CIVIL PROTECTION SYSTEM IN BULGARIA

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL “FIRE SAFETY AND CIVIL PROTECTION” - MoI
Chronology of the activities undertaken:

- **2015** – Peer Review (national disaster risk management system);
- **2016** – Amendment of the legislative framework;
- **2018** – Adoption of National Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (NSDRR);
- **2019** – National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan;
- **2020** – Assessment of the NSDRR by UN Office for DRR;
- **2020-2022** – Reimbursable Advisory Services Agreement.
- **2023** – Adoption of National Disaster Risk Profile and Disaster Risk Management Plan.
Disaster Protection Act

- Main law regulating Disaster Protection System;
- Adopted 2006 (last amended - 2020);
- Management & Coordination:
  - National level;
  - Regional level;
  - Local level.
Disaster Protection in Bulgaria

National Level
Council of Ministers
Disaster Risk Reduction Council

Regional Level
Governors
Disaster Risk Reduction Council

Local Level
Mayors
Disaster Risk Reduction Council
1. Carries out overall management of disaster protection;
2. Adopts a National Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction;
3. Adopts a National Disaster Risk Reduction Programme and annual plans for its implementation;
4. Adopts a National Disaster Protection Plan;
5. Establishes a National Early Warning System of the Executive Authorities and the Population in Disasters;
6. Plans financial resources for disaster protection.
• Supporting body to the Council of Ministers;
• DRRC participants:
  – Management representatives of the ministries;
  – Bulgarian Academy of Science;
  – Universities;
  – NAMRB;
  – BRC;
  – Legal entities and Private Sector.
1. National disaster risk reduction strategy;

2. National disaster risk reduction program;

3. Sectoral and regional programs related to DRR;

4. Regional disaster risk reduction programs;

5. Municipal disaster risk reduction programs.
Vision -> Developed in compliance with the Disaster Protection Act. Based on Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The vision of the strategy aims to ensure a resilient and safer environment for the population.

Expected outcome -> Preventing new risks and reduction of the existing ones in order to achieve disaster resilience.
## National DRR Strategy 2018-2030

### Priority Areas for Action

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*Quotes by Warren Buffett:

- Risk comes from not knowing what you're doing.
- Every disaster must be treated as an opportunity to build back better.*
• Developed to implement the National DRR Strategy targets;

• The implementation of the programme;

• Identifying responsible institutions;

• Annual Plans for its implementation;

• Guidelines for the development and implementation of regional and municipal programs for disaster risk reduction.
Disaster Protection Plans

- Planning levels:
  - Municipal
  - Regional
  - National;

- Mandatory parts:
  - Earthquake;
  - Flood;
  - Nuclear or radiation accident.
Component 1: Development of a Diagnostic and Roadmap Highlighting Necessary Actions to Strengthen Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and in particular Preparedness, Prevention, Early Warning and Response;

Component 2: Collection of Historical Damage and Loss Data and Development of Concept for Future Collection;

Component 3: Development of a proposal for National Disaster Risk Profile of Bulgaria;

Component 4: Development of a Report with a proposal for a National Disaster Risk Management Plan for Bulgaria;

Component 5: Capacity Development.
• How is cooperation and coordination between different stakeholders, including government agencies, NGO’s and the private sector, addressed?

• How is DRR awareness and education promoted among the population and stakeholders?
Guiding Question:

• How is private sector being encouraged to participate in DRR initiatives, such as taking measures to protect business activities from disasters?

• What specific measures are taken to protect and involve vulnerable communities and groups, such as low-income, elderly and disabled people, in DRR initiatives?

• How is international cooperation and exchange of best practices on DRR addressed?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!