



**LIST WITH DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE
ELEVENTH 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 13 October 2015, from 10 am to 12 pm (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);

UNECE secretariat

5. Ms. Franziska Ilg-Hirsch, Secretary of the Industrial Accidents Convention
6. Mr. Nikolay Savov, Assistance Programme Manager;
7. 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 and the secretariat informed about the preparations for the final project workshop which will be held on 20–21 October 2015 in Bucharest, Romania.
- The project countries reported on the progress made with inviting national participants to the final workshop, including high level representatives.
- Mr. Nabyvanets informed participants that the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine has confirmed that there would be no high-level participation from Kiev in the final project workshop, however, that the ambassador or a representative of the permanent mission was planning to attend the High-level segment (please see below).
- The national coordinators updated the Group about their efforts to invite the members of the trilateral river commission under the existing agreement that is referred to in the Trilateral Declaration¹; the national coordinators of Romania and the Republic of Moldova were able to identify the current members and have invited them to attend.
- The secretariat reported that Ms. Popovici, project consultant, was also unable to identify the members of the trilateral river commission.
- The secretariat reported about the logistic details of the workshop and reminded the national coordinators and other presenters to submit their presentations for translation.
- The secretariat reported that it was intending to prepare workshop conclusion for circulation to all PMG members in advance of the meeting, for agreement by participants during the final session.

Trilateral Declaration of Intention

- Mr. Nabyvanets and the secretariat updated the Group that the Ukrainian Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources has sent the Trilateral Declaration to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, in order to explore the possibility of signing it. If no permission is given, the Minister of Ecology of Ukraine will send a statement of support for the project and the signing of the Declaration that will be read by a representative of the Ukrainian embassy in Bucharest, possibly the ambassador.
- The secretariat reported that it had received this information also from the Geneva-based permanent mission and the Head of the International Relations Department in Kiev, along with an indication of general support to the project by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources
- The Group requested t Mr. Nabyvanets and 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 in order to follow-up with the signature of the Declaration.

Sustainability of the results from the Danube Delta project

- In line with a previous discussion by the PMG, the project coordinators reported on their contacts 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 Group decided to continue the process of raising support by ICPDR, incl. through including this topic on the agenda for the next ICPDR meeting.

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.

- The Group agreed to discuss several aspects regarding follow-up actions and the sustainability of project results at a meeting in the margins of the final workshop.

Final project reporting

- The secretariat recalled that only the Republic of Moldova had provided input for the final project report yet and it reported that the input from the other two countries is needed in order to finalize the report according to the reporting format, requested by Germany.
- The secretariat will distribute the final report the week following the final project workshop to allow PMG members to provide feedback before its finalization and submission to Germany.
- The Group reminded **Romania and Ukraine to provide their inputs for the final project report asap and no later than by 15 October 2015.**

Evaluation report on the field and table-top exercises

- The Chair reported that he had incorporated the comments on the evaluation report by the project coordinators and would circulate it for feedback by 13 October 2015.
- **Participants agreed that all project countries would provide their feedback asap and no later than 15 October 2015,** so that the report could be finalized before the final project workshop.
- The Group agreed to request the PMG Chair to present the main findings and conclusions from the field and table-top exercises at the final project workshop.

Finalization of the Joint Contingency Plan (JCP)

- Mr. Senzaconi reminded the national coordinators from Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova about the need to provide additional information, resulting also from the field and table-top exercises 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 as soon as possible to Mr. Senzaconi in order to finalize the JCP before the final workshop;** The Group encouraged the project coordinators to provide the input on time, stressing the need to finalise the JCP before the final project workshop.

Closure of the meeting

- The secretariat thanked both the national project coordinators for their involvement and leadership of activities under the Danube Delta Project (DDP) and Mr. Dijkens as Chair of the PMG for his able chairmanship and involvement in activities under the DDP.
- The Republic of Moldova thanked the secretariat for its efforts to support the project countries during the DDP and also acknowledged Mr. Dijkens' chairmanship.

Date for next discussion

- Participants agreed to hold the next PMG meeting during the final workshop, possibly on 20 October 2015, after the first day of the workshop.