

3 WATCH OUT - Trilateral model of civil protection: WAYS, Tools and Challenges for Our safeTy

Agreement about Trilateral Model

PREAMBLE

The present Agreement has been developed by the authorities of project partners participating in the implementation of project “3 WATCH OUT - Trilateral model of civil protection: WAYS, Tools and Challenges for Our safeTy”, funded by INTERREG IPA CBC Italy – Albania- Montenegro 2014-2020 Programme.

Puglia Region Civil Protection Department represents the Lead partner in the project implementation, and project partners are:

- University of Bari Department of Agricultural and Environmental Science (PP2);
- Regional Council of Lezha (PP3);
- Research and Cooperation (PP4);
- Ministry of the Interior – Directorate for Emergency Management (PP5);
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hereinafter referred to as the Parties.

3 WATCH OUT project aims to define a trilateral cooperation model in the field of civil protection among involved Countries, in order to share experiences and competences and contributing to Europe 2020 strategy and its objectives. This model defines rules of cross border cooperation in case of emergency of one Country identifying appropriate measures to take, in order to develop a joint risk management system.

Therefore, the first step is drafting a joint trilateral agreement that defines the model of civil protection that can identify appropriate measures to take in case of emergency, to address the safety and security of personnel of the incoming teams and modules, the locations, facilities, means of transport, equipment, point of contact and goods used in connection with the cross-border assistance provided.

SUBJECT

In the framework of 3 WATCH OUT project, the parties will cooperate in order to capitalise project outputs. The main outputs to be identified for the transferability and sustainability of 3 WATCH OUT results are WEB-GIS platform, table-top exercises, and field exercise. All these outputs represent the basis for the cooperation in case of emergency among Italy, Albania and Montenegro. In fact, the parties realised specific activities that allowed them to test the cooperation in case of emergency, evaluating strengths and weaknesses in this process and how to ameliorate and foster it. Thanks to these activities, the parties can implement a joint and common system of risk prevention in programme area, defining roles and responsibilities of host Country and sending Country in case of emergency, according to the following items: (1) emergency planning. to ensure proper host national support and to identify all emergency management actors; (2) emergency management and coordination on site, according to all arrangements and structured of the host Country, for the definition of the entry point, centres, bases and so on; (3) logistic / transport for removing any kind of obstacles in entry point and providing a single point of contact, as well as route planning and the provision of necessary transport arrangements; (4) legal and financial

issues, to ensure all appropriate financial channels and procedures ensured both by host and sending Country.

Expected results are linked to the facilitation of the provision international emergency assistance, encouraging fast track procedures/ exemptions of requirements during emergencies, simplifying and minimising documentation requirements for export, transit, and import, in order to define a mechanism for cooperation between all involved stakeholders from 3 Countries.

During the project, the parties produced a WEB-GIS platform, designed for comprehensive disaster and risk management combining information from threats and vulnerabilities, able to collecting data about risk, evaluating and assessing measure about risk prevention and reduction, considering different types of risks (hydrogeological and hydraulic, seismic, meteorological, fires). Moreover, during the field exercise about fire risk, the parties drafted and used some specific templates and modules useful for assistance in case of emergency for hosting and sending Country, following the rules of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

All documents produced within the project for WEB-GIS platform implementation and realisation of field exercise will be used in the future by the parties and represent the basis for the creation of a path for definition of a trilateral model and signature of an official Memorandum, for cooperation in civil protection among Italy, Albania and Montenegro. Then, the parties are fully agreed that the capitalisation of the project is the presentation of this Agreement to their competent National Authorities, showing achieved results, documents and outputs realised and implemented.

Cooperation under this Agreement shall be affected as follows:

- Exchange of information on natural risk affecting the countries concerned;
- Collaboration in the implementation of WEB GIS platform;
- Promoting results of the project about trilateral model of civil protection in national, regional and European structures, that could be interested.

COMMITMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

The parties agree to approve the draft of the agreement and they commit themselves to present the draft of their own Government as part of a future trilateral Memorandum in the field of civil protection and based on the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

The parties commit themselves to point out of transfer to competent Authorities of the results and documents of 3 WATCH OUT project, in order to share with institutional bodies and stakeholders the trilateral model about civil protection and mainly about fire risk. The parties commit themselves to send a letter to their own Public Authorities competent in the field of civil protection, in order to capitalise the project. Together with the letter, the main important documents realised and used during the project have been attached and they are: modules of the field exercise related to fire risk, description and manual of WEB-GIS platform. **The parties must forward to LP the letter sent to their competent Authorities.**

Moreover, the parties will be available and open for future discussion and follow-up about an official trilateral Memorandum in the field of civil protection.

ENTRY INTO FORCE:

The present Agreement enters into force on the date of its signature by parties, as Project Partners of the 3 WATCH OUT project.

Parties can decide to extend it, depending on the progress of the components to which it is associated.
The Parties can make amendments to this Agreement based on their mutual written consent.

SIGNATORIES:

The following Parties jointly agree to the roles and responsibilities delineated in this Agreement:

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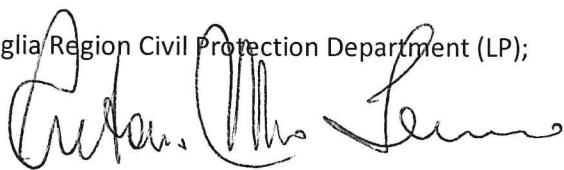
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