

1. PROGRAMME SYNOPSIS

Project Title:	Programme for the Prevention, Preparedness, and Response to Man-Made and Natural Disasters in the ENPI East Region (PPRD-East)		
Project Number:	2010/247-628		
Countries:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine		
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Of Project Activities			

- Overall Objective:**
- To contribute to the peace, stability, security, and prosperity of the Eastern Partner Countries, and to protect the environment, the population, the cultural heritage, the resources, and the infrastructure of the region by strengthening the countries' resilience, preparedness, and response to man-made and natural disasters.
- Project Purpose:**
- To contribute to the development of the Partner Countries' civil protection capacities for disaster prevention, preparedness, and response.
 - To bring the Partner Countries progressively closer to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and improve cooperation amongst themselves.
- Planned Results:**
- Better knowledge of risk exposure and available resources for enhanced preparedness and response capacities in the region (through the creation of the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas);
 - Enhanced legislative, administrative, and operational civil protection capacities of the Partner Countries in the field of prevention, preparedness, and response;
 - Improved information, awareness, and participation of stakeholders regarding disaster prevention, preparedness, and response;
 - Partner Countries are well informed about the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and able to effectively collaborate with the Mechanism participating states in responding to disasters, including through close co-operation with the MIC via the established contact points; and
 - Needs for a possible further development of cooperation with Eastern Partners following the end of the Programme (Phase II) are identified.

- Project activities:**
- **Activity Area A: Development of the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)** – **A1.** Establishing the Policy Framework; **A2.** Development of Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA); **A3.** Civil Protection Operational Manual.
 - **Activity Area B: Civil Protection/Disaster Management Capacity Building Programme** – **B1.** Establishing the Capacity Building Programme; **B2.** Strengthening Stakeholder Capacity; **B3.** Assessing the Impact of the Capacity Building Programme.
 - **Activity Area C: Institutional and Regulatory Strengthening** – **C1.** Strengthening the Regulatory Framework; **C2.** Strengthening the Institutional Framework.
 - **Activity Area D: Raising Awareness on Civil Protection, Disaster Management, and Disaster Risk Reduction Issues** – **D1.** Establishing the Awareness Raising Baseline; **D2.** Development and Implementation of Public Awareness Raising Activities
 - **Activity Area E: Project Management** – **E1.** Project Mobilisation and Team Building; **E2.** Administrative Project Reporting; **E3.** Phase II Design.
- Target group(s):**
- **Main Beneficiaries:** Armenia - Ministry of Emergency Situations; Azerbaijan – Ministry of Emergency Situations; Belarus – Ministry of Emergency Situations; Georgia – Ministry of Internal Affairs, Emergency Management Department; Moldova – Ministry of Internal Affairs, Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service; and Ukraine – State Emergency Service of Ukraine.
 - **Other Stakeholders:** state institutions involved in civil protection and disaster management (e.g. environmental agencies, medical institutions, water management, customs etc.); national and international NGOs working in the disaster management field; local population.

2. SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME PROGRESS SINCE THE START

The contract was signed on December 16, 2010. The programme was formally launched at a “kick off” meeting in Brussels on January 26, 2011 whereby a common vision was established for the future implementation of the programme between the EC Project Manager, the programme team, and Brussels-based stakeholders. The programme team subsequently mobilised to the region, and established a fully operational programme office in Kiev. Thereafter the team undertook a number of missions to all Partner Countries during the Inception Period in order to undertake an analysis of the current situation, to clarify the programme design, and to update the original planning/methodology presented in the original proposal, if necessary, in line with the results from these previous two activities. This process was facilitated through a comprehensive series of meetings with Programme Partners and all key stakeholders and, in the case of Ukraine, through the holding of a “Programme Information Day” in Kiev on April 5, 2012. The Inception Phase culminated in the production of a draft Inception Report that was presented to the EC Project Manager, the Programme Partners, and representatives from other key stakeholders, at the inaugural meeting of the Programme’s Steering Committee in Brussels on June 9, 2011. This meeting reaffirmed the programme’s long-term objective, main purposes, expected results, and activities without any substantive deviation from the programme’s original design.

Following approval of the Inception Report by the EC Project Manager, the first reporting period concentrated upon implementing the first six-month workplan until mid-December 2011 and sought to progressively build momentum by exploiting the developing linkages between the programme team, the Programme Partners, and the key local stakeholders. Main milestones achieved during this reporting period included the successful organisation of “EU Civil Protection Mechanism” info-days in five Partner Countries, a regional seminar on exercise planning held in Kiev on December 8-9, 2011, and a regional workshop on developing a common approach to public awareness raising in Tbilisi on November 8-9, 2011. An interim first administrative report was produced in January 2011 and forwarded to the EC Project Manager accordingly for approval. The main focus during the second reporting period was to sustain this momentum, and to build upon the foundations laid during the first reporting period. Notable milestones included the organisation of an EU civil protection mechanism info-day in Kiev on January 31, 2012, a SEVESO II Study tour and workshop to Poland in February 2012, a regional workshop for elaborating a common, region-wide, communication strategy held in Kiev on March 28-30, 2012, and tendering of the first phase for the ERRA system’s development in May 2012.

Following Second Progress period the programme starts with Development phase. The draft of ERRA conceptual model was developed and discussed with partner countries. The Regional Risk Assessment Policy was finalised and presented to the Participants during Sub-regional workshops in Cherkasy on November 26-30, 2012. In order to optimize the project activities during the implementation phase, during summer of 2012, the PPRD Team and EU Commission agreed to establish a National Advisory Group (NAG). The NAG has, first and foremost, a “consultative/operational mandate”, i.e. to oversee and/or monitor the implementation of the programme’s work plan to ensure that the results are produced on time and with

requested quality, and that they remain entirely appropriate to meeting national priorities. During this reporting period the NAG in Armenia was established October 3-5, 2012 and the NAG in Azerbaijan on November 14-15, 2012. The Progress report No 2 was submitted to the EC Project Manager on October 26, 2012 covering the activity from January 1 till June 30, 2012. The Progress report No 2 was approved in December 2012.

From December 10-14, 2012 the representatives of the PPRD East's Partner Countries (prevention and public relations specialists of rescue services, leading journalists from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, and representative of the REC Caucasus) took part in the Study tour on best practices of prevention work at different levels: national, regional and local, in Spain.

During the third reporting period, preparation of the Tailing Management Facilities PPRD East Proposal and discussions with Partner Countries were also done.

The Progress Report No. 3 (and the Work Plan No. 4) has been submitted to EC Project Manager on March 29, 2013 and approved on May 29, 2013.

Following the approval of the Addendum 01 and the appointment of a new Team Leader and a Civil Protection Key Expert, and in respect to the other changes introduced by the Addendum 01 to the PPRD East Programme, the first immediate task of the renewed PPRD East Expert Team was to update/redefine the approach and develop activities for the remaining period of the PPRD East Programme implementation (a little bit less of 18 months) with an aim to achieve planned (and contracted) results. As a result of the consultations held with the EC, Partner Countries and other relevant civil protection/disaster management stakeholders, the PPRD East Programme Work Plan January 2013 – June 2014 was developed, presented to and endorsed by all six Partner Countries and the EC at the Programme's 2nd Steering Committee Meeting held on February 21, 2013 in Brussels, Belgium.

In accordance to the adopted Work Plan, focus of PPRD East activities during the reporting period was on the continuation of the development of Electronic Regional Risk Atlas through the selection of companies engaged to undertake the risk mapping, finalization of ERRA design and organization of the On-Job Training, Study tour to Italy and Regional ERRA Workshop; organization of two civil protection basic trainings, Main Planning Conference & Table Top eXercise and participation at the 4th European Civil Protection Forum; starting the SEVESO II Directive Capacity Building and Introduction to SEVESO III Directive and confirming the opportunity for PPRD East Partner Countries to participate in the German-Ukrainian Project on "Improving the Safety of Tailing Management Facility"; preparation, selection and engagement of experts, and analysis of the legal and institutional civil protection/disaster management frameworks in all 6 Partner Countries; and adoption and implementation of the Regional PPRD East Communication Strategy. The establishment of NAGs has also continued – National Advisory Group has been established in Ukraine on January 17, 2013, in Georgia on March 4, 2013, in Moldova on April 15, 2013 and in Belarus on June 13, 2013. Second meeting of NAG Ukraine has been held on June 20, 2013.

In addition, during the reporting period, the PPRD East Programme enhanced the bilateral and multilateral cooperation and visibility by visiting all six Partner Countries and participating at a series of bilateral and multilateral meetings with civil protection/disaster management authorities, key national stakeholders and international partners. During the reporting period, 235 representatives of stakeholders/beneficiary organizations participated at the PPRD East activities (out of 810 representatives of stakeholders/beneficiary organizations that have participated at the PPRD East activities from the beginning of the Programme).

Activity Area A: Development of the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)

This activity area contains 14 key tasks divided into three separate modules. Task A1.1 (Formation of Working Groups) has been undertaken in all countries, i.e. the remaining four NAGs were established during the reporting period. The National Advisory Groups complement the approach adopted in the past by the former Team Leader when the only national counterparts of the Programme were National Coordinators. Task A1.2 (Analysis of Existing Hazard/Risk Assessment Policies) was successfully completed in June 2012 – albeit behind schedule – with the results compiled into the Technical Working Paper 4 “Analysis of Existing Risk/Hazard Management Policy Frameworks”. Similarly, due to the delay in completing Task A1.2, the development of the regional risk assessment policy (Task A1.3) was only completed in early June 2012 with the Technical Working Paper 5 “A Risk/Hazard Assessment Policy for the ENPI East Region” produced accordingly. A regional workshop on risk assessment policy was successfully held in Tbilisi on April 11-13, 2012 to facilitate progress on both of these activities. The Regional Risk Assessment Policy was finalized and successfully presented in Cherkasy, Ukraine on Regional Risk Assessment Policy Sub-regional Workshops held on November 26-30, 2012. The drafts of methodologies for disaster risk mapping were developed for each hazard type and the methodologies were used for writing the ToR’s for tendering procedures. During reporting period the companies were selected in five partner countries and are in process of contracting. The only country where we didn’t select companies is Azerbaijan, but we are in a process of negotiation with the main beneficiary. The analysis of existing maps/databases and technological possibilities for the conceptual design (activities A2.2.1 and A2.2.2 respectively) was carried-out throughout the third reporting period and was concluded in February 2013 with the production of the Technical Report 2 “Detailed Design for the Regional Environmental Risk Atlas”.

Task A2.1 (“Review of Existing Management Information/GIS System”) was completed in early 2012 with the results compiled into the Technical Working Paper 6 “Review of Existing Information Systems”. Similarly, the needs analysis for the ERRA (Task A2.2) was successfully completed, and the Technical Working Paper 7 “Needs Analysis for the Electronic Risk Atlas” has been finalised accordingly. An initial collection and analysis of existing maps and data (activity A2.2.1) was successfully completed early in the second reporting period, with the draft Technical Working Paper 8 “Review of Existing Maps and Related Data” produced in early April 2012 accordingly. In parallel with this task, a preliminary review of existing technological possibilities (activity A2.2.2) was successfully completed in February 2012 (albeit behind the original September 2011 completion date) with the production of the document “Review of Existing Technological

Possibilities". The conceptual design for the ERRA system (Task A2.3) is finished. At the time of writing, basic data gathering is completed in Armenia, Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia.

The conceptual design for the ERRA has to completely and accurately reflect the requirements of the Partner Countries and other key national stakeholders. Any deficiency and uncertainty within the conceptual design should be/has to be addressed and clarified at this stage. For that purpose, the conceptual design of ERRA system was presented and thoroughly discussed during the National Advisory Groups meetings in all 6 countries as well as during the ERRA Regional Workshop that took place on May 22-23, 2013 in Moldova (A4.6). Thus, the activity A2.4 Stakeholder Consultations has been successfully completed during this reporting period.

Task A2.5 ("Detailed Design, Programming and testing of the ERRA") started during the previous reporting period and the test version of ERRA skeleton is in operation. The prototype was presented during ERRA Regional Workshop, which was held on May 22-23, 2013 in Moldova. The actual version of ERRA skeleton is under testing by potential administrators from each partner country (mainly participants from ERRA workshop held in Moldova). The first phase for developing the additional subsystems already started and the first results are expected soon. The prototype of ERRA is accessible at <http://erra.pprd-east.eu>. During the reporting period, the Study tour to Italy (Task A4.5) was organized on April 15-24, 2013. The main goals was to familiarize civil protection specialists from the Partner Countries with the EU practices on utilization of information technology and Risk Assessment in civil protection; to study best experience of PPRD South Risk Atlas development and PPRD South project countries involvement in the process; to study ways and methods of utilizing GIS as a modeling systems in prevention, preparedness and response to man-made and natural disasters; and to reach an agreement among the participants upon main conceptual model of ERRA.

The first On-Job Training (as part of the Task A4.3) was held in Armenia on March 11-12, 2013. The main topic was the usage of GIS in civil protection and disaster management. Seven experts were trained. Based on this experience the next on-job trainings will be planned for each Partner Country. The On-Job Trainings are organized under the Exchange of Experts programme.

Activity Area B: Civil Protection/Disaster Management Capacity Building Programme

This activity area comprises seven tasks. The first task (Task B1.1 – stakeholder analysis) was successfully completed during the Inception Phase, via the successful completion of missions and consultations with the programme partners and key stakeholders in the Partner Countries. On the basis of the stakeholder analysis, a training needs analysis (Task B1.2) was completed during the first reporting period - the process being greatly facilitated by the holding of European Civil Protection Mechanism Info-days in the Partner Countries and via a regional workshop held in Kiev on December 8-9, 2011 in order to share experiences on exercise planning and to reach a common understanding between Partner Countries about goals, methods, planning methodology, and evaluation of table top and field exercises. On the basis of this needs assessment process, a training programme (Task B1.3) was developed at the end of the first reporting period for International Responders (TPIR) to work with the EU CP Mechanism/MIC. The training programme has been

enriched during this reporting period with the inclusion of the activity B2.1.4 Sub-regional Workshops on Disaster Risk Reduction and the activity B2.1.5 SEVESO II Directive Capacity Building and Introduction to SEVESO III Directive. The implementation of the training programme (Task B2.1) started during the first reporting period with the participation of Belarusian experts in UNECE Hazard and Crisis Management Workshops in July & December 2011, a SEVESO II study tour/workshop in Poland in February 2012, and a visit to Estonia by representatives from the Azerbaijani Project Partner in March 2012.

Building on what has been already developed and implemented, and in accordance to the adopted and endorsed PPRD East Programme Work Plan January 2013 – June 2014, important steps in the implementation of the provision of the Training Programme for International Responders (TPIR) developed at the end of the first reporting period were made. The focus of the newly appointed Civil Protection Key Expert and selected non-key experts was to set up, develop and deliver first two basic civil protection trainings (activity B2.2.1) and the first MPC&TTX (activity B2.3.1).

As result, during June 1-7, 2013 and June 22-28, 2013, 30 experts from PPRD East Partner Countries followed the Basic Civil Protection Trainings (equivalent of Community Mechanism Introduction Course under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism Training Programme). The venue selected for trainings was Fire Service College in the United Kingdom, which provided excellent conditions for delivering the theoretical and practical sessions. All the arrangements and the set up were made to ensure the compatibility with similar training provided for EU Member States.

First sub-regional MPC&TTX was successfully organized on June 10-12, 2013 in Minsk, Belarus. 22 experts from PPRD East Partner Countries tested the coordination procedures between international actors, government officials and emergency workers in order to ensure that the response to the emergencies “created” in Ukraine and Belarus is effective. Due to the fact that very few of the representatives of the Partner Countries’ Civil Protection authorities are English-speaking persons, the special request has been received from the host, the Ministry of Emergency Management of the Republic of Belarus, to provide English-Russian-English translation at the event. Since all 5 other Partner Countries have supported this request, the PPRD East Team provided the requested translation.

The questionnaire for completing the Study on the regional provision of assistance during disasters and host-nation support (HNS) (activity B2.1.3.1) was developed and as soon as it is translated to Russian, both versions (English and Russian) will be released to all Partner Countries to be filled till mid September. Based on the responses received, a Study on the regional provision of assistance during disasters and host-nation support (HNS) will be developed. Activities related to HNS started a bit later than originally planned – additional time was needed to set up the administrative and contractual framework for the engagement/involvement of a non-key expert.

On May 15-16, 2013 8 representatives of the PPRD East Programme Partner Countries participated at the 4th European Civil Protection Forum – a unique opportunity for civil protection and disaster management professionals to come together and advance the debate on the EU role in disaster management by

discussing the best practices, recent developments and new ideas. The activity B2.3.5 (Participation at the 4th CP Forum) is therefore considered as successfully completed.

In close cooperation with the UNISDR Regional Office for Europe, preliminary activities have been undertaken with an aim to successfully organize the Sub-regional Workshops on Disaster Risk Reduction (activity B2.1.4). Draft Agenda, potential trainers and the timing of the first sub-regional workshop have been discussed.

The SEVESO II Directive Capacity Building and Introduction to SEVESO III Directive (under the activity B2.1.5) has started with the first Regional Workshop, which was held on April 22-24, 2013 in Chisinau, Moldova with participation of 14 participants from all 6 Partner Countries and the EC. The sub-activity B2.1.5.1 (SEVESO II/III Regional Workshop) is therefore considered as successfully completed.

Activity Area C: Institutional and Regulatory Strengthening

This activity area consists of six tasks. The initial review of the institutional and regulatory baseline (Task C1.1) was successfully completed, albeit during the first reporting period rather than the Inception Phase as originally planned, with the results detailed in Technical Working Paper 2 “Preliminary Analysis of the Legislative and Institutional Frameworks within the Eastern ENPI Region”.

The detailed analyses of the institutional and legal civil protection/disaster management frameworks (Tasks C1.2 and C2.1) have been carried-out during the reporting period. Draft reports were developed and shared with the Partner Countries in June 2013, with an aim to be discussed in details and adopted by the expert representatives of all 6 partner Countries at the regional workshops scheduled for end of July 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

The implementation of Task C2.3 (“Assistance to Government Environmental Emergency Projects”) was open for requests from Partner Countries, but after the completion of Assistance to GEEP follow-up in Kalush, Ukraine, no other Partner Countries have forwarded any requests and made use of this facility during the reporting period. During the 2nd Programme’s Steering Committee meeting, new attention has been brought to the possibility for the Partner Countries to apply for Project Preparation Assistance (C.2.3.1). Due to the complexity and implementation time needed for this activity, the time for application has been extended till the end of April 2013. However, no applications have been received and the activity C2.3.1 has been therefore closed.

The opportunity for PPRD East Partner Countries to participate in the German-Ukrainian Project on “Improving the Safety of Tailing Management Facility” (C2.3.2) has been confirmed in direct communication with the representative of the German Environmental Agency, who participated and presented the Project on “Improving the Safety of Tailing Management Facility” at the 2nd NAG Ukraine meeting. Georgia has joined

Armenia in sending the official letter/request; Azerbaijan and Belarus are expected to send their letters in the following months.

Activity Area D: Raising Awareness on Civil Protection, Disaster Management, and Disaster Risk Reduction Issues

This activity area consists of five key tasks. A review of the existing awareness raising activities (Task D1.1) was successfully completed during the Inception Phase. The implementation of an awareness raising survey (Task D2.1) – comprising the development of the mass media data catalogue complemented by a regional communication workshop held in Tbilisi on November 9, 2011 – was completed as planned at the end of the first reporting period. The development of a “prevention oriented” awareness raising strategy (Task D2.2) was completed according to schedule during the second reporting period – a regional workshop was held in Kiev on March 28-30, 2012, serving as a key forum for facilitating the development of the programme’s regional communication strategy and action plan. In parallel to the strategy development process, the implementation of the Programme’s communication strategy has taken place. This has included the production of leaflets, the finalisation of the Programme’ website in February 2012, production of three project newsletters and other information materials. From December 10-14, 2012 the representatives of the PPRD East Programme Partner Countries (disaster prevention and public relations specialists of civil protection/disaster management authorities, leading journalists from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, and representative of the REC Caucasus) took part in the Study tour on best practices of prevention work at different levels: national, regional and local, in Spain.

As the Technical Report 1 “Regional Communication Strategy” was approved at the 2nd PPRD East Steering Committee meeting held on February 21, 2013 in Brussels, Belgium, the Task D2.2 (Develop Communication/Awareness Raising Strategy) is considered to be successfully completed.

Task D2.3 Implementation of Awareness Raising Activities is aligned along three key areas of intervention:

Key Area A - Developing cooperation at the regional and national level through the exchange of information

Activity D2.3.1 (Establishing the PPRD East Journalist Network) is completed during the reporting period. 24 journalists from national media of PPRD East Partner Countries took part in the Journalist Network. The number of participating journalists is expected to be increased as the negotiations on their participation are on-going with a number of media from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Ukraine.

Activity D2.3.2 (Utilization of the PPRD East Journalist Network) – more than 3,5 million viewers saw the TV report about PPRD East ERRA Study tour in Italy which was broadcasted by ICTV Ukrainian Channel in April 2013.

TV news about the first PPRD East National Advisory Groups meetings were broadcasted in Moldova (in April 2013) and in Belarus (in June 2013).

Two awareness raising/communication non-key experts were selected and engaged as of June 2013 to assist in the conceptual development, preparation and wide dissemination of information and communication materials/products (Activities: D2.3.4 PPRD East guide for journalists covering emergency situations; D2.3.6 Developing PPRD East Video Fund; D2.3.8 Production and broadcasting of video- audio information messages; D2.3.9 Production and dissemination of brochures, leaflets, posters; Task D2.3.10 Developing an interactive quiz game).

All planned information and communication products will be used within the framework of Key Area B - Implementation of information campaigns to increase the awareness of wide public on CP, DM and DRR issues and enhance their capacity for preventing and responding to emergency situations (planned to be implemented during October-November 2013).

There is a delay in the implementation of the activity D2.3.10. An interactive quiz game is not ready (it was planned for June 2013), but we are planning to complete and disseminate a quiz game for children in October-November 2013.

Key Area C - Keeping all stakeholders informed about the progress of the PPRD East Programme and achieved results

Enhancing the layout and visual presentation of materials on the Programme's website (D2.3.11 Improving the PPRD East web portal www.euroeastcp.eu) were implemented during the reporting period. This activity is still going-on and additional improvements will be made during the next reporting period.

News, information and press releases covering various events, communication materials and documents were posted (D2.3.12) on the web portal of the PPRD East Programme (www.euroeastcp.eu) in order to disseminate information about the Programme outputs and results in the period January 2013 – June 2013.

Establishment of the PPRD East Facebook group was undertaken in March 2013 (D2.3.13 Development and information support of the PPRD East Programme page in the social media). Maintenance of the PPRD East Facebook group will be done in the period July 2013-June 2014.

PPRD East Newsletter #3 in the English and Russian languages highlighting the progress and results of the PPRD East Programme in the period June – December 2012 was developed and disseminated since February/March 2013. The PPRD East Newsletter #4 highlighting the progress and results of the PPRD East Programme during the period January – May 2013 was under development during at the time of writing of this Report, and it will be published and disseminated as of August 2013.

More than 1200 hard copies of the documents listed below were printed and disseminated (as well as on more than 120 USB Flash Drives) among participants of PPRD East Programme events during February-June 2013:

- Directive on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances (Seveso II), En-Ru;
- Directive 2007/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on the assessment and management of flood risks, En-Ru;

- EU Risk Assessment and Mapping Guidelines for Disaster Management, En-Ru;
- A Risk/Hazard Assessment Policy for the ENPI Eastern Region, En-Ru; and
- Copies of the PPRD East Factsheet 2013 and PPRD East Newsletters #1, #2, #3, En-Ru.

Activity Area E: Project Management

This activity area contains eight key tasks. Task E1.1 (Project Mobilisation) and Task E1.2 (Project “Kick Off” Meeting) were successfully completed in January 2011. Following missions to the Partner Countries during the Inception Phase, a Programme Steering Committee was successfully established (Task E1.3) and held its inaugural meeting in Brussels to discuss the Inception Report on June 8-9, 2011. The initial selection of non-key experts (Task E1.4) was successfully completed during the Inception Phase/early first reporting period. The project workplan/Inception Report (Task E2.1) was submitted to Steering Committee members prior to the Steering Committee meeting and, following participants’ recommendations, the report was subsequently approved by the EC Project Manager. Progress Report No.1 was submitted to the EC Project Manager in January 2012. Progress Report No. 2 was submitted to the EC Project Manager in October, 2012 and upon approval, it was disseminated to the PPRD East Programme Partner Countries in February 2013. The PPRD East Programme Work Plan January 2013 – June 2014 was developed in January – February 2013 and approved and endorsed at the 2nd PPRD East Programme Steering Committee Meeting held on February 21, 2013 both by Partner Countries and the EC Project Manager. Progress Report No. 3 was submitted to the EC Project Manager on March 29, 2013 and approved on May 29, 2013.

3. SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME PLANNING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PROGRAMME

Activity Area A: Development of the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)

The immediate priorities are to start tendering and contracting of all additional sub systems of the ERRA and also tendering and contracting of Risk Mapping in Partner Countries. The ERRA should be finalised as sustainable complex system. The risk mapping will be based on developed Regional Risk Assessment Policy and will use EU based methodology (as for example the Flood Directive, SEVESO Directive, EU Risk Assessment Guidelines). The production of hazard, vulnerability and risk mapping (Task A2.7) will start in the last reporting period and will be concluded in April 2014 with the production of printed risk atlases for each Partner Country. These maps will be also available online, at the ERRA system. The development of the draft civil protection operational manual (Task A3.1) will start in July 2013 and conclude in October 2013 with the Technical Working Paper "Civil Protection Operational Manual". This manual will then undergo a three-month consultation period prior to its finalisation in April 2014 as a Technical Report "Civil Protection Operational Manual" and will be presented at the Regional workshop.

The Capacity building program related to the Activity area A will include: the training in GIS/Risk Assessment for participants from Partner Countries in Netherlands ITC in September 2013, two sub-regional workshops on Natural risk Modelling (October 2013, February 2014), On-Job Trainings in GIS/Risk Assessment on-demand in Partner Countries (two per country in total) and based on request received from the Partner Countries we will provide the training for Dam Break Flooding in July 2013. As it was agreed during the Steering Committee meeting, the PPRD East Programme will purchase the licence for dam break flooding modelling for each Partner Country. The second (and final) regional workshop focusing on technological side of ERRA will be held in March 2014.

Activity Area B: Civil Protection/Disaster Management Capacity Building Programme

The main focus for the forthcoming period will be to continue with the implementation of the training programme (Task B2.1) comprised of the third civil protection basic and two operational management trainings, of a study on the regional provision of assistance during disaster and host-nation support, which will provide basis for the development of the regional guidelines on cross-border movement, disaster risk reduction sub-regional workshops and continuation of the SEVESO II Directive capacity building and introduction to SEVESO III Directive activities. This task will conclude in March 2014. Similarly, the planning and implementation of remaining two sub-regional and one regional Table Top eXercises (Task B2.3) will be complemented with the Study tour to the European Emergency Response Centre, and will run until May 2014. Work in this activity area will conclude with a survey of impact upon the Partner Countries' respective legislation (Task B3.1) planned for March - April 2014.

Activity Area C: Institutional and Regulatory Strengthening

The undertaken detailed analyses of both the existing legal/regulatory (Task C1.2) and existing institutional civil protection frameworks (Task C2.1) will be presented to the Partner Countries at the regional workshops

planned to take place on July 22-23, 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia (Task C1.3 and Task C2.2) and consequently to the EC. As per approval received from the EC Project Manager, detailed analyses complemented with the action oriented recommendations approved by the technical representatives from all six Partner Countries will be compiled into the Technical Report 4 “Strengthening the Eastern Region’s Institutional and Legislative Frameworks”, instead of originally planned two TWPs (the TWP 11 “Detailed Analysis of Existing Legislative Frameworks” and the TWP 12 “Analysis and Recommendations for Strengthening the Institutional Framework”).

Task C2.3 (Assistance to Government Environmental Emergency Projects) will run throughout the implementation phase and conclude in April 2014. It was intended to be implemented through two activities – through the Project Preparation Assistance (C2.3.1), which has been closed as no requests from the Partner Countries have been received before arranged deadline of April 30, 2013, and through the co-participation in the German-Ukrainian Project on “Improving the Safety of Tailing Management Facility” (C2.3.2), the activity which will be implemented in December 2013 – January 2014.

Activity Area D: Raising Awareness on Civil Protection, Disaster Management, and Disaster Risk Reduction Issues

The immediate priority is preparation and development of all planned information/communication products for information campaigns in six Partner Countries. Thereafter, the emphasis will be upon implementing the awareness raising strategy (Task D2.3) via various events and campaigns at both regional and national level. The results from all public awareness-raising campaigns will be compiled into Technical Report 5 (“Results from Public Awareness Raising Campaigns”) in April 2014. Work in the Activity Area D will conclude with the dissemination of key project results (Task D2.4) throughout the Programme’s “Consolidation Phase” in May-June 2014.

Activity Area E: Project Management

The production of administrative reports (Task E2.2) will occur on a regular six-month basis, concluding with the development of the Programme’s Final Report (Task E2.3) at the end of the Programme’s Consolidation phase in June 2014. In order to present and disseminate the Programme achievements, the 3rd Steering Committee meeting will be organized back-to-back to the PPRD East Programme Closing Conference in May 2014.

4. PROGRAMME PROGRESS IN THE REPORTING PERIOD

4.1 Achievements in Comparison with Planned Results

Table 1 presents the out-turn against the work plan for January 1 – June 30, 2013 inclusive. Tables 2 and 3 present the respective resource utilization and output performance reports for the reporting period.

Activity Area A: Development of the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)

The main objective of this activity area is to strengthen the policy/strategy framework for improving the assessment of hazards/risks, not least through the development/implementation of an electronic regional risk atlas together with the production of a civil protection operational manual including GIS tools.

Module A1 – Establishing the Policy Framework

Key objectives of this module are to form the respective working groups, to analyze existing policy frameworks for risk/hazard assessment methods currently used within the Partner Countries, and to develop a regionally coherent policy/strategy accordingly.

Task A1.1 Formation of Working Groups

In order to optimize the Programme activities during the implementation phase, during summer of 2012, the PPRD Team and EU Commission agreed to establish a National Advisory Group (NAG). The NAG has, first and foremost, a “consultative/operational mandate”, i.e. to oversee and/or monitor the implementation of the project’s work plan to ensure that the results are produced to time, quality, and they remain entirely appropriate to meeting national priorities. Additionally, the NAG would also give stronger country ownership to the project. All countries have agreed to this plan and at the end of August 2012, the PPRD East Expert Team has searched for personnel to assist the establishment and activities of the NAGs in each Partner Country.

Establishment of the Armenian NAG

As reported in the Progress Report No.3, the NAG in Armenia has been established on October 4-5, 2012. Second NAG meeting is planned for the last quarter of 2013.

Establishment of the Azerbaijan NAG

As reported in the Progress Report No.3, the NAG in Azerbaijan has been established on November 14-15, 2012. Second NAG meeting is planned for the last quarter of 2013.

Establishment of the Ukrainian NAG

NAG in Ukraine has been established at the 1st NAG meeting held on January 17, 2013 in Kiev. In total, 21 persons participated, out of which 5 were from the recently established State Emergency Service of Ukraine, 15 from other Governmental institutions and 1 from international organization. PPRD East Key Experts presented the PPRD East Programme achievements and planned activities and discussed with the participants next steps. Detailed Final Report, in English and in Ukrainian, including the Agenda and the List

of Participants, is available in the Appendix 1 and on the PPRD East website (<http://euroeastcp.eu/en/the-first-meeting-of-the-national-advisory-group-ukraine.html>).

Second NAG meeting in Ukraine has been held on June 20, 2013 also in Kiev. The meeting was officially opened by Mr. Boyko, Deputy Head of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine and PPRD East Steering Committee member and Mr. Moret, Sector Manager from the EU Delegation in Ukraine. One of the meeting's objectives was to report on the Programme results achieved since the previous NAG meeting. The other objective was to present to NAG members the PPRD East Programme Work Plan January 2013 – June 2014 in order to receive comments and feedback from national key civil protection stakeholders. In total 14 persons participated, out of which 5 were from the recently established State Emergency Service of Ukraine, 7 from other Governmental institutions and 2 from international organizations. Detailed Draft Report in English, including the Agenda and the List of Participants, is available in the Appendix 2. At the time of this Report writing, the Final Report of the 2nd NAG Ukraine Meeting, in English and in Ukrainian, is under development.

Establishment of the Georgian NAG

NAG in Georgia has been established at the 1st NAG meeting held on March 4, 2013 in Tbilisi. In total, 18 persons participated, out of which 8 were from the Emergency Management Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, while the rest 10 were from other Governmental institutions. PPRD East Key Experts presented the PPRD East Programme achievements and planned activities and discussed with the participants next steps. Detailed Final Report, in English and in Georgian, including the Agenda and the List of Participants, is available in the Appendix 3 and on the PPRD East website (<http://euroeastcp.eu/en/first-meeting-of-the-national-advisory-group-georgia.html>). Invitations to participate at the 1st NAG Georgia meeting were sent by the National Programme Coordinator, i.e. by the PPRD East Programme main beneficiary in Georgia - the Emergency Management Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Due to the word "National" in the title of the Advisory Group, only governmental organizations have been invited. With an aim to broaden the participation and include NGOs, international organizations and the private sector in the information sharing and consultation process, the agreement has been reached between the PPRD East Team Leader and the PPRD East National Programme Coordinator (i.e. the Emergency Management Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia) to rename the National Advisory Group in Georgia to Country Advisory Group. Thus, all key national civil protection and disaster management stakeholders from Georgia will be invited to the 2nd meeting of the PPRD East Advisory Group, which is planned to take place in the last quarter of 2013.

Establishment of the Moldovan NAG

NAG in Moldova has been established at the 1st NAG meeting held on April 25, 2013 in Chisinau. In total, 20 persons participated, out of which 2 were from the Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service of Moldova, 15 from other Governmental institutions, 1 from NGO and 2 from international organizations. The objectives of the meeting were to bring together key national stakeholders involved in disaster management and civil protection in Moldova, to inform participants about the current status of the Programme, about recent developments and planned activities till the end of the Programme, and to receive the feedback from

the participants about the Programme as well as about needs in the civil protection and disaster management sector in Moldova. Detailed Draft Report in English, including the Agenda and the List of Participants, is available in the Appendix 4. At the time of writing of this Report, the Final Report of the 1st NAG Moldova Meeting, in English and in Moldovan, is under development. Second NAG meeting is planned for the last quarter of 2013.

Establishment of the Belarus NAG

NAG in Belarus has been established at the 1st NAG meeting held on June 13, 2013 in Minsk. In total, 12 persons participated, out of which 2 were from the Ministry of Emergency Situations, 6 from other Governmental institutions, 2 from NGOs and 2 from international organizations. Ms Lena Nielsen, EC Project Manager, officially opened the meeting. The objectives of the meeting were to familiarize the members of the NAG with the goals and objectives of the PPRD East Programme; to discuss the current status of the Programme; to review the adopted Programme Work Plan January 2013 - June 2014 and to receive the participants' feedback for the improvement of the performance of the Programme activities. Detailed Draft Report in English, including the Agenda and the List of Participants, is available in the Appendix 5. At the time of writing of this Report, the Final Report of the 1st NAG Belarus Meeting, in English and in Russian, is under development. Second NAG meeting is planned for the last quarter of 2013.

Module A2 – Development of Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)

The main aim of this module is to put in place the basis for developing the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas, not least by undertaking a review of any existing management information/GIS systems, by undertaking a need analysis for the prospective ERRA, and then through the design, development, and implementation of the ERRA itself.

Activities A.2.2.1 and A2.2.2

Activities 2.2.1 and A2.2.2 (the Analysis of Existing maps and data and the Analysis of technological possibilities in countries respectively) were carried-out throughout the third reporting period and were concluded in February 2013 with the production of the Technical Report 2 "Detailed Design for the Regional Environmental Risk Atlas" (available in the Appendix 6).

Task A2.4 Stakeholder Consultation

The conceptual design for the ERRA has to completely and accurately reflect the requirements of the Partner Countries and other key national stakeholders. Any deficiency and uncertainty within the conceptual design should be/has to be addressed and clarified at this stage. For that purpose, the conceptual design of ERRA system was presented and thoroughly discussed during the National Advisory Groups meetings in all 6 countries as well as during the ERRA Regional Workshop that took place on May 22-23, 2013 in Moldova (A4.6). Thus, the activity A2.4 Stakeholder Consultations has been successfully completed during this reporting period.

Task A2.5 Detailed Design and Development of the ERRA

The main aim of this task is to incorporate the findings of the formal stakeholder consultation into, first, a detailed design and, secondly, the programming and testing of the ERRA accordingly. In line with the revised planning, this task has been brought forward to the beginning of the second reporting period whereby it has been implemented more or less in parallel with the conceptual design. Main aspects of the detailed design, which have been established to date, encompass aspects such as administrative/economic/management functions for disaster/risk management, a number of discrete functions allowing for the location of the various hazards to be identified, technical requirements for the software package realization, and user interface etc.

During the reporting period, the test version of ERRA skeleton (basic WEB GIS module) of the ERRA system was created. Prototype is accessible at <http://erra.pprd-east.eu> and is continuously updated with new features. The Prototype and the design were presented on Regional Risk Assessment Policy Sub-regional Workshops and also at National Advisory Group Meetings in all six Partner Countries. The participants always expressed interest about the planned functionality and proposed system design. The prototype is already linked with world monitoring fire detect systems, and linking with EU systems as GDACS are already discussed with DG ECHO representatives. The main Regional Workshop (Task A4.6) presenting ERRA was held on May 22-23, 2013 in Moldova. Representatives from all six Partner Countries had an opportunity to be introduced to the first draft of the ERRA. Electronic Regional Risk Atlas was elaborated with the scope to develop and provide countries with a professional tool for storing, publishing and using information to improve the daily work of civil protection, disaster management and disaster risk reduction authorities.

The tendering for the development of additional ERRA subsystems, namely ERRA desktop, monitoring module, zonal statistic module and flood modeling module, has started. Companies, which will develop above presented modules, have been selected and approved by the EC and are in the process of being subcontracted by Eptisa.

Task A2.6 Database creation for ERRA

The creation of ERRA Database consists of logical steps, starting with the collection of Basic Data. Data Base collection has been concluded in 4 Partner Countries – Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Basic Data from Azerbaijan should be received rather soon while the collection of Basic Data in Belarus is prolonged since the selected company (approved by EC) is yet to sign the contract.

During the reporting period collected data were formatted into one geodetic datum - coding format and are prepared for use as an input for hazard, vulnerability and critical infrastructure mapping. Collected data are stored in file-based format and will be available on ERRA web site as on-line source for selected users. Data are organized in tree, which is identical for all six Partner Countries, and will be used in future as basic structure:

- Country
 - Base maps
 - State borders
 - Administrative units
 - Municipalities

- Transportation
 - Railroad
 - Roads
 - Airports
- Water
 - Rivers
 - Basins
 - Lakes/reservoirs
- Topography
 - Elevation model
 - Peaks/hills
 - Break lines
- Other
 - Land use
 - Etc.
- Risk and hazard maps
 - Floods
 - Hazard map
 - Risk map
 - Historical flood events
 - Forest fires
 - Earthquakes
 - Landslides
 - Industrial risks
- Vulnerability maps
- Critical asset maps

The local expert companies, which should undertake the follow-up data collection, were selected in 5 countries - Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, and we are in the process of finding the most suitable companies in Azerbaijan. All selected companies were approved by EC and the process of contracting them is on-going.

Module A4 - Capacity Building Programme related to the Development of ERRA

Task A4.3 On-job Trainings

The first On-Job Training on GIS took place in Armenia, on March 11-12, 2013, at the Crisis Management Centre of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Armenia, and lasted for two full days. Prior to the training, during the preparation stage, the Crisis Management Centre was contacted on the matter of clarifying the needs and priorities of the participants. In addition, the hosting party has been asked to provide in-kind contribution in the form of the premises where training was held, and relevant equipment, such as projector,

screen, and computers for the practical work. Seven specialists have participated in the. The Report from this training, including the signed List of Participants, is available in the Appendix 7.

Task A4.5 Study Tour – Computer Based Systems used for Disaster Prevention, Preparedness and Response

The Study tour to Italy was organized on April 15-24, 2013. The Study tour to Italy and its structure have been carefully designed based on PPRD East Programme Partner Countries' needs. As it was identified in the Inception phase, one of the key gaps in the day-to-day operations of civil protection authorities is lack of utilization of information systems in prevention, preparedness and response. Even basic general strategies or, better say, concepts of using IT are missing. Therefore, the need was clear – provide our Partner Countries with detailed overview of a complex integrated system, which was used as a practical example. The methods and principles are similar in all system, and DEWETRA, the system in use by Italian Civil Protection System and scientifically and technically supported by the CIMA Research Foundation (who hosted the Study tour) has been presented as an example for better understanding of the potential of such approaches. The tour aims at showing in details how the processes should be used and how Partner Countries can improve their daily work or the response during emergencies. Differently from the "ordinary" study tours where the systems are (usually) just presented, during this Study tour participants had a possibility to "touch" the system, i.e. to participants were given the full access (temporary credentials) to the system. Since the system is web based, participants were able to access it from their laptop with a browser. As CIMA also "runs" a function of historical emergency, the Study tour participants were provided with a possibility to see the system in action. Detailed Report is available in the Appendix 8.

Task A4.6 Regional workshops ERRRA

Regional Electronic Regional Risk Atlas Workshop took place in Moldova on May 22-23, 2013. Participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Moldova, and Ukraine took part in this event. The workshop was organized in cooperation with the main beneficiary from Moldova, the Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service, and was led by PPRD East Expert Team. Participants had been presented with the first draft of the ERRRA system. During the workshop the individual work for each Partner Country has been organized. As a result, and complemented with information received during plenary sessions, each Partner Country has defined next tasks and suggestions for establishing ERRRA at the national level. Detailed Report, Agenda and the List of Participants are available in the Appendix 9.

Activity Area B: Civil Protection/Disaster Management Capacity Building Programme

The main aim of this activity area is to support the strengthening of stakeholders' capacity at regional level, and to contribute to the reinforcement of civil protection and disaster management systems in the Partner Countries.

Module B2 – Strengthening Stakeholder Capacity

The main aim of this module is to implement the training programme, with particular emphasis being placed during this reporting period upon the Basic Civil Protection Trainings, the Table Top eXercise and on SEVESO Directives capacity development.

Task B2.1 Implementation of the Training Programme

The main aim of this task is to deliver the civil protection trainings and the capacity development activities related to disaster risk reduction and industrial hazards, developed for the relevant stakeholders and target groups identified in each Partner Country.

B2.1.1 Basic Training

The aim of the basic trainings is to prepare experts from the Partner Countries to work with the EU CP Mechanism (EUCPM) when requesting and providing assistance and, further, to work as national liaison officers during international relief operations. The set up for delivering the basic trainings was design to ensure high quality of the training and consistency with the EU Civil Protection training principles and methodology. Both basic trainings provided an excellent platform for experience sharing and networking between national experts from Partner Countries and created the necessary pool of experts to be selected for the operational management trainings that will follow-up basic trainings.

Basic Civil Protection Trainings (equivalent of Community Mechanism Introduction Course under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism Training Programme) have been organized on June 1-7, 2013 and on June 22-28, 2013 in the Fire Service College in London Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom. In total, 30 experts (12 and 18) from the civil protection/disaster management authorities from all six PPRD East Partner Countries participated. The selected venue provided excellent conditions for delivering the theoretical and practical sessions. All the arrangements and the set up were made to ensure the compatibility with similar training provided for EU Member States. The report on the first basic training is available in the Appendix 10 and the report on the second basic training is available in the Appendix 11.

B2.1.3.1 A Study on the regional provision of assistance during disasters and host-nation support (HNS)

Activities related to HNS started a bit later than originally planned. It has been realized that an additional time was needed to set up the administrative and contractual framework for the engagement/involvement of a non-key expert in charge for the development of a Study. The questionnaire, which will be used as a basis for completing the Study, was developed in late June 2013 (available in the Appendix 12) and as soon as the Russian translation is ready, both versions (English and Russian) will be released to all Partner Countries with an aim to receive responses till mid September. Based on the responses received a Study on the regional provision of assistance during disasters and host-nation support (HNS) will be developed.

B2.1.4 Sub-regional Workshops on Disaster Risk Reduction

Preliminary activities have been undertaken with an aim to successfully organize the Sub-regional Workshops on Disaster Risk Reduction. Direct communication has been established with the Regional Office for Europe of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR). Draft Agenda,

potential trainers (both from the UNISDR) and the modalities of their engagement, and the timing of the first Sub-regional Workshop have been discussed. Participation of the Italian National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction has been envisaged, and direct communication has been initiated with the Italian Department for Civil Protection. As the first sub-regional workshop will be organized in Armenia, its timing has been negotiated with the Ministry of Emergency Situation of the Republic of Armenia as well. It has been preliminary agreed upon to organize it on November 4-8, 2013.

B2.1.5.1 SEVESO II/III Regional Workshop

Regional Workshop on control of major accident hazards involving dangerous substances - SEVESO Directives Workshop has been organized on April 22-24, 2013 in Chisinau, Moldova. Main objectives of the workshop were to introduce the specialists from the Eastern Partnership Countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova) in the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH) field, to understand the scope of SEVESO Directive, its definitions and terminology, and to describe and outline the administrative and operational requirements and challenges for a legislative approximation in this field. In total, 14 participants attended the workshop, including the EC representative. Detailed report is available in Appendix 13.

B2.1.5.2 SEVESO II/III Sub-regional Workshops

Organization of and preparation for the Sub-regional Workshops has been initiated with all six Partner Countries, and especially with workshops' hosts, i.e. Ukraine and Belarus. The date for the first Sub-regional Workshop has been negotiated with the State Emergency Service of Ukraine – it will be organized on September 23-27, 2013 in Kiev. Detailed Tasks for the Resource Persons (including other inspectors appointed for the workshop) has been shared with all six Partner Countries (available in Appendix 14).

B2.3.1 Sub-regional Main Planning Conference and TTX

The objective of the first Main Planning Conference and Table Top eExercise organized in Minsk, Belarus on June 10-12, 2013 was to improve the skills of participants from all six Partners Countries, but in particular from Belarus and Ukraine, to work together, communicate, exchange information, cooperate in management of the consequences, apply common plan and procedures, and use resources. The exercise tested the government agencies' ability to respond to a request of assistance and to work together, better deal with extensive disasters, as well as to improve coordination of assistance channeled through EUMIC/EERC, in the case of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism activation. In total 22 representatives from the PPRD East Partner Countries participated - 7 participants from "affected" Partner Countries (Belarus and Ukraine) and 2 participants from "observing" Partner Countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova). Detailed report is available in the Appendix 15.

Partner Countries' representatives participating at the PPRD East civil protection capacity development events expressed an interest in deep knowledge of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism features, international actors and cooperation mechanisms, as well as a need for more practical action as well as the desire to channel knowledge acquired into a field exercise. In addition, successful implementation of trainings and TTXs will induce a better readiness and cooperation in the area of civil protection in the region.

B2.3.5 Participation at the 4th Civil Protection Forum

The 4th European Civil Protection Forum was a unique opportunity for civil protection professionals to come together and advance the debate on the EU's increasing role in civil protection, disaster management and disaster risk reduction – by discussing best practices, recent developments and new ideas. This year's Forum organized on May 15-16, 2013 in Brussels, Belgium focused on how governments and civil society can work together to create stronger, better and more efficient disaster prevention, preparedness and response policies in the EU and beyond. Decision-makers and civil protection experts discussed and brainstormed about disaster risk management, financing, response planning and coordination, solidarity and responsibility as well as prospects for the future. In total 8 representatives from five Partner Countries participated. The participation at the 4th European CP Forum included the visit to the new European Emergency Response Centre, which was opened at the beginning of the Forum. List of participants is attached in the Appendix 16.

Activity Area C: Institutional and Regulatory Strengthening

The main aim of this activity area is to strengthen the existing institutional and regulatory frameworks related to the civil protection and disaster management by undertaking legal and institutional frameworks assessment in all six Partner Countries, as well as to address potential environmental emergency issues.

Module C1 – Strengthening the Regulatory Framework

Task C1.2 Detailed Analysis of Existing Regulatory Framework

The assessment of legal/regulatory frameworks of the Partner Countries in the field of civil protection and disaster management has been undertaken in the period April 2013 - June 2013. Due to the conceptual misunderstanding, the selection and contracting of non-key experts took more time than expected, so the analysis started only in April 2013. Nevertheless, the analysis resulted in six draft country reports that included country risk profile, gap analysis, areas of excellence and recommendations. Draft reports have been shared with Partner Countries for their comments and reflection. Partner Countries' feedback should be received in the first half of July 2013 so the finalization of the reports including the action-oriented recommendations can take place at the regional workshop scheduled for July 22, 2013.

Task C1.3 Recommendation for Strengthening Regulatory Framework

Regional workshop to discuss draft recommendations for strengthening legal/regulatory framework and to develop final recommendations, which will be accepted by all six Partner Countries, has been scheduled for July 22, 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The workshop will be organized back-to-back to the “strengthening institutional framework” workshop and 2 participants per Partner Country are expected to participate (12 in total).

Module C2 – Strengthening the Institutional Framework

Task C2.1 Detailed Analysis of Existing Institutional Framework

The assessment of existing institutional frameworks of the Partner Countries in the field of civil protection and disaster management has been undertaken in the period April 2013 - June 2013. Non-key experts selected for the legal analyses have been selected to undertake the institutional analyses. The selection and contracting of non-key experts took more time than expected, so the analysis started only in April 2013. Same as for legal analyses, the institutional analysis resulted in six draft country reports that included country risk profile, gap analysis, areas of excellence and recommendations. Draft reports have been shared with Partner Countries for their comments and reflection. Partner Countries' feedback should be received in the first half of July 2013 so the finalization of the reports including the action-oriented recommendations can take place at the regional workshop scheduled for July 23, 2013.

Task C2.2 Recommendation for Strengthening the Institutional Framework

Regional workshop to discuss draft recommendations for strengthening institutional framework and to develop final recommendations, which will be accepted by all six Partner Countries, has been scheduled for July 23, 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The workshop will be organized back-to-back to the "strengthening legal framework" workshop and 2 participants per Partner Country are expected to participate (12 in total).

Task C2.3 Assistance to Government Environmental Emergency Projects

C2.3.1 Project Preparation Assistance (PPA)

PPA is technical assistance proposed by the PPRD East Programme focusing on man-made and industrial hazards, including environmental emergencies, to be activated when an official request from the relevant CP/DM authorities from the Partner Country is submitted. The deadline to receive requests for PPA was April 30, 2013 due to the long implementation time needed for this activity. As none of the Partner Countries has sent any official request for this assistance, activity C2.3.1 (Project Preparation Assistance) has been concluded.

C2.3.2 Co-participating in the Training Tailing Management Facility

Based on the request of the Ukrainian Government, the German Environment Agency will start a national training programme in Ukraine on Tailing Management Facility (TMF) in July 2013. The opportunity for PPRD East Partner Countries to participate in the German-Ukrainian Project on "Improving the Safety of Tailing Management Facility" has been confirmed in direct communication with the representative of the German Environmental Agency, who participated and presented the Project at the 2nd NAG Ukraine meeting. Georgia has joined Armenia in sending the official letter/request (available in Appendix 17); Azerbaijan and Belarus are expected to send their letters in the following months. Since the TMF project will continue after the end of the PPRD East Programme (June 2014), the condition for 5 other PPRD East Partner Countries to participate is the commitment of participating Partner Countries to delegate same participants for the follow-up activities within the TMF project.

Activity Area D: Raising Awareness of Civil Protection Issues

The main objective of this activity area is to raise, and encourage, greater stakeholder and public participation in disaster management activities, with the ultimate aim of improving the profile for the

prevention, preparedness, and response to man-made and disasters caused by natural and man-made hazards throughout the ENPI region.

Module D2 – Development and Implementation of Public Awareness Raising Activities

Task D2.2 – Development of an Awareness Raising/Communication Strategy

The Technical Report 1 “Regional Communication Strategy” (available in the Appendix 18) was approved at the 2nd PPRD East Steering Committee meeting held on February 21, 2013 in Brussels, Belgium.

Task D2.3 - Implementation of Communication Strategy

The main focus during this reporting period was on the implementation of the awareness raising/communication strategy. Notable milestones achieved during this reporting period are:

Key Area A - Developing cooperation at the regional and national level through the exchange of information

D2.3.1 Establishing the PPRD East Journalist Network is completed during the reporting period. 24 journalists from the PPRD East Partner Countries’ national media have expressed readiness and willingness to actively participate in the PPRD East Journalist Network (detailed list is available in the Appendix 19). This list is still growing as the negotiations about participation of journalists are continuing with a number of media from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Armenia and Ukraine.

D2.3.2 Utilization of the PPRD East Journalist Network

More than 3,5 million viewers in Ukraine saw TV report about PPRD East ERRA Study tour in Italy which was broadcasted by ICTV Ukrainian Channel in April 2013. The TV report is available at the PPRD East web portal <http://euroeastcp.eu/en/ictv-ukrainian-channel-broadcasted-tv-report-about-pprd-east-study-tour-in-italy.html> (with English subtitles) for downloading and further dissemination in the ENPI region and beyond.

TV news about the first meetings of the PPRD East National Advisory Groups in Moldova and in Belarus were broadcasted in April 2013 (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7Zv0-9y-OU>) and in June 2013 (<http://www.tvr.by/rus/news.asp?id=5903&cid=16>) respectively. (Unofficial) Translations are available in the Appendix 20.

D2.3.4 Developing the PPRD East guide for journalists covering emergency situations

The draft of the PPRD East Guide for Journalists is in the process of development. Following documents are analyzed as a basis for its development:

1. “Disaster Through a Different Lens. A guide for journalists covering risk reduction.” - United Nations
2. ”Tragedies & Journalists. A guide for more effective coverage.” - Joe Hight & Frank Smyth
3. “On Assignment: A Guide to Reporting in Dangerous Situations.”

Last two documents were recommended by IFJ (International Federation of Journalists) when the PPRD East Guide for Journalists was discussed with them in May 2013.

D2.3.5 Finalization and endorsement of the PPRD East guide for journalists

The workshop for the finalization and endorsement of the PPRD East guide for journalist is scheduled for October 2013, preliminary in Chisinau, Moldova. However, there is an opportunity to organize the workshop in the Lviv State University of Safety Life in Ukraine (<http://www.en.ubgd.lviv.ua>). The Lviv State University of Life Safety is a leading higher educational institution of Ukraine in the sphere of human safety. University is a member of European Fire Service Colleges Association (EFSCA). The university provides qualified training of professionals of such educational and qualification degrees as: Bachelor, Specialist and Master, for departments of the State Service for Emergency Situations of Ukraine, other ministries, authorities and services, private organizations which deal with safety in the spheres of information security and transport safety, fire and industrial safety, ecology and environmental protection, and occupational safety. Thus the journalists of all six PPRD East Partner Countries will be able to receive theoretical and practical information in the first aid, the passage of the training labyrinth for the rescuers and to exercise with different types of fire extinguishers. The negotiations with main beneficiaries are progress and till the end of August 2013 the venue of the event will be finally decided upon.

D2.3.6 Developing PPRD East Video Fund

The first examples of selected videos and ideas for a design of the Video Fund were discussed at the meetings of the National Advisory Groups in Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova and Belarus, as well at the meetings with press services of main beneficiaries in the period of April - June 2013.

Key Area B - Implementation of information campaigns to increase the awareness of wide public on CP, DM and DRR issues and enhance their capacity for preventing and responding to emergency situations

As an initial step in the realization of the **D2.3.7 Realization of information campaigns on public awareness raising**, public awareness campaigns' topics were discussed in details in the period April - June 2013 with the press-services of key beneficiaries, with the members of the PPRD East working group on information and communication and with the National Programme Coordinators. It was agreed that information campaigns would be mainly focused on different aspects of fire prevention.

D2.3.8 Production and broadcasting of video/audio information messages

The implementation of this activity has started (and also within the framework of the activity **D2.3.2 Utilization of the Journalist Network**) when in April 2013 two specially prepared awareness raising TV stories were broadcasted on the Ukrainian TV channel ICTV. During the reporting period it was successfully agreed that national TV Channels of all six Partner Countries would broadcast PPRD East Programme videos on non-commercial basis. It has been also agreed upon that the major task of video messages will be bring the public attention to the severity of the fire safety problem. The concepts for creation of two TV adverts are under development.

D2.3.9 Production and dissemination of brochures, leaflets, posters

During the reporting period, translation to Russian and Ukrainian language of the "Family Guide for Emergency Preparedness and Response. Do you know how to protect yourself and your family from the

consequences of emergencies?” developed by the Sector of Emergency Management of the Ministry of Interior, Republic of Serbia and OSCE was done (available in the Appendix 21). This brochure is in a process of updating/adjustment after consultations held with the key beneficiaries with an aim to adapt it to the national circumstances and national needs. In addition, the development of PPRD East Programme poster started in June 2013 in consultation with the press services of key beneficiaries.

Task D2.3.10 Developing an interactive quiz game

An interactive quiz game was planned to be finalized in June 2013. However, studying and analyzing different options and suggestions received from key beneficiaries and consultations with experts resulted in slight delay. At the time of writing this report, the development of the concept of an interactive quiz game is in its final stage and the plan is (after receiving the approval from EC) to produce and disseminate a quiz game for children in October-November 2013.

In addition, two awareness raising/communication non-key experts have been engaged as of June 2013 with an aim to assist in and facilitate the development of concepts and to ensure preparation and wide dissemination of information and communication materials/products related to activities: **D2.3.4 PPRD East guide for journalists covering emergency situations; D2.3.6 Developing PPRD East Video Fund; D2.3.8 Production and broadcasting of video-audio information messages; D2.3.9 Production and dissemination of brochures, leaflets, posters;** and **D2.3.10 Developing an interactive quiz game**. All information and communication products developed will be used within the framework of information campaigns (D2.3.7) to increase the awareness of wide public on civil protection, disaster management and DRR issues and enhance their capacity for preventing and responding to emergency situations (during October-December 2013).

Key Area C - Keeping all stakeholders informed about the progress of the PPRD East Programme and achieved results

D2.3.11 Improving the PPRD East web portal www.euroeastcp.eu

Enhancing the layout and visual presentation of materials on the web portal www.euroeastcp.eu were implemented in the reporting period. However, as there are a several new ideas and proposals how to improve the access to posted documents and materials as well as the manageability of a website, some work on the reprogramming on the web site would be required in September 2013.

D2.3.12 Announcing PPRD East related news, information and press releases

News, information and press releases covering various events, communication materials and documents were uploaded regularly in the period January – June 2013 on the web portal of the PPRD East Programme (www.euroeastcp.eu) in order to disseminate information about the Programme outputs and results. As an illustration, during the reporting period more than 1200 hard copies of documents were disseminated (as well on more than 120 USB Flash Drives) among participants of PPRD East events:

- Directive on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances (Seveso II), in English and Russian (available in the Appendix 22);

- Directive 2007/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on the assessment and management of flood risks, in English and Russian (available in the Appendix 23);
- EU Risk Assessment and Mapping Guidelines for Disaster Management, in English and Russian (available in the Appendix 24);
- A Risk/Hazard Assessment Policy for the ENPI Eastern Region, in English and Russian (available in the Appendix 25); as well as
- the PPRD East Factsheet 2013 (available in the Appendix 26) and PPRD East Newsletters #1, #2, #3 in English and Russian (all available at the PPRD East Programme website).

D2.3.13 Development and information support of the PPRD East Programme page in the social media

Establishing the PPRD East Facebook group, designing of the image on Timeline and logo of the PPRD East Facebook group was undertaken in March 2013 (<https://www.facebook.com/PPRD.East>). Maintenance of the PPRD East Facebook group will be done in the period July 2013-June 2014.

D2.3.14 PPRD East Newsletter development, publishing and dissemination

The PPRD East Newsletter #3 (in English and Russian) highlighting the progress and results of the PPRD East Programme during the third reporting period has been published and disseminated as of January 2013 (available at PPRD East web site and in the Appendix 27). The PPRD East Newsletter #4 highlighting the progress and results of the PPRD East Programme for the period January – May 2013 **PPRD East Newsletter development, publishing and dissemination** was developed and under finalization in June 2013 (final draft available in the Appendix 28). It will be published and disseminated in August 2013.

Activity Area E: Project Management

The main objective of this activity area is to ensure a fast and effective project start-up and, thereafter, that the project execution process proceeds as smoothly as possible. The key initiative on strengthening, and expanding upon, the programme's existing coordination mechanisms through the development of an approach to establish national advisory groups has been concluded during the reporting period (see Activity Area A).

The main milestones achieved during this reporting period include the development and acceptance and endorsement of the PPRD East Programme Work Plan January 2013 – June 2014 (available in the Appendix 29); organization of the 3rd National Programme Coordinators meeting and 3rd PPRD East Steering Committee meeting on February 20-21, 2013 (agenda, list of participants and the minutes of the SC meeting are available in the Appendix 30), organization of the PPRD East Expert Team meeting with the PPRD East Local Coordinators on March 5, 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia (meeting report is available in the Appendix 31), and the finalization and submission of the Progress Report No. 3 and the Work Plan No. 4 to the EC Project Manager on March 29, 2013. The Progress Report No. 3 and the Work Plan No. 4 have been approved on May 29, 2103.

In addition, and as a direct reaction to the Monitoring Report findings and recommendations, PPRD East

Programme undertook concentrated efforts to enhance the bilateral and multilateral cooperation as well as the presence in the Partner Countries (remaining two local coordinators [Moldova and Belarus] have been engaged during the reporting period). Since the beginning of the year the new Team Leader as well as other PPRD East Programme Key Experts visited all six Partner Countries, held a series of bilateral meetings with national authorities, other national stakeholders and international partners, and participated at international conferences and meetings:

- January 30, 2013: bilateral meetings with NATO EADRCC and UNISDR Regional Office for Europe in Brussels, Belgium;
- February 25, 2013 the PPRD East took participation in Round-Table Discussion on the Concept of the National Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Strategy of the Republic of Moldova in Chisinau, Moldova;
- March 6–7, 2013: bilateral meetings in Tbilisi, Georgia, with National Environmental Agency, REC Caucasus, UNDP, Ministry of Environment, EU Delegation, EU Twinning Project, National Programme Coordinator;
- March 13, 2013: participation at the DG Europe Aid Meeting of ENPI East Regional Projects on Environment, Statistics, Civil Protection and Climate Change in Brussels, Belgium;
- March 20, 2013: bilateral meeting in Ukraine – UNDP and the State Emergency Service;
- April 9–11, 2013: bilateral meetings in Azerbaijan – The State Committee of Land and Cartography, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Emergency Situations, National Programme Coordinator, REC Caucasus, EU Delegation;
- April 16–18, 2013: bilateral meetings in Belarus – Ministry of Emergency Situations, Institute for Command Engineers, EU Delegation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Republican Hydro-meteorological Centre, Research Institute of Fire Safety and Emergencies, National Programme Coordinator, UNDP, visit to the State Educational Establishment “Institute for Retraining and Professional Development”;
- April 22–24, 2013: bilateral meetings in Moldova – Civil Protection and Emergency Situation Services of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, EU Delegation, UNDP;
- May 2013: bilateral meetings in Belarus - the Delegation of the European Union, Research Institute of Fire Safety and Emergency Situations of the Ministry of Emergencies, Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations and PPRD East Local Coordinator;
- May 2013: bilateral meeting with the International Federation of Journalists;
- May 17, 2013: participation at the Civil Emergency Planning Committee (CEPC) in EAPC format Meeting in Plenary Session with Partners in Brussels, Belgium;
- June 11, 2013: participation and presentation of the PPRD East Programme at the EU funded Waste Governance Steering Committee meeting in Minsk, Belarus;
- June 17-18, 2013: bilateral meetings in Armenia – Ministry of Emergency Situations, National Programme Coordinator and Steering Committee Member, National Service for Seismic Protection, State Hydro-meteo Service, Rescuers European Training Centre, Institute of Geology of the Academy of Science, Armenian Red Cross, UN OCHA and UNICEF, REC Caucasus, Ministry of Nature Protection, EU Delegation and National Platform for DRR; and
- June 27, 2013: participation at the Final Closing Event of the UNDP Moldova Disaster and Climate Risk Reduction Project in Chisinau, Moldova.

During the reporting period, there were 235 beneficiaries of PPRD East activities out of the total of 810 beneficiaries from the beginning of the Programme (detailed list is available in Appendix 32).

4.2 Deviations from Original Planning

Progress in implementing the activities planned for the fourth reporting period has proceeded mostly in line with the planning, with the majority of the assumptions, risks, and constraints outlined in the Inception Report continuing to hold true throughout this reporting period. For example the main Programme Partners have remained committed to the Programme's implementation and, in order to further minimize one of the main constraints/risks identified during the Inception Phase (i.e. "lack of support from relevant agencies"), measures have been developed to institutionalize a wider stakeholder involvement into the Programme's future implementation process and, hence, greater ownership and buy-in. Similarly, it is envisaged that wider stakeholder involvement will help to overcome the constraint of "limited and fragmented information availability" impacting upon the development of applicable and sustainable solutions.

From an external perspective, it is important to note again that the Programme's implementation context remains both dynamic and complex. In such an environment, the risk of external impacts (i.e. those outside the Programme Expert Team's control) negatively impacting upon progress can never be discounted and will need to be carefully managed.

The most significant deviations from the original planning and resources are outlined below.

4.2.1 Administrative Orders

A total of 98 Administrative Orders (Side Letters) have been issued since the Programme began in December 2010.

4.2.2 Deviation in Resources

i) With respect to the planned allocation of resources for this reporting period (510 and 138 man-days for key and non-key expert resources respectively), the actual outturn for key and non-key expert resources was (at the end of June 2013) 435 and 298 man days respectively. A total of 1954 man-days (or 81%) of the Programme's Key Expert resources and 539 man days (26%) of the senior non-key expert resources have been used since the project started in December 2010 - the Programme is now 71% implemented in time terms;

ii) Incidental expenditure committed (including amounts approved for risk mapping in the beneficiary countries) to-date has been €786000, with the budget 28% committed in total.

4.2.3 Deviation in Planning

The activities planned for the fourth reporting period were mainly implemented in line with the planning for this administrative period, although some activities were either implemented behind the schedule albeit in the reporting period or postponed for the next reporting period – in particularly the establishment of National

Advisory Groups and the organization of the NAG meetings, the organization of the first Basic Civil Protection Training, development of the Study on the regional provision of assistance during disasters and host-nations support and development of an interactive quiz game. These are described in details below but, in general terms, these delays and postponements are results of the learning process of the new members of the PPRD East Expert Team (Team Leader and Civil Protection Key Expert) and their adjustment to the EC, Eptisa and Programme implementation requirements and to the operating procedures and modalities of the Partner Countries.

In this context, deviations in performance against the original planning for the fourth reporting period were as follows.

Activity Area A (Development of the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas): The main deviation during this reporting period was the postponement of the establishment of NAG in Moldova and Belarus (Task A1.1). Although originally planned to take place in the first quarter of 2013, NAGs in Moldova and Belarus were established in April and June 2013 respectively. The main reason is the lack of understanding of key beneficiaries of the need to involve other civil protection and disaster management stakeholders and national partners in the PPRD East Programme information sharing, consultations and implementation. This was complemented with the difficulties to bring the whole PPRD East Expert Team (Team Leader and four Key Experts) at the same time to the same place - due to the ambitious (but feasible) Work Plan many activities were implemented simultaneously and the availability of experts was quite limited.

Delay in organizing NAGs caused the slight delay in the realization of the Task A2.4 Stakeholder Consultations, so instead in March 2013 as originally planned this Task has been successfully finished in June 2013.

All other activities in this Activity Area have been implemented almost in accordance to the Programme Work Plan. The Basic Data Gathering is yet to be finished in Azerbaijan and Belarus. There is also a potential risk of delaying the finalization of the risk mapping because of a lack of complex and available information in Partner Countries (mainly statistical and census information are missing), and due to the time needed for tendering and especially for subcontracting. In order to finish the hazard and risk mapping in time, increased support is expected to be received from Partner Countries as well as from Eptisa.

Activity Area B (Civil Protection/Disaster Management Capacity Building Programme): All the activities are implemented almost in line with the Work Plan agreed by the Steering Committee this February. Time needed for obtaining UK visa - 15 working days i.e. three calendar weeks - was the key reason for the postponement of the first basic civil protection training (B2.1.1) from originally planned April to June. In addition, the UK visa issuing challenges were the key reason for the reduced number of participants at the first two trainings - 30 in total instead of originally planned 36. However, the agreement has been reached with main beneficiaries to respectively increase the number of participants at the third basic civil protection training. The third civil protection training has been originally scheduled for August 31 - September 7, 2013, meaning that logistics/contracting preparations would fall into vacations period in August. To avoid this risk

the third basic civil protection training is postponed for October 2013, thus also postponing the second operational management training (B2.1.2) till February 2014. Similar reasons caused the postponement of the development of the Study on the regional provision of assistance during disaster and host-nation support (B2.1.3.1). Due to the prolonged time needed to contract the NKE, the questionnaire, which will be used as a basis for completing the Study, was developed only in late June 2013. Thus the whole activity will be implemented in the fifth reporting period. In addition and related to the (B2.3.1) Sub-regional Main Planning Conference and TTX, 7 representatives of “affected countries” have participated instead of originally planned 6. This increase in the number of participants occurred as an intention of PPRD East Expert Team to better simulate real emergency situation by fulfilling the key roles in the simulated national Emergency Operational Centre.

Activity Area C (Institutional and Regulatory Strengthening): Most of the activities within the Activity Area C were implemented in accordance to the adopted Work Plan. The only deviation is related to the Project Preparation Assistance (PPA) (C2.3.1). The deadline to receive requests for PPA was April 30, 2013 due to the long implementation time needed for this activity. No Partner Countries has expressed any interest in this activity and no official request for this assistance has been received. Therefore, the activity C2.3.1 (Project Preparation Assistance) has been considered concluded.

Activity Area D (Raising Awareness on Civil Protection, Disaster Management, and Disaster Risk Reduction Issues): All activities were implemented almost in line with the Programme Work Plan. There is a slight deviation with the development of an interactive quiz game for children (B.2.3.6) and with the Improving the PPRD East web portal www.euroeastcp.eu (B2.3.11). As explained above, both delays occurred because additional time is needed to achieve additional quality of both products.

Activity Area E (Project Management): The minor deviation during this reporting period was the postponement in the engagement of the PPRD Local Coordinators for Moldova and Belarus. However, prolonged time needed to contract and pay the NKEs engaged for the implementation of the Programme, as well as companies – service providers, could create an implementation risk for the Programme. Eptisa is fully aware of this issue and has mobilized its resources to cope with the delay ASAP. The backlog of contracts is being processed and moved forward on a daily basis.

4.3 Specific Action Needed from the National Authorities

There is one specific issue which has arisen during this reporting period, and which currently require attention. There is a potential risk of delaying the risk and hazard mapping because of a lack of complex and available information complemented with the extensive amount of time needed for tendering and subcontracting. It is still possible to finish the hazard and risk mapping in time, but the PPRD East Programme will need more support from Partner Countries. In particular, in two Partner Countries sharing data and other information related to the development of the disaster risk maps are considered to be highly security sensitive issue. In order to mitigate potential delay in collection and/or non-ability to collect data and information needed to develop requested hazard and disaster risk maps, PPRD East Programme has agreed with these Partner Countries that all requested data and information will be collected by two legal

entities in each Partner Country previously approved by respective Ministry of Emergency Situations. PPRD East Programme will not have access to these data and information, but these selected legal entities will use collected data and information to develop requested maps, at the national and regional level, utilizing disaster risk assessment methodology developed within the PPRD East Programme. The challenge experienced at the moment is that in Belarus one of two institutions agreed upon to collect data and information is waiting for six months now for its contract with the PPRD East to be approved by the Ministry of Emergency Situations; and in Azerbaijan, the company which is proposed by the Ministry of Emergency Situations and thus eligible to obtain requested data and information, has not expressed willingness to cooperate with PPRD East Programme. Both issues have been raised and discussed with the respective National Programme Coordinators.

Beside above mentioned, the Programme Expert Team has neither encountered nor identified any other issue during the reporting period that would require any formal intervention or specific action from the EC. Despite the challenging conditions within which the Team has to operate, the Programme Partners have remained largely committed to the Programme. The Programme Expert Team has adopted a proactive approach to managing the various risks and constraints identified during the Inception Phase and afterwards, and when such risks/constraints have arisen, the Team has availed of the Programme Partners' experience and authority to solve them. The PPRD East Expert Team is optimistic that sustainable and high quality outputs can be successfully delivered to the Programme Partners with the limited resources available to this Programme.

4.4. Inter-Project and Donor Co-operation

There have been a number of contacts made with a number of donors and other EC projects and Programmes to discuss areas of mutual co-operation and synergy in addition to those undertaken during the previous reporting period:

- Presentation of the PPRD East Programme at the bilateral meetings with NATO EADRCC and UNISDR Regional Office for Europe held on January 30, 2013 in Brussels, Belgium;
- Participation of PPRD East Programme in the Round-Table Discussion on the Concept of the National Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Strategy of the Republic of Moldova held on February 25, 2013 in Chisinau, Moldova;
- Participation of the PPRD East Programme at the DG Europe Aid Meeting of ENPI East Regional Projects on Environment, Statistics, Civil Protection and Climate Change on March 13, 2013 in Brussels, Belgium;
- Participation and presentation of the PPRD East Programme at the Civil Emergency Planning Committee (CEPC) in EAPC format Meeting in Plenary Session with Partners held on May 17, 2013 in Brussels, Belgium;
- Participation at the Final Closing Event of the UNDP Moldova Disaster and Climate Risk Reduction Project held on June 27, 2013 in Chisinau, Moldova;
- Increased cooperation and communication with the EU Delegations in Partner Countries;
- Established cooperation with Joint Research Centre – the EC in-house science service in the areas of

hazard/risk assessment and industrial hazards;

- Continued and increased cooperation with the EU-funded Twining Project in Georgia;
- Continued co-operation with the EU funded project “Waste Governance – ENPI East” including the presentation of the PPRD East Programme at the EU funded Waste Governance Steering Committee meeting held on June 11, 2013 in Minsk, Belarus;
- Continued co-operation with the Complementary Support to the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine for the Sector Budget Support Implementation – an EU funded project;
- Continued co-operation with the UNDP in Ukraine, Moldova and Armenia and newly established cooperation with UNDP Georgia and Belarus and with UN OCHA and UNICEF Armenia; and
- Close cooperation and coordination established with the German Environment Agency (UBA), UNECE Secretariat of the Convention on the Trans-boundary Effects of Industrial Accidents in order to create synergies between the planned German financed capacity building project for Tailing Management Facilities for Ukraine that will start in July 2013 and ways to transfer experiences and deliveries to the other PPRD East Partner Countries.

5. PLANNING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PROGRAMME

The following presents the Programme planning till the end of the Programme, i.e. from July 1, 2013 till June 16, 2014. The various tasks and activities presented below are proposed with an aim to achieve Programme results, taking also into account the shortened Programme implementation period, summarized in Table 4.

5.1 Observations for Programme Success

The achievement of the below presented tasks and activities would require utmost commitment from the consortium led by Eptisa, the EC and the Partner Countries. Not only that support and participation from the key national partners – civil protection and disaster management authorities would be required, but also the involvement of other national disaster management stakeholders will be crucial to maximizing the sustainability of the Programme's outputs. Therefore a high level of effort would be devoted to ensure active involvement of as many stakeholders as possible in Programme activities that still lay ahead of us.

Activity Area A: Development of the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)

Module A1 – Establishing the Policy Framework

Task A1.1 Formation of Working Groups (National Advisory Groups)

The regular meetings of National Advisory Groups in all Partner Countries will be organised. The meetings of National Advisory Groups are serving as a feedback and advisory mechanism. This task will be realized in the period July 2013 – June 2014.

Module A2 – Development of Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)

Task A2.5 Detailed Design and Development of the ERRA

The ERRA will be finalised as sustainable complex system – the development of the following ERRA features will be continued in the period July 2013 - March 2014:

- Off line client - a desktop solution based on available Open Source GIS software (e.g. Quantum GIS),
- Flood Analytical module – interactive WEB tool for fast evaluation of flooded area, watershed area and pathways of surface water flow,
- Peat (turf) fires Analytical module – module will analyses and predict peat (turf) fires creation and spreading as a cross boundary type of disaster risk most frequent in Belarus and Ukraine,
- Zone statistic module - enabling user to define the geographic area of interest (by defining in map or using a file/layer on the server) and to perform a statistical analysis in selected geographic area,
- Monitoring module - giving the possibility to publish monitoring data (hydrology, meteorology, air quality etc.),
- Flood evaluation module – a plug-in into Desktop ERRA which gives possibility to use results from flood modelling systems,

- Vulnerability module – a WEB tool for interactive evaluation of vulnerability index for selected areas, which could be used for periodical updating of vulnerability maps of different scales,
- Assets module – a WEB tool for interactive updating of asset characterisation of selected areas that could be used for periodical updating of asset maps of different scales.

Integration of the ERRA system with the existing systems used by national civil protection/disaster management authorities will be also concluded as part of this Task.

Task A2.6 Database creation for ERRA

The Regional Risk Assessment Policy, complemented with already developed methodologies (Annex to Technical Working Paper 5 - Risk/Hazard Assessment Policy for the ENPI Eastern Region) will be used for Disaster Risk Mapping thus creating an ERRA database (July 2013 – March 2014). This includes:

- Task A2.6.1 Hazard Mapping (July 2013 – December 2013)
- Task A2.6.2 Asset Mapping (July 2013 – December 2013)
- Task A2.6.3 Vulnerability Assessment (July 2013 – December 2013)
- Task A2.6.4 Risk Assessment (October 2013 – January 2014)

Task A2.7 Vulnerability and Risk Analyses map production

Selected risk/hazard maps at national, sub-regional and regional scale will be developed and printed in the period January 2014 – April 2014.

Module A3 – Civil Protection Operational Manual

Task A3.1 Development of Draft Civil Protection Operational Manual

The Draft Civil Protection Operational Manual will be developed, based on country profiles and risk assessments' results in the period July 2013 – October 2013.

Task A3.2 Stakeholder consultation and Finalization of Civil Protection Operational Manual (CPOM) + Regional workshop

Based on comments from stakeholders received during National Advisory Group meetings, the Draft CPOM will be updated and finalized. Final versions in English and Russian will be printed as publications, and will be presented and disseminated at the regional workshop planned for April 2014 in Tbilisi, Georgia. This task will be realized in the period November 2013 – April 2014.

Module A4 - Capacity Building Programme related to the Development of ERRA

A4.1 GIS/RA training

A 2 weeks training course will be organized by ITC, in Enschede, Netherlands in August 26 – September 6, 2013. Two persons from each Partner Country are expected to attend the training course (12 in total). The main goal is to increase the knowledge and understanding of the CP/DM experts of the Risk Assessment methodologies used for the development of ERRA database and how to use the results of Risk Assessments (Task A2.6).

A4.2 Dam Break Modelling

As a part of an Exchange of Expert programme, a two-weeks Dam Break Flood Modeling training will be organized on July 7 – 20, 2013 in Bobrovník, Slovakia. 2 persons from each Partner Country are expected to attend the training course (12 in total). The main goal is to increase the knowledge of the CP/DM experts in modeling a flood wave caused by dam break. In addition, participants will be explained and trained via case studies on how to use results in disaster prevention, preparedness and response. After the training, Partner Countries will receive a license for modeling software.

A4.3 On-job Trainings

Based on requirements yet to be received from each Partner Country, and as part of the Exchange of Experts programme, practical trainings on how to use GIS methods for disaster risk assessment, in a form of On-Job Trainings, will be organized in Partner Countries in the period April 2013 – April 2014. Two On-Job Trainings will be organized per Partner Country (except in Armenia where the first On-Job training has been organized in March 2013). Approximately 3 participants per Partner Country are envisaged to participate in this activity (36 in total).

A4.4 Regional workshop on Natural Risk Modelling

The Regional workshop will focus on natural risks modelling. Workshop will also include thorough presentation of the Flood Directive, as well as possibilities and opportunities for transposition of the Directive into national legislation of Partner Countries. Originally, it was planned to organize 2 sub-regional workshops, the first one in Armenia (with Georgia and Moldova) in October 2013 and the second one in Azerbaijan (with Belarus and Ukraine) in February 2014. However, as one of the main topics will be trans-boundary flood management (as per EU Flood Directive) the decision has been made to organise one Regional workshop, which will be held tentatively in February 2014 in Minsk, Belarus. At the workshop, participants will have the possibility to learn about and practice the modelling of forest fires, industrial accidents and floods. The disaster risk assessment undertaken for the establishment of ERRA database will be presented and discussed as a case study (by experts from Partner Countries). 4 persons from each Partner Country are expected to attend this workshop (24 in total).

A4.6 Regional workshops ERRA

Final Regional ERRA Workshop is planned to be organized in Belarus in March 2014 with an aim to present and explain in details the ERRA functions and their usage, highlighting the roles of different stakeholder and the importance of permanent maintaining and updating. The integration of ERRA within existing systems will be also discussed. 2 persons from each Partner Country are expected to attend these workshops (12 in total).

Activity Area B: Civil Protection/Disaster Management Building Programme

Module B2 – Strengthening Stakeholder Capacity

Task B2.1 Implementation of Training Programme

Training programme will focus on raising capacity and capability of key partners of the PPRD East programme – representatives of the civil protection/disaster management authorities of the Partner Countries, but also of other relevant stakeholders who are actively participating in prevention, preparedness and response to man made and disasters caused by natural hazards in Partner Countries.

B2.1.1 Basic Training

Basic training mirrors the EU Community Mechanism Introduction Course, which introduces participants to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and other actors in an international emergency environment inside and outside Europe. The third basic civil protection training is postponed for October 2013, to be organized also in the Fire Service College in London Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom. All together three basic courses will introduce participants to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and other actors in an international emergency environment inside and outside Europe. The training provides the basic knowledge and skills to prepare participants for actions in the field of Host Nation Support. Successful completion of the course will enable participants to apply for participation to the Operational Management Trainings.

B2.1.2 Operational Management Training

Operational Management Training is a six day course for up to 20 participants which would prepare civil protection experts to cooperate with an On-Site Operations Coordination Centre (OSOCC) both as recipients of international assistance and as national experts in intervention teams internationally deployed. Additionally, it prepares experts for the role of National Liaison Officers in relation to the European Civil Protection Mechanism. With an aim to facilitate field coordination, the course enhances the interoperability between the actors in the field, by improving compatibility and complementarities between them at the operational level. 6 participants per Partner Country, who have successfully completed the Basic Training, will be invited to participate at these trainings (36 in total). Two trainings will be organized in November 2013 and February 2014 (TBC), tentatively in the Fire Service College in London Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom.

B2.1.3 Host Nation Support

It is one of the key subjects of the Programme, being integrated both in the Basic and Operational Management training curricula and in the planning of the TTX's. The activity will be implemented through the following two sub-activities.

B2.1.3.1 A Study on the regional provision of assistance during disasters and host-nation support (HNS)

The Study will aim to depict the existing status within the Partner Countries, on which progress can be built, if necessary, to assist the affected state to receive international assistance in the most effective and efficient manner as well as to facilitate international assistance transiting through their territory. Based on the relevant information gathered throughout the Inception Phase a specific questionnaire addressing all HNS areas was developed and the plan is to release it to the Partner Countries in both English and Russian version. However, the responses are expected to be in English. The Study findings will be completed on the basis of

Partner Countries' answers to this questionnaire and on the analysis of existing legislation and other open resources available, including the legal and institutional frameworks analyses undertaken within the Activity Area C. This activity will be implemented in August-December 2013 culminating with the dissemination day organized back-to-back with the workshop organized to validate the Regional guidelines on cross-border movement of assistance. 2 participants per Partner Country will be invited to the dissemination event (12 in total).

B2.1.3.2 Development of regional guidelines on cross-border movement of assistance (experts, equipment, in kind assistance)

Based on the findings and recommendations of the Study two workshops will be organized to draft, validate and disseminate the procedure and template used for international assistance management covering the following areas: emergency planning, emergency management and co-ordination on site and logistics/transport. Two workshops will be organized in December 2013 and March 2014, venue TBD. 2 participants per Partner Country will be invited to participate at these workshops (24 in total).

B2.1.4 Sub-regional Workshops on Disaster Risk Reduction

The training/workshop will cover the basic introduction to DRR, understanding of DRR, link between disasters and development, basic information on Hyogo Framework for Action, how to mainstream DRR in programming and projects and why, role and establishment of National Platform for DRR and similar topics. The lecturers will be two experts from UNISDR and one expert from the Italian National Platform for DRR/Italian Civil Protection Department. 3 participants per Partner Country will be invited to participate at these workshops (24 in total). The first workshop will be held in Armenia with participants from Belarus and Moldova in November 5-7, 2013, and the second one in Georgia with participants from Azerbaijan and Ukraine in February 2014.

B2.1.5 SEVESO II Directive Capacity Building and Introduction to SEVESO III Directive

With an aim to build upon the SEVESO II Directive study tour that has been organized in February 2012, the SEVESO II Directive capacity building activities will be organized, complemented with the introduction to SEVESO III Directive, to enhance the understanding of Directives, to explore possibilities and opportunities for transposition of the Directive into national legislation of Partner Countries, and to increase the number of CP/DM stakeholders informed about Directives.

B2.1.5.2 SEVESO II/III Sub-regional Workshops

Sub-regional workshops will follow the regional workshop involving regional workshop participants as recourse persons/co-facilitators. 2 sub-regional workshops will be organized – the first one in Ukraine on September 23-27, 2013 with the participation of Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine and the second one in Belarus in November 2013 with the participation of Azerbaijan, Belarus and Moldova. 8 participants per Partner Country will be invited to participate at these workshops (48 in total). All six Partner Countries have received the Detailed Tasks for the Resource Persons (including other inspectors appointed for the workshop).

B2.1.5.3 SEVESO II/III Exchange of Experts

Representatives from partner countries will be provided an opportunity to get the first hand experience in the implementation of the SEVESO II/III Directive in one Member State. Theoretical and practical lectures are envisaged, including visits to the several industrial hazard sites. 3 participants per Partner Country will be invited to participate in this activity (18 in total). Activity will be implemented in the period January-March 2014.

Task B2.3 Planning & Implementation of "Table Top" Exercises

The exercises will test the government CP/DM agency's ability to respond to a request of assistance and to work together, how to deal with extensive disasters, as well as to improve coordination of assistance channeled through EU Civil Protection Mechanism. The activation of the Mechanism will be simulated so MIC format messages will be used in the process of requesting and/or offering international assistance.

B2.3.1 Sub-regional Main Planning Conference and TTX

Two remaining sub-regional bilateral TTX will be organized back-to-back with Main Planning Conferences. 7 participants (6 role players and one exercise management) and 2 observers per Partner Country per sub-regional bilateral TTX will be invited (44 in total). TTX2 will focus on oil spill/natural hazards; it will be organized in Georgia in October 2013 with Azerbaijan and Georgia simulating "affected countries". The TTX3 will focus on floods/earthquakes; it will be organized in Moldova in January 2014 with Armenia and Moldova simulating "affected countries".

B2.3.2 Regional Main Planning Conference

Regional MPC will ensure that all participants fully understand the scope of the TTX as well as the roles they will assume during the exercise. It will be held in March 2014 in Moldova. 6 participants per Partner Country will be invited to participate (36 in total).

B2.3.3 Regional TTX

Regional TTX will serve to guide participants in deliberating and coordinating on their roles and actions to be taken in such a scenario/inject simulated incidents or anticipated problems relating to the scenario. Focus will be major disasters and 7 participants per Partner Country will be invited to participate (42 in total). Regional TTX will be held in April 2014 in Ukraine.

B2.3.4 Study Tour – EU Monitoring and Information Centre/ European Emergency Response Centre

A Study tour will be organized in November 2013 in Brussels, Belgium. 2 persons from each Partner Country are expected to participate (12 in total). The main goal of the study tour is to provide a first-hand experience and familiarize disaster management/civil protection specialists from the Partner Countries with the EU Monitoring and Information Centre/ European Emergency Response Centre. The European Commission's Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC) is the operational heart of the Civil Protection Mechanism, which is currently being transformed into the European Emergency Response Centre (ERC).

Module B3 – Assessing the Impact of the Capacity Building Programme

Task B3.1 Survey of Impact on National Legislations

Survey of any changes to the regulatory frameworks, which can be attributed to the programme activities, will be undertaken in partner countries, primarily by consulting with stakeholders. This task will be implemented in March – April 2014.

Activity Area C: Institutional and Regulatory Strengthening

Module C1 – Strengthening the Regulatory Framework

Task C1.2 Detailed Analysis of Existing Regulatory Framework

The assessment of legal and regulatory frameworks of the Partner Countries in the field of civil protection and disaster management has been undertaken in the period April 2013 - June 2013. Draft reports have been shared with Partner Countries for their comments and reflection. Partner Countries' feedback should be received in the first half of July 2013 so the finalization of the reports including the action-oriented recommendations can take place at the regional workshop scheduled for July 22, 2013.

Task C1.3 Recommendation for Strengthening Regulatory Framework

Regional workshop to discuss draft recommendations for strengthening legal/regulatory framework and to develop final recommendations, which will be accepted by all six Partner Countries, has been scheduled for July 22, 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The workshop will be organized back-to-back to the "strengthening institutional framework" workshop and 2 participants per Partner Country are expected to participate (12 in total).

Module C2 – Strengthening the Institutional Framework

Task C2.1 Detailed Analysis of Existing Institutional Framework

The assessment of existing institutional frameworks of the Partner Countries in the field of civil protection and disaster management has been undertaken in the period April 2013 - June 2013. Draft reports have been shared with Partner Countries for their comments and reflection. Partner Countries' feedback should be received in the first half of July 2013 so the finalization of the reports including the action-oriented recommendations can take place at the regional workshop scheduled for July 23, 2013.

Task C2.2 Recommendation for Strengthening the Institutional Framework

Regional workshop to discuss draft recommendations for strengthening institutional framework and to develop final recommendations, which will be accepted by all six Partner Countries, has been scheduled for July 23, 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The workshop will be organized back-to-back to the "strengthening legal framework" workshop and 2 participants per Partner Country are expected to participate (12 in total).

Task C2.3 Assistance to Government Environmental Emergency Projects

C2.3.2 Co-participating in the Training Tailing Management Facility

Based on the request of the Ukrainian Government, the German Environment Agency will start a national training programme in Ukraine on Tailing Management Facility (TMF) in July 2013. The opportunity for PPRD East Partner Countries to participate in the German-Ukrainian Project on "Improving the Safety of Tailing

Management Facility” has been confirmed in direct communication with the representative of the German Environmental Agency. Georgia and Armenia have sent their official letters/requests; Azerbaijan and Belarus are expected to send their letters in the following months. Since the TMF project will continue after the end of the PPRD East Programme (June 2014), the condition for 5 other PPRD East Partner Countries to participate is the commitment of participating Partner Countries to delegate same participants for the follow-up activities within the TMF project.

Activity Area D: Raising Awareness on Civil Protection, Disaster Management, and Disaster Risk Reduction Activities

Module D2 – Development and Implementation of Public Awareness Raising Activities

Task D2.3 Implementation of Communication Strategy

The implementation of the Regional Communication Strategy for the PPRD East Programme (January 2013 – June 2014) will be aligned along three key areas of intervention as described below.

Key Area A - Developing cooperation at the regional and national level through the exchange of information

D2.3.2 Utilization of the PPRD East Journalist Network

Journalists will be further invited and encouraged to actively participate in key forthcoming PPRD East events so the information on PPRD East activities covering civil protection, disaster management and DRR topics is published in the national media of the PPRD East Partner Countries in the period July 2013 – June 2014.

The TV report about the ERRRA training on dam break modeling scheduled for July 2013 in Slovakia will be prepared by invited journalists from Belarus and broadcasted on the Air of Belarus-1 TV Channel.

We expect that after coverage of the information campaigns in Partner Countries, the number of journalists in the PPRD East Journalist Network will grow till the end of 2013 to at least 36.

D2.3.3 Share experience on engaging non-governmental organizations in providing information to various vulnerable groups pre, during and after disasters

Responding to the direct request received by the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Azerbaijan, a workshop will be organized in Baku, Azerbaijan in November 2013 to discuss, share experience of emergency rescue services and learn more on how to engage with non-governmental organizations in providing information to vulnerable population. 20 persons from Azerbaijan are expected to attend this workshop.

D2.3.4 Developing the PPRD East guide for journalists covering emergency situations

The main purposes of the PPRD East guide is to increase knowledge of journalists about modern methods of raising awareness among citizens on prevention from, preparedness for and response to disasters; to give practical advices how mass media should act before and during emergency situations. 200 copies of the

bilingual PPRD East guide for journalists will be printed and disseminated; e-version of the guide will be available at the PPRD East Programme website and at the websites of Partner Countries' CP/DM authorities. A draft version will be finished before the workshop for journalists (October 2013).

D2.3.5 Finalization and endorsement of the PPRD East Guide for Journalists

A draft PPRD East Guide for Journalists will be discussed with journalists, finalized and endorsed as a Draft Guide during the workshop. A publishing company will be selected till the end of August. Regional training workshop will be organized for journalists in October 2013 aiming to enhance their practical skills of covering emergency situations and ensure the effective interaction with the rescue services during emergencies. The venue is still to be decided – although originally planned to be held in Chisinau, Moldova, the opportunity has arisen to organize it in Lviv, Ukraine in the Lviv State University of Safety Life (<http://www.en.ubgd.lviv.ua>). In addition, the PPRD East guide for journalists will be discussed, finalized and endorsed. 3 persons from each Partner Country are expected to attend this workshop (18 in total).

D2.3.6 Developing PPRD East Video Fund

Selection of proper videos, including best documentaries, video clips and animation videos on key CP, DM and DRR issues (initially approximately 20), translation and production of subtitles (in English, Russian and 6 national languages) and dissemination via PPRD East web site will be implemented till April 2014. The development of the concept and the content of the Video Fund is in its final stage, expected to be finished till the end of August 2013 when the request for approval will be sent to EC.

Key Area B - Implementation of information campaigns to increase the awareness of wide public on CP, DM and DRR issues and enhance their capacity for preventing and responding to emergency situations

D2.3.7 Realization of information campaigns on public awareness raising

PPRD East Programme will join to the awareness-raising activities of main beneficiaries during October-December 2013 with various presentations and with joint dissemination with the press-services of main beneficiaries of the information materials produced under the PPRD East Programme. National mass media for all six Partner Countries will be invited and encouraged to cover all events. Due to the 25th anniversary of catastrophic earthquake in Spitak, Armenia (December 7, 1988) the awareness campaign in Armenia will be devoted on earthquake risk, ways of preparation and protection of population. Information campaigns in other five Partner Countries will focus on the prevention and mitigation different aspects of fire prevention among the wide public. Interviews of civil protection professionals will be broadcasted on national TV- and radio channels; information-education materials will be produced and disseminated.

D2.3.8 Design, production and broadcasting of video/audio information messages

As the major focus of video messages will be to raise public attention to the severity of the fire safety problem, the concept for creation of two TV adverts executed through children drawings (the drawings illustrate the story of a happy family that is suddenly ruined due to the electric appliance that was left plugged in) and moving info graphics with the slogan: "Don't let the fire steal your dreams" will be finalized in the

beginning of September and the request for approval accordingly will be sent to EC. These two videos should be fully developed and completed till October 2013, before the start of information campaigns in the Partner Countries.

In addition, there is a direct proposal from the Rescue Service of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Armenia to develop, with support of PPRD East Programme, a special video (in Armenian) commemorating the 25th anniversary of Spitak earthquake - to provide data, describe the mistakes in construction and people's behavior, tell the story of survivors, the lessons learnt and present the recommendations for the future. The plan is to present the video to the wide auditorium in one of the cinema centers in Yerevan. Journalists, state authorities, celebrities and other interested parties will be invited to the event. In Shirak and Lori regions, the film will be presented in local Cultural Centers, where state authorities, schoolchildren, representatives of the cultural sphere and journalists will be invited. This video will be recorded on DVDs, with special covers, describing the PPRD East Programme and providing data on the Spitak earthquake. DVDs will be distributed in schools and other educational institutions in Armenia. The version of a video with English and Russian subtitles will be developed for wide distribution in the Partner Countries of the PPRD East Programme and beyond.

Simultaneously, additional video/audio recordings and information messages will be developed in close cooperation with press-services of other CP/DM authorities in Partner Countries in national languages and non-commercially broadcasted in national electronic media in the period July-December 2013.

D2.3.9 Design, production and dissemination of information and communication products (brochures, leaflets, posters)

When finalized, the "Family Guide for Emergency Preparedness and Response. Do you know how to protect yourself and your family from the consequences of emergencies?" brochure will be translated in 6 national languages, printed and disseminated to the general public during information campaigns planned to take part in the Partner Countries in October - December 2013. In addition, the development of the final version of the PPRD East Programme poster will be coordinate with press services of key beneficiaries and the finalized version will be printed and disseminated simultaneously with the "Family Guide for Emergency Preparedness and Response".

D2.3.10 Developing an interactive quiz game

As reported, the development of the concept of an interactive quiz game is in its final stage and the plan is (after receiving the approval from EC) to produce and disseminate a quiz game for children in October-November 2013.

Key Area C - Keeping all stakeholder parties informed about the progress of the PPRD East Programme and achieved results

D2.3.11 Improving the PPRD East web portal www.euroeastcp.eu

As there are a several new ideas and proposals how to improve the access to posted documents and materials as well as the manageability of the website, requested work on the reprogramming on the web site

will be conducted in September 2013.

D2.3.12 Announcing PPRD East related news, information and press releases

News, information and press releases covering various events, expert materials and documents will be posted on the web portal of the PPRD East Programme (www.euroeastcp.eu) in order to disseminate information about the Programme outputs and results in the period July 2013 – June 2014.

D2.3.13 Development and information support of the PPRD East Programme page in the social media

Establishing the PPRD East Facebook group, designing of the image on Timeline and logo of the PPRD East Facebook group was undertaken in March 2013. Maintenance of the PPRD East Facebook group will be done in the period July 2013-April 2014.

D2.3.14 PPRD East Newsletter development, publishing and dissemination

PPRD East Newsletters in the English and Russian languages highlighting the progress and results of the PPRD East Programme, will be developed, published and disseminated on a quarterly bases till June 2014.

D2.3.15 Holding a final press conference to present the results of the PPRD East Programme

Back to back to the Third PPRD East SC meeting and the PPRD East Closing Conference, final press conference will be held in May 2014, venue TBD.

Activity Area E: Project Management

Module E1 – Project Mobilization and Team Building

Task E1.3 National Coordinators' meeting and Steering Committee meeting

The Third National Coordinators' meeting will be organized at the end of 2013/beginning of the 2014 back-to-back to some other PPRD East event (TBD). Third Steering Committee meeting will be organized back-to-back to the PPRD East Closing Conference in May 2014, venue TBD.

Module E2 – Administrative Project Reporting

Task E2.2 Progress Reporting

Progress report No. 4 (January 2013 – June 2013) is under development. Progress reports No. 5 (July 2013-December 2013) and No. 6 (January 2014-June 2014) will be developed and submitted in January 2014 and June 2014 respectively.

Task E2.3 Final Report

Final report will be developed in period April 2014-June 2014.