

**LIST WITH DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE  
SIXTH MEETING OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP WITHIN THE  
PROJECT ON HAZARD AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN THE DANUBE DELTA**

*The meeting was organized as a video conference on 16 June 2015 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
to discuss the implementation of the field exercise in the Danube Delta.*

**Participants**

Representatives from the project countries

1. Mr. Gavril Gilca (Republic of Moldova);
2. Ms. Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova);
3. Mr. Francisc Senzaconi (Romania);
4. Ms. Marilena Ghiu (Romania);
5. Mr. George Musala (Romania);
6. Mr. Yrii Nabyvanets (Ukraine);

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7. Mr. Chris Dijkens (Netherlands, Chair);
8. Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany);
9. Mr. Pavel Danihelka (Czech Republic);
10. Mr. Pavel Dobes (Czech Republic);

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11. Mr. Nikolay Savov, Assistance Programme manager;
12. Ms. Claudia Kamke, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer;
13. Ms. Mihaela Popovici, consultant engaged by the UNECE secretariat.

## **List with decisions taken**

The video conference was chaired by Mr. Dijkens (Netherlands). The decisions taken are summarized below.

## **Financing**

The participants welcomed:

- The contributions by the Netherlands (10.000 Euro) and Finland (5.000 Euro) for the implementation of the crisis management part of the project;
- The in-kind support by the Czech Republic to make four experts available for the field exercise who would cover their expenses for travel and accommodation;
- The application by the Republic of Moldova for financial support through TAIEX for the implementation of a workshop in 2015 which seems likely to be approved and in that case could contribute to covering the costs for transport, accommodation and/or meals;
- The planned contribution by Romania (5.000 Euro) to support the implementation of the remaining project activities.

The participants agreed that:

- Further efforts would need to be taken to ensure the full financing of the field exercise;
- The Republic of Moldova should inform participants at the next meeting about the outcome of the application for financial support through TAIEX;
- The Chair should inform the participants at the next meeting about the outcome of the teleconference between the secretariat and the donor countries on 24 June;
- The Czech Republic should inform the secretariat about the names of the four experts, comprised preferably also by representatives from the civil protection forces, who could support the field exercise.

## **Joint Contingency Plan (JCP)**

The participants agreed that:

- Romania would re-circulate the latest version of the JCP to all participants and that Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova would send their inputs needed for the finalization of the JCP asap to Romania, as per the request in Mr. Senzaconi's message sent on 11 May 2015;
- Romania would finalize the JCP within 3-5 days upon receipt of all inputs and send it to the secretariat for translation into Russian and circulation as an attachment to the official letters to the Ministers in the three project countries<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Due to the non-availability of a final draft of the Joint Contingency Plan (JCP) by the end of June 2015, the UNECE secretariat is proceeding with sending the official letter by the UNECE Executive Secretary without attaching the JCP in order to avoid further delaying the sending of the official letter to the respective Ministers.

## **Scenario for the field exercise**

The participants:

- Agreed with the general concept of the field exercise;
- Stressed the importance of completing the missing information;
- Requested the secretariat to circulate a Russian version of the scenario to Ukraine asap;
- Decided to provide their comments and the missing information on the draft field exercise within three weeks, i.e. by 7 July 2015, to the secretariat, with Ms. Popovici in cc;
- Requested Ms. Popovici to update the field exercise scenario in advance of the next video conference in the week of 13 July 2015, based on the comments received;
- Requested the secretariat to circulate the evaluation form for the field exercise to all participants for their comments and discussion at the next video conference.

## **Implementation of the field exercise**

- Participants agreed to hold the field exercise from 1–3 September 2015;
- The Republic of Moldova was requested to circulate in advance of the next video conference a note with information about the practical and logistical arrangements for the field exercise. Also a more detailed draft agenda of the whole event – including the program for the first and the third day – will be made available (in close cooperation with the secretariat).
- The project coordinators agreed to organize a field visit in the beginning of July to Giurgiulesti with participants from all three project countries, including the local level, to substantiate and finalize the scenario and planning for the field exercise and to clarify remaining questions regarding the level of involvement, scope of the exercise, roles and equipment.

## **In-kind contributions by project countries**

- The Republic of Moldova repeated its commitment to act as a lead country for the field exercise and offered to cover in-kind the costs for the Moldovan experts to participate in the field visit in early July 2015;
- Ukraine regretted to repeat that it would be difficult for the port administration in Reni and other Ukrainian entities to make in-kind contributions for the project; Mr. Nabyvanets agreed to explore the possibility to cover the travel costs for two representatives from the Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Institute for the field visit in early July 2015;
- Romania confirmed that it would host the final project workshop in the week of 19 October 2015 in Bucharest and offered to cover the cost for travel of Romanian experts to both the field visit and exercise.

## **Date for next video conference**

- Participants agreed to hold another video conference in the week of 13 July;
- The secretariat was requested to facilitate the identification of a suitable date and make arrangements for the next video conference.