



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

*The meeting was organized as a videoconference
on 2 October 2015 from 15 p.m. to 16.30 p.m. (CEST)*

Participants

Project coordinators

1. Ms. Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova);
2. Mr. Francisc Senzaconi (Romania);
3. Mr. Yurii Nabyvanets (Ukraine);

Project donors

4. Mr. Chris Dijkens (Netherlands, Chair);
5. Mr. Pavel Dobes (Czech Republic);

UNECE secretariat

6. Ms. Franziska Ilg-Hirsch, Secretary of the Industrial Accidents Convention
7. Mr. Nikolay Savov, Assistance Programme Manager;
8. Ms. Claudia Kamke, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer.

List with decisions taken

The videoconference was chaired by Mr. Dijkens (Netherlands). The key decisions taken are summarized below.

Preparations for the final project workshop

- Mr. Senzaconi informed about the preparations for the final project workshop which will be held on 20–21 October 2015 in Bucharest, Romania, including on contacts made with the media related to the high-level segment for signing the trilateral declaration;
- The project countries reported on the progress made with inviting national participants to the final workshop, including high level representatives; Mr. Senzaconi reminded Ukraine to provide the names of the high-level participants asap to issue the invitation letters
- The Group agreed to invite the members of the bilateral river commission under the existing agreement that is proposed to be updated in the Trilateral Declaration¹; the national coordinators were requested to inquire at the national level who the members are, whilst the secretariat was requested to contact Ms. Popovici, project consultant, in this regard
- The secretariat was also requested to circulate to the project coordinators for completion a table with information about all participants travel details, diet specifications, etc.

Trilateral Declaration of Intention

- Mr. Nabyvanets informed participants that the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine could not yet confirm its high-level participation in the final project workshop and signature of the Trilateral Declaration, with reference to the fact that Ukraine is not a Party to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and that the project has not been registered in the Ministry
- The Group requested the secretariat to contact the Head of the Department of International Relations in the Ministry and the Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine with regard to the Ukrainian high-level attendance at the final workshop and to provide further information, as needed, to enable Ukraine to sign the Declaration

Sustainability of the results from the Danube Delta project

- In line with a previous discussion by the PMG, the project coordinators were encouraged to get in contact with their national ICPDR focal point to explore possibilities for support by ICPDR in the implementation of follow-up activities and the further negotiation of a trilateral agreement
- The secretariat informed about its contacts with the European Union on opportunities for cooperation and with Mr. Danihelka (Czech Republic) about possible support for the Republic of Moldova, in cooperation with Romania and Ukraine, for follow-up activities; the Group took note of the information and requested the secretariat to report back on the progress made

¹ Agreement between the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Moldova, the Ministry of Waters, Forests and Environmental Protection of Romania, and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine on cooperation in the zone of the Danube Delta and Lower River Prut nature protected areas, signed at Bucharest on June 5, 2000.

Final project reporting

- Secretariat recalled that only the Republic of Moldova had provided input for the final project report yet and it reported that slight changes in the structure (not the content) of the reporting format had been made, following the request by Germany
- The Chair emphasized the need to comply with the German reporting requirements in order to avoid that two final project reports need to be prepared
- The Group reminded **Romania and Ukraine to provide their inputs for the final project report asap and no later than by 9 October 2015**

Evaluation report on the field and table-top exercises

- The Chair reported that no comments on the evaluation report had yet been received by the project coordinators, despite the agreed deadline which passed on 30 September 2015
- **Participants agreed that all project countries would provide their input asap and no later than 9 October 2015**, so that the report could be further refined before the final project workshop at which the main findings and conclusions would be presented
- The Group agreed to continue the discussion on the finalization of the evaluation report at its next meeting

Finalization of the Joint Contingency Plan (JCP)

- Mr. Senzaconi reported that there was a need to receive further information for the JCP from Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, resulting from the field exercise in September 2015
- The Group requested Mr. Senzaconi to send a message to all project coordinators indicating the information needed; **the project coordinators from Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova agreed to send their input by 9 October 2015 to Mr. Senzaconi who indicated that he could finalize the JCP by 14 October 2015**, assuming he would receive the input by the agreed deadline; The Group encouraged the project coordinators to provide the input on time, stressing the need to finalise the JCP for the final project workshop

Date for next discussion

- Participants agreed to hold the next PMG meeting as a videoconference on 13 October 2015, from 10 am to 12 pm (CEST)
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