

Working Table III – Security Issues  
Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative

**OUTLINE of the DPPI WORK PLAN 2006 ACTIVITIES**

This is a Discussion Paper aimed to facilitate discussion and debate among the partnering countries from the SEE region, experts and donors on the DPPI activities to be focused on and carried out in 2006, which will be, after the Regional Meeting, developed into a DPPI Work Plan and Budget for 2006.

**Disaster Management Training Project (DMTP)**

This project is aimed to enhance disaster preparedness and prevention through disaster management education and trainings by building human capacities of the civil protection agencies fully respecting expressed needs, interest and training capacities of all countries from the SEE region. As previously decided, Slovenia will be the leading country for the DMTP implementation in 2006. In addition to Croatia and Slovenia, several other countries, for the first time, voiced their readiness to host and organize workshops and training courses in 2006.

The DMTP in 2006 is composed of several different training and workshop events. All these events are jointly raising the knowledge, skills and capacity of the Civil Protection Agency members thus contributing to their preparedness to develop and implement preventive measures before and to act promptly and efficiently when disaster occur. Active participation of all countries from the region is a key to success and we expect that attendance will be enlarged. Most of the events are organized and delivered on English language and partnering countries might consider increasing the number of their English speaking personnel.

UN CMCoord Course will be organized and delivered jointly by UN-OCHA and The Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief.

Regional Disaster Management Course, Special Disaster Management Modules and Training of Trainers will be organized in cooperation with the Bournemouth University Disaster Management Centre.

Project Cycle Management will be organized in cooperation with PCM Group, Process Consultants and Moderators.

ELSEDIMA - Workshop on training of specialists for technological disaster management will be organized in cooperation with the Babes-Bolyai University, Regional Center for Major Accident Prevention (CRAIM).

12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Protection against Unexploded Ordnance will be organized in cooperation with The Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief.

UN CMCoord Course

The objective of the course is to provide the understanding of the coordination principles during international disaster relief operations and to explain how national military and/or civil protections assets should be used as a contribution to the overall international disaster relief response. Additionally, enhanced knowledge of international disaster response systems and

existing UN and EU procedures and standards will provide ability to the experts from the SEE region to become members of the UN and/or other international response teams, supplementing the knowledge and experience obtained thru CMEP and SEESIM workshop. Intended audience are persons involved in emergency response and engaged on preparation and deployment of relief missions.

#### Regional Disaster Management Course (RDMC)

The objective of this training is to present disaster response theory and practice in simulated situations, with an aim to strengthen the cooperation among participants in disaster protection and rescue activities, harmonize the activities of the participants eliminating potential failures and promote the understand of national and international disaster management principles. This course serves also as preliminary course to the Special Disaster Management Modules course. Intended audience are professionals engaged in disaster management.

#### Special Disaster Management Modules

The objective of this course is to provide more detailed practical experience on areas presented during Regional Disaster Management Course, focusing much more on tactical rather than strategically and management issues. The module is delivered through the mixture of lectures, discussions and indoor exercises. Topic of the course will be chosen by the majority decision of all countries from the SEE region Intended audience are middle managers and practitioners.

#### Training of Trainers

The objective of this training is to develop training and teaching skills among a core group of Civil Protection Agencies' personnel, in order to build sustainable human capacity for future disaster management and other trainings. There is an agreement reached that all ToT training participants should organize and deliver at least one training till the end of the year. Intended audience are professionals engaged or to be engaged in providing lectures and trainings.

#### Project Cycle Management (PCM)

Recommendation is that the PCM training should be used as a highly practical workshop where a specific project will be detected and formulated, and project proposal developed. Thus, PCM course will be a perfect opportunity to train people project cycle management through the highly useful process of project proposal development. This reorientation of the course also entails that countries from the SEE region should identify the concrete project to be finalized during the course into tangible project proposal. Intended audience are professionals engaged on project development, possible beneficiaries at the local level, and potentially representatives of NGOs and business community.

#### ELSEDIMA - Workshop on training of specialists for technological disaster management

The objective of the workshop is the improvement of human resources implied in implementation of SEVESO II Directive\* in SEE countries for supporting national authorities in the management of risk and emergency situations due to technological hazards and to the existence of old industrial and heavily polluted sites, thru national and international cooperation. By explaining the complexity of the issue to the participants the workshop serves as excellent platform for information sharing amongst the SEE countries, with an aim of bringing SEE countries in line with EU legislature related to major-accident hazards. Additionally, participants are better prepared for potential participation in NATO Science for Peace Program and/or Environmental and Security Initiative. Intended audience are experts and researches in the area of industrial and technological disaster management.

*\*The Council of The European Union - Council Directive 96/92EC of 09 December 1996 on the control of major-hazards involving dangerous substance*

### 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Protection against Unexploded Ordnance

The objective of this conference is primarily the information sharing on newest, state-of-the-art methods for finding and destroying Unexploded Ordnance Disposal (UXO), which unfortunately are still exist in the SEE region, and to share lessons learned in dealing with unexploded ordnance. Intended audience are experts in the field of EOD and de-mining.

### **Other DPPI Projects**

The DPPI Secretariat will continue to coordinate and facilitate development and implementation of all and any project that is initiated by the country from the SEE and approved by Donors. Bearing in mind the experience of previous years, it is expected that the focus of participating countries in identifying and development of the projects will be in one of the following areas: Fire Fighting, Flooding, Seismology and Industrial and Technological Disasters.

#### Fire Fighting

As a follow up of the last year Joint Fire Fighting Unit Project and mutual engagement of experts from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro, Border Crossing Protocols have been developed and agreed upon on expert level. The development of these multilateral agreements, which should lead toward regional agreement, have been supported, facilitated and coordinated by the East West Institute. The DPPI will continue reminding appropriate structures in the countries from the SEE region that endorsement of the use of bilateral and multilateral agreements between states and coordination of the immediate response of the adjacent border states and encouragement of the development of new agreements is one of the articles signed in the Bucharest Declaration. Once these Protocols are signed adjustment of the existing legislature documents and laws in the respective countries should commence to accommodate their implementation.

#### Flooding

Building on the success of the Joint Fire Fighting Unit Project including development of the Border Crossing Procedures, agreed upon at the expert level; bearing in mind victims, devastation and costs occurred during this year floods in the region; and recognizing interest expressed by several countries, projects related to flooding should focus on improving the conditions of flood protection, on setting up early alarm system and emergency response units, as well as on development and facilitation of adoption of bilateral and multilateral legal and procedural mechanisms and agreements.

#### Seismology

Several projects in the area of seismology are under implementation or rapidly approaching implementation stage. Interest presented by the countries from the region during previous years indicates that main activities in the seismology area will be focused on harmonisation of the hazard maps and introduction and implementation of the EU standards (Eurocode 8); training of young scientist from the SEE region and setting-up monitoring/early warning system.

#### Industrial and Technological Disaster

Focus in this disaster area will be on initiating regional information system as a part of the international network in order to facilitate management of risk and emergency situations, in a context of SEVESO II Directive for South Eastern Europe.

**Information dissemination, program promotion and public outreach**

Focus of this new activity should be on the DPPI promotion and information dissemination. This component of the initiative has been rather neglected. Providing full knowledge and information to the citizens of the SEE countries on threats of potential disasters and all activities undertaken to prevent, manage and mitigate those threats, public opinion should be considered as an added value to our goal of successful and sustainable regionalisation of the DPPI SEE.

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