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PRO NEWS

Programme for Improving
National Early Warning System
and flood prevention in Albania



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PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of PRO NEWS is to ensure increased resilience to floods by strengthening National Early Warning System of Albania and improving disaster prevention in line with EU Good Practices.

The specific objective is to further increase the capacity of the Albanian General Directorate for Civil Emergencies to prevent and respond to disaster management.

BENEFICIARY PARTNERS

Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA)

Albanian General Directorate for Civil Emergencies (GDCE)

Institute of Geosciences, Energy, Water, Environment (IGEWE)

Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration (MARDWA)

Albanian Authority for GeoSpatial Information (AAGI)

Technical Secretariat of the National Water Council (TSNWC)

THEMATIC AREA

Civil protection preparedness and disaster risk reduction

PROGRAMME APPROACH

- Ensure active participation of local stakeholders at all levels (from national to local);
- Ensure the use of existing resources, capacities and networks developed in the area of Early Warning Systems (EWS), Flood Management and Civil Protection;
- Ensure the use of existing EWS capacities (from forecasting to planning and flood management) as well as inter-institutions communication and cooperation in the disaster risk management;
- Promote the use of best practices in the field of flood risk management at national, regional and EU level.

Six interrelated components have been conceived to achieve the scope of the Programme:

1. Support the Legal and Institutional Development for improving Early Warning System (EWS), Flood Management and civil protection by assessing the current institutional and legal framework and strengthening the capacity of national and local authorities to develop Civil Protection emergency plans using participatory approaches.

2. Support the development of a flood hazard map following EU Floods Directive through training and technical assistance for the preparation and use of detailed Flood Hazard maps.

3. Development of National Flood Forecasting and Warning System and integration into European Flood Awareness System (EFAS) by developing an operational hydrological model for the entire country including transnational river basin for early warning, modernizing the meteorological infrastructures and improving the IT network.

4. Designing of National Public awareness campaign based on EU National Civil Protection good practices for improving the awareness and the resilience of relevant target groups

5. Support Albania in preparing for membership to the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (EUCPM) through workshops, training on the Union civil protection mechanism (UCPM) and exchange of experts.

6. Programme support (oversight, coordination, results based monitoring).

ESTIMATED RESULTS

1. Improvement of the Legal and Institutional framework on Early Warning, Flood Management and Civil Protection.

2. Development of Flood Hazard Maps according to the provisions of EU Floods Directive.

3. Improvement of Flood Early Warning and integration into the European Flood Awareness System (EFAS) .

4. Promotion of the development of awareness raising campaigns and prevention measures among the population.

5. Support to access the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (EUCPM).

PRO NEWS will start with an inception phase aimed at understanding the state of play in regards to risk mapping, Early Warning System and the national legal framework on civil protection and disaster risk reduction at large.

Desk study and fact-finding missions will be conducted with Programme experts and Consortium members in close cooperation with the main institutions involved in order to understand the network of target groups interested in the Programme components.

The inception phase will result into the endorsement of the work-plan and a better definition of the activities that will be carried out throughout the implementation of the Programme.

Technical assistance and capacity building activities, including training, workshops and advisory missions will be used for the achievement of the expected results. The Programme activities will be disseminated through online platforms, media and events.