



Title	Programme for Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Floods in the Western Balkans and Turkey (IPA FLOODS) – LOT 1	
Budget (EC DG ECHO)	1.998.386,14 €	
Duration	1 January 2015 - 31 December 2016	
Implementing Consortium	Italian Civil Protection Department (DPC); Croatian National Protection and Rescue Directorate (NPRD); Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief (URSZR); German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW); Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB); CIMA Research Foundation, Italy; Studiare Sviluppo S.r.l, Italy	
Beneficiaries	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey	
Target groups	Disaster Management Authorities and agencies or institutions in charge for water management and flood risk prevention in the Beneficiaries	
Objectives	Overall objective: to increase Beneficiaries' capacity to ensure proper flood risk management at national, regional and EU levels	
	Specific objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ To increase Beneficiaries' capability to develop effective national civil protection systems and collaborate in a coherent manner in dealing with floods at regional/European level (prevention, preparedness and response) ➢ To support Beneficiaries in becoming better prepared to cope with the challenges posed by approximation to/implementation of the EU Floods Directive 	
Activities		Work packages
A) Capacity building for flood preparedness and response through establishment of multinational Civil Protection Modules for flood response – Flood Rescue using Boats (FRB)		A.1: Establish and equip multinational Civil Protection Modules for Flood Rescue using Boats (FRB) involving all Beneficiaries in line with EU framework/practices A.2: Establish Standard Operating Procedures according to the EU Guidelines for Standard Operating Procedures and based on the experience of existing EU (multinational) Civil Protection Modules A.3: Establish border-crossing/Host Nation Support protocols according to the EU Guidelines on Host Nation Support A.4: Train staff of the multinational Civil Protection Modules A.5: Organize a regional field-exercise for the multinational Civil Protection Modules with participation of Civil Protection Modules of the same type from the Participating States of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism
B) Capacity building and provision of support for the approximation to the EU Floods Directive and the implementation of an integrated approach to flood risk management encompassing prevention, preparedness and response in line with the Council conclusions on Integrated Flood Management		B.1: Deliver a capacity building programme on approximation to/implementation of the EU Floods Directive B.2: Prepare guidelines on flood risk management which take stock of existing EU/national guidelines/guidance documents for the implementation of the EU Floods Directive and refer to all relevant requirements, stakeholders, challenges and indicative general costs in addressing the EU Floods Directive B.3: Prepare a roadmap for future regional action in disaster risk management, with focus on flood risk management and aspects with a multi-beneficiary dimension
Expected Results	A) Operational multinational Civil Protection Modules for Flood Rescue using Boats (FRB) able to operate regionally and through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism B) Improved capacity of Beneficiaries to deal with the requirements of the EU Floods Directive and to address flood prevention	
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* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.



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Activity B): Capacity building and provision of support for the approximation to the EU Floods Directive and the implementation of an integrated approach to flood risk management encompassing prevention, preparedness and response in line with the Council conclusions on Integrated Flood Management

Consortium partner in charge	CIMA Research Foundation (Italy), in cooperation with Slovenia and Croatia, under the coordination by the Italian Civil Protection Department
Target groups	National agencies and institutions in charge for water management and implementation of flood risk prevention measures in the Beneficiaries
Objectives	Overall objective: to increase Beneficiaries' capacity to ensure proper flood risk management at national, regional and EU levels
	Specific objective ➤ To support Beneficiaries in becoming better prepared to cope with the challenges posed by approximation to/implementation of the EU Floods Directive
Expected Results	Improved capacity of Beneficiaries to deal with the requirements of the EU Floods Directive and to address flood prevention
Approach	Regional. Need-driven and participatory. Based on thorough consultation with target groups towards assessing gaps/needs and developing tailored capacity building measures
Pillars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Needs assessment, gap analysis and survey of existing data and maps on flood risk: an overall assessment process will be conducted targeting: a) Multi-stakeholders mapping; b) Completed and on-going initiatives; c) Extent of implementation of EU Floods Directive in the Beneficiaries (i.e. preliminary risk assessment, risk mapping, risk management planning); d) Survey of existing data and maps of flood risk in the Beneficiaries. Guidelines, good practices and recommendations: a guidance document for implementation of the EU Floods Directive will be developed in consultation with the Beneficiaries and the relevant regional organizations and networks. The document will also provide a set of both regional and Beneficiary-specific recommendations based on the analysis of good practices developed both in EU Member States and the Beneficiaries. Tailored technical assistance: based on the recommendations and the identified good practices, tailored technical assistance will be provided to the Beneficiaries in order to address specific aspects of the EU Floods Directive identified through the needs assessment/gap analysis. Tailored technical assistance will be designed in the form of "training on the job" in a "learning by doing" approach and will be conducted by experts from the implementing Consortium partners and EU Member States. Technical assistance will be targeted to ensure the accomplishment of "preliminary risk assessment" in all the Beneficiaries and will support the implementation of a "Flood Risk Information System". Technical assistance may also be designed to address: legal support for implementation of the EU Floods Directive; hazard and risk assessment; Linking hazard mapping and contingency planning; Early Warning System. "Flood Risk Information System" for preliminary risk assessment in all the Beneficiaries: technical support will be provided to ensure effective data exchange. A "Flood Risk Information System" will be developed so as to include a web-portal aimed to visualize data and information from different sources and ensure interoperable applications with the existing EU "Water Information System" and other disaster risk-related information systems. The platform will support main international standards such as the EU INSPIRE Directive and OGC. Roadmap: a roadmap for future regional action in the area of disaster risk management will be prepared, with focus on flood risk management and aspects with a multi-beneficiary dimension.
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