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EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT

MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT CORRESPONDENTS VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING REPORT 13 September 2023 (9:30-10.30)

PARTICIPANTS:

Bureau members:

Mikaella Mala (MM): Chair
Alessandro Balducci (AB): Vice-Chair
Anton Micallef (AM) : Vice-Chair
Nataša Holcinger (NH): Ex-Chair

Council of Europe (CoE) Secretariat:

Krzysztof Zyman (KZ): EUR-OPA Executive Secretary

1. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA *AP/CAT(2023)OJ04*

The Executive Secretary welcomed the participants. He informed the Bureau about the aims of the meeting. The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary (KZ) gave an update on the recent developments.

The membership of the Agreement remains stable. The Secretariat continues to function with the number of staff established in 2022. The Ministers' Deputies are currently discussing the budgets for the Council of Europe, including partial agreements of which EUR-OPA is one. The perspective for continued functioning of the Agreement in 2024 is sound. The final decision on the budget is expected in November 2023.

The Bureau members welcomed this information and held a brief exchange of views on the above issues.

3. PREPARATION OF THE NEXT JOINT MEETING OF PERMANENT CORRESPONDENTS AND DIRECTORS OF SPECIALISED CENTRES

The Executive Secretary presented the draft agenda for the Joint Meeting of Permanent Correspondents and Directors of Specialised Centres. The Committee exchanged views on the topic. It was agreed that an item on collaboration between the Bern Convention, the European Landscape Convention and EUR-OPA should be included in the Agenda.

4. USE OF DIGITAL TOOLS SUCH AS SOCIAL MEDIA AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL DISASTER RISK COMMUNICATION

The Executive Secretary presented the revised working papers prepared by the experts and the draft guidelines and the draft recommendation. The Bureau discussed these items and agreed that they be circulated to the Permanent Correspondents and the Directors of Specialised Centres in advance of the Joint Meeting.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other issues were raised.

6. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the date of the next Bureau meeting will be decided by the Bureau members at the Joint Meeting.

7. END OF THE MEETING