E and pointed out that the number of topics in that area are crosscutting in Partner Countries. The topic of volunteerism is regulated by national legislations that slightly differ for each partner country e.g. definition of volunteerism, provision of insurance for volunteers or volunteer organizations. Mr Miozzo provided European examples of the role of volunteers in civil protection and the savings for public budgets by engaging volunteers versus professionals where appropriate.

8. Brief overview of updated Country Profile

Draft Country Profile was presented to participants by the experts of PPRD East 2 Programme. Presentations for all Activity areas of Programme interventions were structured providing overall and legal context of the country, recommendations and road maps for future actions indicating agencies bearing responsibility and timelines for their implementation.

9. Ukraine Civil Protection profile

Mr Elmquist presented updated information on overall system of civil protection in Ukraine, general country information and early warning system in particular. He emphasized that the available statistics indicates that the number of emergencies since 1999 was decreasing.

Participants' comments to the chapter pointed out that the statistics used does not reflect actual situation given that the classifier for emergencies changed twice since that time and in reality the number of emergencies increased as well as related expenses. It was also indicated that the list of

vulnerability cases should be expanded and that existing early warning system in Ukraine does not fulfil the tasks it was assigned for.

10. Progress made in the adoption of recommendations provided within the PPRD East Programme Phase 1

The overall participants' comment with regard to Progress made in the adoption of recommendations provided within the PPRD East Programme Phase 1 chapter was that most of planned activities were already implemented.

11. Flood management and approximation to the EU Floods Directive

The sum-up of participants' comments for approximation to EU Flood Directive chapter was to foster the use of ERRRA for general public and institutional stakeholders, to validate responsibilities of implementing agencies and the dates indicated in the road map. Mr Petro Kropotov, Country Thematic Focal Point, said that SES can address the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to make implementing agencies more functional and that the dates on the road map would be adjusted after consultations with other stakeholders.

12. Disaster loss data collection and processing

General comment on Disaster Loss Data was to develop unified accessible country DLD with a breakdown for thematic fields to replace a number of agencies' specific disaster loss data bases.

13. Inclusion of disaster risk reduction in public spending

The chapter on Inclusion of disaster risk reduction in public spending was presented by presented by Mr Petr. The recommendations on this chapter were:

- to develop and implement a methodology for the DRR/DRM activities budget allocation, tracking and recording system across the national budgetary system and its replication at the local level,
- as a part of the methodology, also to establish a DRR/DRM "marker" to flag those investments for which the outcome is not explicitly related to DRR/DRM but which through implementation will contribute to reduce/mitigate disaster risk.

Participants' feed-back on presentation of Inclusion of disaster risk reduction in public spending chapter included the following: there is no breakdown of funds allocated separately for prevention, preparedness and response activities thus providing ground for corruption. Mr Anishchenko, SES, indicated that the responsibilities between implementing agencies should also be clearly split for prevention, preparedness and response. There was only one attempt to designate SES to solely bear overall responsibility on prevention activities at legislative level when SES had a ministry status and that attempt was not successful; Mr Begun, IMMSP, stated that nobody wants to take responsibilities for response activities related to man-made hazards e.g. businesses, local authorities or the state.

14. EU approach to volunteerism in civil protection

Presentation of EU approach to volunteerism in civil protection brought about the comments that there should be operational procedures developed for volunteers stepping into emergencies, coordination between volunteer organizations should be in place to avoid duplication of efforts, insurance coverage to be regulated.

15. Raising awareness about disasters

Mr Petr presented the assessment of situation in this important area in Ukraine and explained what methodology was used for this assessment. The information for the assessment and consequent development of the recommendations in this field were collected through a questionnaire. The most important recommendation presented was to develop and implement the national Communication Strategy for raising awareness about disasters as sought by the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 to 2030.

Ukrainian stakeholders' major comments to Raising awareness about disasters were to conduct age specific public awareness campaigns focused on region-based emergencies, to include the recommendation obliging owners of companies to inform population in the localities they operate about potential hazards prior they might happen and not only afterwards.

16. Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)

ERRA chapter was presented by Mr Rudari who informed the participants about the state of play regarding the ERRA installation and implementation. He pointed out that the ERRA installation manual will be delivered to SES within two weeks

SES representatives requested for an on-job training for ERRA users. Mr Anagnosti responded that it should first be clarified who are the end users and what their training needs are for the requested training be a tailor-made. Participants also emphasized the importance of ERRA interoperability for exchange of information between national institutions and Partner Countries. Separate discussion will be held on data sharing with countries that do not have ERRA.

It was agreed that fully functional ERRA will be presented at the next Civil Protection Forum in 2017.

On the request received during the meeting from the State Emergency Service of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Research Institute of Civil Protection, an ad-hoc ERRA seminar was organised and given by Mr Rudari immediately after the 2nd NAG meeting. For more details see paragraph No. 18.

17. Discussion about National Priorities and Conclusion of the Meeting

It was agreed that participants will submit their additional comments if any, in writing within up to ten days after the 2nd NAG meeting to be considered for inclusion into the draft Country Profile.

Mr Nazar Boryshkevych, National Programme Coordinator, on behalf of SES and in consultation with other stakeholders summed up which thematic topics Ukraine selected as its priorities for implementation during the PPRD East 2 Programme:

- Flood Risk Management, Disaster Risk Assessment, Disaster Loss Data complemented with ERRA,
- Raising Awareness about Disasters,
- Volunteerism in Civil Protection,
- Host Nation Support.

Comments and Recommendations:

- to adjust time lines in the road maps in accordance with Association Agreement between EU and Ukraine,
- to facilitate establishing/provide support to inter-agencies working groups,

- TTX trainings to be organized at National Crisis Centre in order to be able to simulate emergency situations and see functions and actions of various agencies dealing with emergencies,
- to deliver trainings for ERRA users at national and regional levels,
- to explore possibility to support expert exchange programme with Estonia through PPRD East 2 Programme,
- to create unified disaster loss data base compiling data from all ministries and agencies dealing with civil protection issue,
- to facilitate adoption of required legislation and regulations more promptly with support on behalf of EU.

Mr Anagnosti appreciated the very constructive atmosphere and attitude of all participants and informed that the PPRD East 2 Programme will come to final decision for activities for the upcoming years after NAG/CAG meeting will take place in all 6 Partner Countries. Then, the Work Programme 2016 – 2018 based on Partner Countries' priorities will be presented for discussion and approval at the 2nd Steering Committee which will be held in February 2016 in Brussels.

Mr. Melchutskyi expressed sincere appreciation of the very useful and productive meeting; he thanked the PPRD East 2 expert team for the very well elaborated and comprehensive draft Country Profile. He expressed commitment to create the inter-agency working group to more deeply assess the Country Profile to come up with Ukrainian experts' comments in their subject matters. Mr. Melchutskyi once again emphasized that approximation to EU Civil Protection Mechanism is one of the priorities for Ukraine.

Mr. Moret expressed his appreciation of the wise selection of priority topics for Ukraine and encouraged participants of the meeting to seek additional assistance from EU and other international institutions for the activities beyond the scope of PPRD East 2 Programme. He also pointed out that the Country Profile might be a very instrumental tool for getting additional financing by providing comprehensive and reliable data to potential donor agencies.

18. Ad-hoc ERRA seminar

The seminar was used to explain in more details the programmatic background of ERRA, technical and programmatic opportunities, and to obtain additional feedback on the needs and expectations from national stakeholders. The main components of ERRA system have been presented as well as the possibilities for their utilisation. The seminar was complemented with a real-time demonstration on how to use ERRA application in practice, also addressing system limitations.

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Draft Agenda

Day 1 – 6 October 2105

9:00-9:30	Registration	
9:30-9:45	Official Opening	State Emergency Service of Ukraine EU Delegation
9:45-10:00	Welcome note and introduction of participants	PPRD East 2 Team Leader Plenary
10:00-10:15	Brief Overview of the PPRD East 2 Programme activities and achievements in 2015	Team Leader
10:15-10:45	Presentation of the Activity Area A activities and achievements in 2015	Disaster Risk Prevention Expert
10:45-11:15	Tour de Table	Plenary
11:15-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-12:00	Presentation of the Activity Area B activities and achievements in 2015	Civil Protection Key Expert
12:00-12:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:00	Presentation of the Activity Area C activities and achievements in 2015	Disaster Risk Prevention Expert
14:00-14:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
14:30-15:00	Presentation of the Activity Area D activities and achievements in 2015	Capacity Building Key Expert
15:00-15:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
15:30-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45-16:15	Presentation of the Activity Area E activities and achievements in 2015	Disaster Risk Management Expert Team Leader
16:15-16:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
16:45-17:00	Conclusion of Day 1	Team Leader State Emergency Service of Ukraine EU Delegation

Day 2 – 7 October 2105

9:00-9:15	Summary of Day 1 and introduction of Day 2	Team Leader
9:15-9:30	Brief Overview of updated Country Profile – purpose, methodology and outcomes	Team Leader
9:30-10:00	Ukraine Civil Protection Profile	Civil Protection Key Expert
10:00-10:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
10:30-11:00	Progress made in the adoption of recommendations provided within the PPRD East Programme Phase 1	Disaster Risk Management Expert
11:00-11:30	Tour de Table	Plenary
11:30-11:45	Coffee break	
11:45-12:15	Flood management and approximation to the EU Floods Directive	Disaster Risk Prevention Expert
12:15-12:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
12:45-13:45	Lunch	
13:45-14:15	Disaster risk assessment	Disaster Risk Prevention Expert
14:15-14:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
14:45-15:15	Disaster loss data collection and processing	Disaster Risk Prevention Expert
15:15-15:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
15:45-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-16:30	Inclusion of disaster risk reduction in public spending	Capacity Building Key Expert
16:30-17:00	Tour de Table	Plenary
17:00-17:30	Conclusion of Day 2	Team Leader State Emergency Service of Ukraine EU Delegation

Day 3 – 8 October 2105

9:00-9:15	Summary of Day 2 and introduction of Day 3	Team Leader
9:45-10:15	Host Nation Support	Civil Protection Key Expert
10:15-10:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
10:45-11:15	EU approach to volunteerism in civil protection	Disaster Risk Management Expert
11:15-11:45	Tour de Table	Plenary
11:45-12:00	Coffee break	
12:00-12:30	Raising awareness about disasters	Capacity Building Key Expert
12:30-13:00	Tour de Table	Plenary
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	Data and information sharing and INSPIRE	Disaster Risk Prevention Expert



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14:30-15:00	Tour de Table	Plenary
15:00-15:30	ERRA	Disaster Risk Prevention Expert
15:30-16:00	Tour de Table	Plenary
16:00-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-17:15	Discussion about National Priorities	Plenary
17:15-17:30	Closing words and group photo	Team Leader State Emergency Service of Ukraine EU Delegation



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