



Project Partner 12



Region of East Macedonia–Thrace

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main focus of institution

The Region of East Macedonia–Thrace is mainly focused on the information given to each operational authority in crisis period (flood – fire).

The main objective of MONITOR II is to improve information provision for disaster management. This will integrate communication between hazard experts, decision makers and civil protection services with improved flow of information. By means of this improved situation the following goals will be supported:

Legal and organisational aspects: to minimize identified disparities in the SEES region regarding the degree of coverage with hazard plans and contingency plans according to assessed priorities.

Technological aspects: to develop tools and procedures to integrate different sources of information, from (real-time) monitoring systems, records of past events, hazard analysis and expert knowledge on hazard processes:

- To improve the availability and effectiveness of contingency plans and hazard maps with respect to natural hazards;
- To improve reliability of information by dynamisation: dynamisation of contingency plans (culminating in real-time information) and automation of updating procedures.
- Participatory aspect: to analyse user-group specific requirements for communication of hazard and contingency plans, develop training material and ways of promoting their use and apply findings transnationally in the relevant institutions:
- To improve accessibility of information, e.g. on individual risk exposure, and to provide self-help concepts, e.g. on how to act in case of emergency, and share information in a way interpretable by all recipients;
- To improve situation awareness of all project stakeholders by optimised information provision in the disaster management phases “preparation”, “response”, and “relief”.

The issues and instruments, MONITOR II will be mainly focused on, are: hazard maps, contingency plans and risk analyses for optimization of disaster management. By effectively linking risk assessment and mapping, the early warning chain and decision making, MONITOR II will improve the usability and communication of contingency plans and hazard maps.

short description of PP activities

While severe natural hazards are increasing-also in SEES-hazard and contingency planning are lagging behind.

In the scope of MONITOR II, gaps in existing hazard and contingency plans will be minimized, based on an integrated approach and knowledge building. Where existing, their usability will be



improved by implementing regular update procedures for emergency preparation and by integrating real-time situation maps in case of disaster. Currently the lack of practical usability of existing monitoring technologies makes them inaccessible for most stakeholders.

Still, the resulting information is far too complex to apply one communication means for all user groups. Thus, tailored information and communication procedures will be developed for public, decision-maker and expert level alike.

For this end, MONITOR II aims to support risk analysis and risk communication processes by improving availability, reliability and communicability of hazard maps and contingency plans.

short description of test area

The Region of East Macedonia–Thrace has experience in coordinating and creating plans.(contingency- operational). This is why it has repeatedly confronted successfully natural disasters of great extent and intensity (floods-fires), without having technological tools. The Region of East Macedonia- Thrace is also responsible for the coordination of all actors which are involved in disaster preparedness and management.

what does the partner bring into the project?

The experience of the Region of East Macedonia–Thrace in E.U. programmes is important since it has implemented successfully several European, Community Initiatives and more recently in the framework of the Regional Operational Programme of Eastern Macedonia-Thrace.

benefits for the partner by participation in the project

The purpose of the attendance of the Region of East Macedonia–Thrace in this specific project is the up to date contribution of information to each operational authority who is used in crisis according to the contingency plan.

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