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EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT (EUR-OPA)

DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2019¹

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MAJOR NATURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL DISASTERS (EUR-OPA)

Today, nearly one-third of the world's population lives in areas at risk, where disasters can potentially occur whether natural risks, linked to the internal and external dynamics of the planet, or technological risks generated by human activities.

The European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) fosters prevention and risk management of disasters affecting people, livelihoods and the environment. The EUR-OPA, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the European Union are responsible for the organisation of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction, which is a multi-stakeholder forum for policy-makers, experts and practitioners

EUR-OPA provides a platform for co-operation between European and Southern Mediterranean countries in the field of major natural and technological disasters. Its field of action mainly covers knowledge of hazards, risk prevention, preparedness and risk management.

The political decision-making body is the Ministerial Session (held every five years) assisted by the Committee of Permanent Correspondents (held twice a year). Setting up EUR-OPA's priorities through the adoption of the Medium Term Plan, this Committee approves resulting recommendations and resolutions addressed to member States' competent authorities. It also endorses guidelines for their implementation.

At the scientific and technical level, the work is supported by the Network of the 26 Specialised Euro-Mediterranean Centres. Its specific role is to develop projects, both at the national and regional level, aiming at increasing the awareness and resilience to major risks within the population. This agreement also develops methods and tools for an improved disaster management. It collects good practices and builds on lessons learned to propose more effective measures for prevention and protection. Lastly, EUR-OPA disseminates knowledge on the different hazards among the population through adequate publications.

The objective of this Partial Agreement is that authorities take appropriate measures for disaster risk reduction by increasing resilience and in implementing EUR-OPA's recommendations and guidance tools.

During the biennium, the focus will be on mainstreaming risk prevention and management within sectorial areas, such as; vulnerable and marginal groups, cultural heritage, environment and climate change.

26 members: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey (until end 2018) and Ukraine.

EXPECTED RESULTS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

		Target	Base
EXPECTED RESULT 1	Member States have benefited from guidance and tailor-made tools for developing disaster risk reduction strategies.		
	Number of new recommendations and/or guidelines on topical domains adopted.	> 1 p.a.	
	Number of projects implemented on identification and follow up of potential risks and reduction of vulnerability.	> 3 p.a.	
	Number of new guidance tools on disaster risk reduction.	> 2 p.a.	
	Evidence of improvement (change in national policies or practices)		

STRUCTURES AND SECRETARIAT

Committee of Permanent Correspondents	2018: 4 posts (2A, 2B of which 1A replaced by 1B)
Meeting of Directors of Specialised Centres	2019: 3 posts (1A, 2B)

2019 BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT (EUR-OPA)

Accounting Code	Title	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2019	Variation	Variation %
0000001	Remuneration of permanent staff	386 000 €	325 200 €	-60 800 €	-15.8
0000002	Non-periodical reimbursements and allowances to permanent staff	2 500 €	2 500 €	0 €	0.0
0000003	Remuneration and accessory charges in respect of temporary staff	0	0	0 €	0.0
2247001	Statutory meetings and Secretariat	99 600 €	100 000 €	400 €	0.4
	<i>Interpretation</i>	29 200	29 200	0 €	0.0
	<i>Translation</i>	13 800	14 000	200 €	1.4
	<i>Document production - printing</i>	4 000	4 000	0 €	0.0
	<i>Document production - postage</i>	1 200	1 200	0 €	0.0
	<i>Prepress</i>	2 100	2 100	0 €	0.0
	<i>Official journeys</i>	22 000	22 000	0 €	0.0
	<i>Travel and subsistence expenses of Permanent Correspondents from Central and Eastern European and Maghreb countries attending statutory meetings</i>	8 900	8 900	0 €	0
	<i>Consultants</i>				
2247002	EUR-OPA Coordinated projects	232 200 €	184 500 €	-47 500 €	-20.5
	<i>Travel and subsistence expenses of experts</i>	10 600	10 600	0 €	0.0
	<i>Specific concerted programmes</i>	232 200	184 500	-31 700 €	-14.7
0000378	Contribution to the Ordinary Budget	112 400 €	84 300 €	-28 100 €	-25.0
0000379	Contribution to the Pensions Budget	61 700 €	21 700 €	-40 000 €	-64.8
	TOTAL	878 400 €	718 200 €	-176 000 €	-19.7

2019 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER STATES²

MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE	% contribution	2019	2018	DIFFERENCE IN %
		AMOUNT PAYABLE IN €	AMOUNT IN €	
ALBANIA	0.399	2 867,58	2 867,58	0.00
ARMENIA	0.357	2 565,03	2 565,03	0.00
AZERBAIJAN	1.854	13 313,31	13 313,31	0.00
BELGIUM	11.245	80 767,03	80 767,03	0.00
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	0.538	3 866,51	3 866,51	0.00
BULGARIA	1,453	10 432,40	10 432,40	0.00
CROATIA	1.350	9 698,07	9 698,07	0.00
CYPRUS	0.498	3 575,24	3 575,24	0.00
GEORGIA	0.511	3 671,65	3 671,65	0.00
GREECE	5.264	37 804,64	37 804,64	0.00
LUXEMBOURG	1.318	9 466,29	9 466,29	0.00
MALTA	0.231	1 656,34	1 656,34	0.00
MOLDOVA	0.328	2 354,78	2 354,78	0.00
MONACO	0.143	1 027,65	1 027,65	0.00
PORTUGAL	5.128	36 827,25	36 827,25	0.00
ROMANIA	4.910	35 263,20	35 263,20	0.00
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	44.996	323 172,71	323 172,71	0.00
SAN MARINO	0.038	275,89	275,89	0.00
SERBIA	1.211	8 700,16	8 700,16	0.00
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	2.200	15 800,00	15 800,00	
"THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA"	0.319	2 294,27	2 294,27	0.00
TURKEY	0	0	175 972,71	-100.00
UKRAINE	4.836	34 735,02	34 735,02	0.00
NON-MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE				
ALGERIA	5.886	42 274,21	42 274,21	0.00
LEBANON	1.282	9 209,89	9 209,89	0.00
MOROCCO	3.705	26 608,17	26 608,17	0.00
TOTAL	100.00	718 200	894 200.00	-19.68

² No minimum or maximum rates of contribution are applicable.
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