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

GUIDELINES FOR THE 2009 PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

Draft

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



OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES

Running the statutory organs of the Agreement

Long-term objective

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

Medium-term objective

Monitoring the implementation of the 2007-2011 Medium Term Plan adopted by the Ministers at the 11th Ministerial Session of the Agreement held in Marrakech on 31st October 2006.

Short-term objective

Improving the efficiency in decision making of the statutory organs, extending the Agreement to new States. Increasing the visibility of the Agreement and publicising its achievements.

1. Promoting policies, legislation and institutional aspects

Long-term objective

States to develop and improve as appropriate their policy, legislation and institutional frameworks for disaster risk reduction and become more efficient in protecting citizens from risks.

Medium-term objective

Adoption of new legislation and best practice on disaster risk reduction. Creation of national platforms on disaster risk reduction in all member States. Incorporation of the different institutional actors and the civil society into disaster risk reduction.

Short-term objective

Promotion and networking of national platforms. Best practice in the field of disaster risk reduction by local and regional authorities collected and analysed.

2. Building a culture of disaster risk reduction

Long-term objective

Building more resilient societies through the exchange of technical information, training of specialists and promoting education and awareness on disaster risk reduction.

Medium-term objective

Promoting and supporting the creation and maintenance of appropriate Euro-Mediterranean masters and diplomas in the field of risk management, as well as training courses for relief specialists, decision makers, teachers and planners. Promoting the elaboration, dissemination and use of educational materials for the school community which will permit it to better prepare for

hazards. Promoting publications, multi-media information on disaster risk reduction objectiveed at the general public.

Short-term objective

Diffuse the stock taking of experiences in European Masters on disaster risk reduction and promote European higher training courses in this field. Enrich the interactive web site on education on risk reduction.

3. Promoting scientific and technical co-operation, risk assessment, early warning and reduction of underlying risk factors.

Long-term objective

Building more resilient societies through assessment of the vulnerability of populations to natural and technological hazards, promoting the development of efficient early warning systems and encouraging risk reductive development practice and land use.

Medium-term objective

Collection, analysis and dissemination of technical information on risk, including in particular the identification of indicators and the elaboration of multi-hazard maps. Promoting networking in seismic risk, in forest fires, in marine risk, landslides, floods and the protection and restoration of natural and cultural heritage in areas subject to major risks. Development and promotion of information tools that may help decision-making in emergency situations.

Short-term objective

Exchange of information and knowledge and networking on a few priority issues (forest fires, risks from climate change).

4. Preparedness and effective response through service activities

Long-term objective

To promote a coordinated approach within operational mechanisms and communication systems able to ensure efficient response in transboundary disasters (particularly floods) and in situations which exceed national capacity (particularly earthquakes) and to promote psychological assistance to disaster victims, particularly children.

Medium-term objective

To maintain and improve the EXTREMUM system capable of rapid assessment of the effects of disasters. To set up networks of psychologists trained in assistance to disaster victims.

Short-term objective

Ensure the reliability of the EXTREMUM system and its delivery within two hours according to the urgency of the exercise. Develop national networks of psychologists specialised in attending to disaster victims.

Activities for 2009

Appropriation in €

0. Statutory organs expenditures	122.000
0.1. Meetings of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interpretation (3 languages) 22.000 ○ Travel and subsistence incurred by some delegates 15.000 ○ Travel and subsistence incurred by invited experts 8.000 <i>2 meetings (Paris, 2 days + ???, 2 days)</i> 	
0.2. Meetings of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interpretation (2 languages) 5.000 ○ Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by members of the Bureau 6.000 <i>2 meetings (Paris, 1 day each)</i> 	
0.3. Meeting of Directors of Specialised Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interpretation (3 languages) 11.000 ○ Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by invited experts 8.000 <i>1 meeting (Paris, 2 days)</i> 	
0.4. Monitoring of technical work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by auditors 17.000 <i>5 audits per year</i> 	
0.5. Travel of experts and Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by experts and the Secretariat attending other meetings of particular relevance 30.000 	
1. Promoting policies, legislation and institutional aspects	35.000
A. Policy	15.000
1.1. Helping the launching of national platforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Local travel and subsistence of experts</i> 10.000 	
1.2. Country survey of risk reduction policies and practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>One voluntary country per year</i> 5.000 	
B. Legislative aspects	20.000
1.3. Group of specialists on legislative and administrative aspects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Travel and subsistence expenses of 5 experts (???, 1 day)</i> 5.000 	
1.4. Country studies on local and regional authorities and risk reduction	10.000
1.5. Support to the setting up of the network of local and regional authorities on radiological risk	5.000

2. Building a culture of disaster risk reduction	60.000
<i>A. Training</i>	25.000
2.1. Group of specialists on higher/vocational education on risk <i>Travel and subsistence expenses of 5 experts (???, 1 day)</i>	5.000
2.2. Support to master modules organized by specialised Centres	20.000
<i>B. School Education</i>	25.000
2.3. Group of specialists on school education (BE-SAFE-NET) <i>Travel and subsistence of 5 experts (???, 2 days)</i>	5.000
2.4. Preparation of educational material for school education on risks	10.000
2.5. Pilot experiences in schools carried out by specialised Centres	10.000
<i>C. Information and awareness</i>	10.000
2.6. Maintenance of the EUR-OPA Agreement's web site	p.m.
2.7. Publication of the 2nd issue of the "Hazards & Risks" series <i>Monography on one of the leading topic of the Agreement</i>	5.000
2.8. Database on Masters degrees on Hazards and Risks	5.000

3. Promoting scientific and technical co-operation, risk assessment, early warning and reduction of underlying risk factors	80.000
<i>A. Vulnerability and risk</i>	15.000
3.1. Group of specialists on vulnerability issues <i>Travel and subsistence of 5 experts (???, 1 day)</i>	5.000
3.2. Risk assessment and mapping	10.000
<i>B. Forest fires</i>	10.000
3.3. Regional strategies on co-operation in fire management <i>Follow-up of the case study on South East Europe</i>	10.000
<i>C. Cultural heritage at risk</i>	15.000
3.4. Group of specialists on Cultural heritage and Risk <i>Travel and subsistence of 5 experts (Athens, 2 days)</i>	5.000
3.5. Workshop on Cultural Heritage Protection against Risks <i>(Ravello, 2 days)</i>	10.000
<i>D. Seismic risk</i>	10.000
3.6. Workshop on methodology and tools for earthquake hazard	10.000
<i>E. Climate change impact</i>	20.000
3.7. Workshop on impact of climate change on water related risks <i>(Spain, 2 days)</i>	15.000
<i>F. Other scientific and technical co-operation</i>	15.000
3.8. Promoting co-operation through seminars and meetings of the specialised Centres	15.000

4. Preparedness and effective response through service activities	50.000
<i>A. Co-operation in emergency situations</i>	40.000
4.1. Maintenance of the European Warning System (EWS) <i>Contribution to operational costs of the CSEM</i>	20.000
4.2. Maintenance and operation of EXTREMUM	10.000
4.3. Post disaster damage assessment	10.000
<i>B. Psychological aid</i>	10.000
4.4. Contribution to an EFPA training course on major hazards	10.000

5. Grants to specialized Centres	220.000
Contribution to develop Centres' projects with international objectives	220.000

TOTAL 1-5	445.000
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