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Report

Table Top Seismic Risk Exercise

22-23 JANUARY 2020

Igalo, Herceg Novi, Montenegro

Table Top Seismic Risk Exercise (TTX) took place in Igalo (Hotel Palmon Bay) on 22nd - 23th of January, 2020 and was organized by the Directorate for Emergency Management of the Ministry of Interior, in the framework of the 3 WATCH OUT project. This exercise was opened by Director General of the Directorate for Emergency Management Mr. Mirsad Mulić and by the Major of Herceg Novi Mr. Stevan Katić.

The reason for choosing the site is because that Herceg Novi is one of the area with the highest degree of seismic risk. This municipality is also among those who have the highest degree of sensitivity to issues affecting the protection and rescue system and is acting appropriately in the area. The city was among the first to develop the municipal plan for protection and rescues from earthquake as well as municipal plan for protection and rescues from fires and floods. They also show the highest degree of firefighting voluntary initiative.



The TTX was attended by representatives of the Municipal Team for Protection and Rescue of Herceg Novi¹, led by the Head of the Team, Mayor of Herceg Novi Mr. Stevan Katic, radio amateurs, the Red Cross local organizations, mountaineering club, volunteers, firefighting teams, representatives of the Institute for Hydrometeorology and Seismology and the Ministry of Interior – Directorate for Emergency Management, as well as secretaries of municipal team for protection and rescue of the municipalities of Tivat and Kotor.

The exercise was aimed at testing the local and national plan for protection and rescue from earthquake and to practice local, national and international earthquake response procedures, as well as to exchange of experiences, knowledge, good practices and lessons learned when it comes to earthquake readiness. Also, the exercise provided an opportunity to practice the procedures of the Municipal Team for Protection and Rescue, educate them and familiarize them with their rights and obligations in the event of emergency situations caused by a natural disaster.

Also, the procedures for exchange of information from local to national level and vice versa between the Coordination Team for Protection and Rescue and the Operational Headquarters for Protection and Rescue and the Municipal Team for Protection and Rescue, procedures for managing and coordinating in protection and rescue and ways of cooperation between teams at local and national level and conducting of operational and many other activities were practiced and tested.

¹ In accordance with the Law on Protection and Rescue the Municipal Team for Protection and Rescue shall consist of a Mayor, who shall act as the team leader; Commander of protection service, who shall be the deputy team leader and following members: a representative of the organizational unit of the Ministry competent for protection and rescue, heads of local administration units, responsible persons in businesses and other entities whose activities are related to the protection and rescue and a representative of the Red Cross. The Municipal Team shall have a secretary, who shall be appointed and dismissed by the head of the municipal team.



For the purpose of TTX, such a scenario was created that goes beyond the frameworks and capabilities of the municipality of Herceg Novi so it was necessary to engage resources from the state level, and sent request for international assistance through Union Civil Protection Mechanism. In this way the procedures for engaging additional teams from home and abroad were tested and enhanced.

Table Top Seismic Risk Exercise was conducted in accordance with adopted EXERCISE PLAN AND METHODOLOGY (D.T2.5.1).

CONCLUSIONS AND RECCOMMEDATIONS

- Local and national planning documentations should be regularly updating;
- Membership in Municipal Team for Protection and Rescue should be expand with members of the local tourism organization and of the power industry;
- Continue with strengthening cooperation with among national and local institutions and organisations;
- Enhance role of non-governmental organizations (especially radio amateurs) in protection and rescue system;
- Strengthen the capacity of the local Red Cross organization and other special protection and rescue units etc;
- Enhance volunteerisms in protection and rescue / civil protection;
- Continue with improving and testing SOPs;
- Utilize of the new technologies in protection and rescue activities;
- Start with preparation national guidelines for Host Nation Support in accordance with EU HNS guidelines;
- Continue with strengthening cooperation under the UCPM.

Total number of participants: 50



Attachments:

- Invitation
- List of participants
- Photos
- Agenda
- Presentations
- Materials
- Scenario

