

**Eastern Partnership Flagship Initiative –
Prevention, Preparedness and Response
to man-made and natural Disasters in the ENPI East Region
(PPRD East)**

The Programme is financed by the European Union

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Programme life-span: 2010-2014 (a second phase will be implemented as a follow-up to the current programme)

The overall objective of the Programme is to contribute to the peace, stability, security and prosperity of the Eastern Partnership 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 and natural disasters.

The Programme aims at bringing the Partner Countries progressively closer to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and improving cooperation among themselves.

Main results to be achieved by the Programme include:

- Better knowledge of risk exposure and available resources for enhanced preparedness and response capacities in the region
- Enhanced legislative, administrative and operational civil protection capacities of the Partner Countries in the field of prevention, preparedness and response
- Improved information, awareness and participation of stakeholders regarding disaster prevention, prevention and response
- Partner Countries are well informed about the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and able to effectively collaborate with the Mechanism participating states in responding to disasters
- Identifying needs for a possible further development of cooperation with Eastern partners following the end of the Project

In every Partner Country the review and analysis of resources and mechanisms for prevention, preparedness and response to natural and manmade disasters will be carried out. Together with the main stakeholders the project experts will suggest measures for enhancing the civil protection system, which will comply to national interests and to the needs of the Eastern Partnership Region as a whole.

In the framework of the Programme an Electronic Regional Risk Atlas with components for national use will be developed. Substantial attention will be paid to bringing the Partner Countries closer to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, in particular, to make them able to collaborate with its components and to apply common principles of Host Nation Support.

Based on the analysis of the problems and disasters typical for the region and on the specific Partner Countries' proposals on the achievement of the abovementioned results, the Programme activities will include surveys, diagnostic studies, gap analyses, and needs assessment studies, seminars, study visits, exchanges of experts, series of trainings, table-top and field exercises on cross-border and regional level.

The implementation of the Programme is led by the expert team based in Kiev in close cooperation with National Project Coordinators in every country.

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