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### Workshop in the framework of the PRO NEWS Programme with the representatives of the Technical Advisory Committee

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In the framework of the Programme for Improving National Early Warning System in Albania – PRO NEWS on Tuesday, 10 September 2019, the representatives from the line ministries and the institutions that are members of the Albanian Technical Advisory Committee will gather in Tirana under the coordination of the General Directorate for Civil Emergencies (GDCE) to participate in a technical assistance workshop aimed to raise knowledge about the main features of the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (EUCPM).

The EUCPM – based at the European Commission Directorate General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations in Brussels (DG ECHO) – was created in 2001 to improve the cooperation between the European Union Member States in broad civil protection. Under this purpose the EUCPM ensures also a framework to pooling together capabilities and enable continuous development of measures to prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters. The EUCPM has also the objective to facilitate coordination of international assistance offered to countries affected by severe emergencies. Indeed, when the scale of an emergency overwhelms the capabilities for response of a country the EUCPM can be involved to provide coordinated assistance through the capacities of the Participating States.

Becoming a Participating State of the EUCPM is an added value and implies a gradual process to reinforce national civil protection capacities and align them with the standards at European Union level.



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In this regard the recent approval of the new civil protection law represents a significant step for Albania to further implement the process to eventually access the EUCPM.

The workshop is integral part of this process and is implemented by the PRO NEWS programme with support by experts from DG ECHO and the Italian Civil Protection Department.

Since the beginning of 2017, with funding from the EU Delegation to Albania, the PRO NEWS implementing consortium, established by the Italian Civil Protection Department as lead partner jointly with CIMA Research Foundation, the World Meteorological Organization, the European Center for Medium Range Weather Forecasts, the Croatian National Hydro-meteorological Service and the Regional Environmental Center – Albania, is working in close coordination with GDCE and other Albanian stakeholders to contribute to better flood prevention in the country.

Within this scope the PRO NEWS programme supports the development of legislative frameworks, Early Warning System, Flood Hazard Mapping and Hydrological Modelling and includes also a component to provide assistance to Albanian institutions towards approximation to the EUCPM.

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