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## Regional Workshop on Border-Crossing Protocols and Host Nation Support 19-21 January 2016 Budva (Montenegro)

From **19 to 21 January 2016** the **IPA FLOODS Programme** will hold a regional workshop on **Border-crossing protocols and Host Nation Support (HNS)** in **Budva** (Montenegro).

The event is part of the IPA FLOODS work-package dedicated to promote border-crossing and HNS protocols in the beneficiaries in compliance with the EU Guidelines on Host Nation Support and is aimed to build upon the results achieved under the recently conducted IPA Civil Protection Cooperation Phase II project towards setting out all necessary arrangements in the preparedness and response phases to remove predictable obstacles to the rapid and effective delivery of international disaster assistance by the IPA FLOODS multinational Civil Protection Modules (“CPMs”).

Having regard to the broad subject, the workshop targets experts from four different national institutions in the beneficiaries: Civil Protection Authorities, Border Police (Ministry of Interior), Customs Authority and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The topics covered by the workshop will include informative sessions on beneficiary-specific flood response team concept, EU guidelines on HNS and lessons learnt in occasion of the heavy flooding occurred in 2014 in the region. It will be an intensive work programme, based on a combination of theoretical sessions, group work and discussion. The event falls under the IPA FLOODS portfolio of activities of the the National Protection and Rescue Directorate of Croatia and will be organized by the IPA FLOODS Consortium with the kind support of the Ministry of Interior, Directorate for Emergency Management of Montenegro.

The **Programme for Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Floods in the Western Balkans and Turkey (IPA FLOODS)** supports capacity building activities on flood preparedness and response in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia (Lot 1 only), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey by providing assistance for the development of three types of multinational CPMs in line with the relevant EU requirements: *Flood Rescue using Boats* under Lot 1; *High Capacity Pumping* and *Flood Containment* under Lot 2. For this reason, IPA FLOODS creates a set of work-packages willing to establish, equip and train self-sufficient and interoperable multi-national CPMs in the beneficiaries; develop Standard Operating Procedures for the national teams and the multinational CPMs as well as developing border-crossing and Host Nation Support protocols according to the relevant EU Guidelines.

IPA FLOODS is implemented by a Consortium composed of the *Dipartimento della Protezione Civile* (DPC, lead partner), the *National Protection and Rescue Directorate of the Republic of Croatia* (NPRD), the *Italian International Centre on Environmental Monitoring* (CIMA), the *German Federal Agency for Technical Relief* (THW), the Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief (URSZR), the *Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency* (MSB) and the Italian agency *Studiare Sviluppo Srl*.



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