



**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FIRE SAFETY AND CIVIL PROTECTION

TO

The members of the Committee
of the Permanent Correspondents
to the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement

Sofia, Sept 2015

***Invitation
for***

Participation in the International Art Competition for Children Paintings

“I saw the disaster with my eyes”

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

We have the pleasure to invite the children of your country to participate in the International Competition for Children Paintings “I saw the disaster with my eyes”. The competition is organized by DG Fire Safety and Civil Protection, Ministry of Interior together with the Ministry of Education and Science and the National Palace of Children. The International Competition is conducted under the auspices of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement to the Council of Europe.

Our efforts to prepare children to survive in emergencies, to raise their awareness about disaster risks as well as to protect the environment constitute a substantial part of our overall activities determined on improving the disaster protection and promoting disaster risk reduction among the population.

The competition aims to encourage the talent and thinking of children and young people in the direction of survival, friendship and solidarity in times of disasters and in everyday life to protect our common environment. In addition it's objectives are:

1. to check the participants' knowledge of the hazards surrounding us, the methods for self-defense, mutual assistance and support from the specialized fire and rescue teams;
2. to broaden the acquired knowledge for disasters and accidents response, as well as to motivate the participants to study and apply the methods for survival'
3. to create a deeper interest in the work of the fire and rescue teams via art;
4. to form a positive image of the fire-fighter/rescuer and the volunteer in the children conscience;

conscience;

5. to provoke the children desire to acquire that role some day

6. to form an aesthetic taste in children as to the perception of life and the surroundings.

Thematically the competition covers fire-fighting, disasters and accidents response, first aid, self- and mutual assistance.

Conditions of Participation:

Age:

1. Group 1 - from 6 to 9 years old
2. Group 2 - from 10 to 14 years old
3. Group 3 - from 15 to 18 years old

Motto:

Each painting should be accompanied by a short description/message, written in English on a separate sheet of paper.

Drawing Technique:

At the participant's choice

Sheet Format:

The sheet size of the painting should be **35/50 cm, excluding the frame.**

Information which every participant should provide on the back of the painting:

Each painting should be accompanied by information about the participant. For this purpose, the following information should be provided on the back of each presented painting:

- Name, Father's name, Surname
- Age
- City, School
- Address (country, postal code, region, address, phone number)

The pictures must be sent to the following address:

Mr. Stefan Stefanov

Fire Safety and Civil Protection DG, Ministry of Interior

171 A Pirotska Street,

1309 Sofia, Bulgaria

The deadline for sending the paintings is **30 November 2015**. All received paintings for the competition will stay in Bulgaria, as the organizers have the right to popularize them in the media. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact: Ms. Lyubomira Raeva, International Cooperation, NATO, EU and Humanitarian Operations Department, DG Fire Safety and Civil Protection, MoI, Phone: + 359 2 960 10 286, e-mail: Lkraeva.160@mvr.bg.

