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**EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT  
(EUR-OPA)**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE 2014-15 PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES**

*Memorandum established by the Executive Secretariat  
of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA)*

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## OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES

### 0. RUNNING THE STATUTORY ORGANS OF THE AGREEMENT

#### *Long-term objective*

Promote co-operation among its member States in the field of major natural and technological risk management.

#### *Medium-term objective*

- Improve the efficiency in decision making of the statutory organs, extending the Agreement to new States.
- Increase the visibility of the Agreement by publicising its achievements.

#### *Short-term objectives*

- Monitor the yearly implementation of the 2011-2015 Medium Term Plan.
- Promote the projects involving both Centres and authorities.
- Consolidate the new funding mechanism for projects.
- Develop an active communication policy.

### 1. USING INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND HELP VICTIMS

#### *Long-term objective*

Improve the main factors of decision taking in emergency situations : the information available for managers and the population, the previous development of effective early warning systems, the rapid damage assessment, the training of rescuers and doctors and the psychosocial attention given to victims.

#### *Medium-term objective*

- Use available information to quickly assess the magnitude of events.
- Alert timely the population on the adequate measures to be adopted at each phase.
- Foster communication between governments during emergencies.

#### *Short-term objectives*

- Ensure rapid information to Member States through impact evaluation results.
- Improve the pertinence of the existing EXTREMUM systems.
- Analyse the early warning systems in member states.
- Develop and promote new information tools for decision-making in emergency situations.
- Exchange information and knowledge through networking on new priority issues.

## **2. USING KNOWLEDGE TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY**

### *Long-term objectives*

Reinforce the role of laboratory of ideas and of platform for communication and exchange of scientific and technical information on hazards, vulnerability. Identify possible solutions to improve the resilience of societies to potential disasters.

### *Medium-term objectives*

- Promote research and use of knowledge in disaster risk reduction.
- Evaluate and map risk and use information in spatial planning.
- Assess increased risk from climate change and improve environmental resilience.

### *Short-term objective*

- Collect and disseminate technical information pertinent to risk reduction.
- Develop new information pertinent to risk reduction.
- Identify potential risk zones and elaborate multi-hazard maps.
- Propose concrete measures to reduce vulnerability of these zones.
- Finalise and distribute new guidance on risk and climate change.
- Analyse environment and risk interactions and distribute associated guidance.

## **3. PLACING PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

### *Long-term objectives*

Improve risk perception by people and societies in order to raise political attention to risk governance. Improve preparedness through a proper consideration of ethical and social aspects, taking into account most vulnerable populations.

### *Medium-term objectives*

- Promote efficient disaster risk reduction policies.
- Improve governance of disaster risk reduction.
- Increase resilience and preparedness through education and awareness.

### *Short-term objectives*

- Identify and diffuse policy best practices by authorities from member states.
- Adopt each year new recommendations addressed to governments on selected topics.
- Reinforce complementary of national, local and regional actions in DRR.
- Enrich the interactive web site on education on risk reduction.
- Promote publications and multi-media information addressed to the general public.
- Prepare risk awareness material for most vulnerable populations.

## Activities planned for 2014 and 2015

Appropriation in € (per year)

<b>TOTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>515.500</b>
<b>0. RUNNING THE STATUTORY ORGANS OF THE AGREEMENT</b>	<b>108.000</b>
<b>0.1. Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents</b>	<b>39.000</b>
○ Interpretation (3 languages)	17.000
○ Travel and subsistence incurred by some delegates	10.000
○ Travel and subsistence incurred by invited experts	4.000
○ Travel and subsistence incurred by Executive Secretariat	4.000
○ Translation of documents	4.000
<b>0.2. Meeting of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents</b>	<b>5.500</b>
○ Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by members of the Bureau	3.500
○ Travel and subsistence incurred by Executive Secretariat	2.000
<b>0.3. Meeting of Directors of Specialised Centres</b>	<b>28.000</b>
○ Travel and subsistence expenses of participants	20.000
○ Travel and subsistence incurred by Executive Secretariat	4.000
○ Translation of documents	4.000
<b>0.4. Travel of experts and Secretariat</b>	<b>15.500</b>
○ Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by experts and the Secretariat attending other meetings of particular relevance	
<b>0.5. Other administrative expenses of the Executive Secretariat</b> <i>(printing, communication, publications, postage, translation, ...)</i>	<b>20.000</b>
<b>1. USING INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND HELP VICTIMS</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b><u>1.A. Assessment of events and population alert</u></b>	<b>50.000</b>
<b>1.A.1. Maintenance and improvement of EXTREMUM</b>	10.000
<b>1.A.2. Study on alert mechanisms</b>	20.000
<b>1.A.3. Post disaster management</b>	20.000
<b><u>1.B. Networking between authorities</u></b>	<b>50.000</b>
<b>1.B.1. National Regional and cross-border strategies on co-operation in disaster management</b>	30.000
<b>1.B.2. New information tools for risk prevention</b>	20.000

<b>2. USING KNOWLEDGE TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY</b>	<b>182.000</b>
<b><u>2.A. Knowledge diffusion</u></b>	<b>57.000</b>
2.A.1. Support to seminars organized by specialised Centres	25.000
2.A.2. Publication of technical documents and reports	32.000
<b><u>2.B. Risk identification and vulnerability</u></b>	<b>60.000</b>
2.B.1. Group of specialists on vulnerability issues <i>Travel and subsistence of 5 experts (2 days)</i>	6.500
2.B.2. Risk assessment and studies	53.500
<b><u>2.C. Impact of climate change and environment issues</u></b>	<b>58.500</b>
2.C.1. Group of specialists on climate related issues <i>Travel and subsistence of 5 experts (2 days)</i>	6.500
2.C.2. Studies and guidelines on climate change impact on natural hazards	45.000
2.C.3. Contribution to the PEDRR initiative	7.000
<b>3. PLACING PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION</b>	<b>132.000</b>
<b><u>3.A. Policy studies</u></b>	<b>36.500</b>
3.A.1. Group of specialists on legislative and administrative aspects <i>Travel and subsistence expenses of 5 experts (2 days)</i>	6.500
3.A.2. Country studies on the role of authorities in risk reduction	30.000
<b><u>3.B. Awareness initiatives</u></b>	<b>39.500</b>
3.B.1. Group of specialists on school education (BE-SAFE-NET) <i>Travel and subsistence of 5 experts (2 days)</i>	6.500
3.B.2. Additional education material and pilot experiences in schools	25.000
3.B.3. Technological hazards awareness	8.000
<b><u>3.C. Ethic and social values</u></b>	<b>56.000</b>
3.C.1. European and Mediterranean Workshop	
o Logistic expenditures	10.000
o Travel and subsistence expenses of participants	15.000
o Travel and subsistence incurred by Executive Secretariat	4.000
o Translation of documents	2.000
3.C.2. Preparation and publication of specific material for most vulnerable population	25.000
<b>TOTAL 1-3</b>	<b>407,500</b>