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**EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT
(EUR-OPA)**

DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2021¹

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of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement*

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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 as a result of natural risks, linked to the internal and external dynamics of the planet, or due to technological risks generated by human activities.

The European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) fosters prevention and risk management of hazards affecting people, livelihoods and the environment. 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 hazards. Its field of action primarily covers knowledge of hazards, risk prevention, preparedness and risk management.

The political decision-making body of the EUR-OPA Agreement is the Ministerial Session (held every five years) assisted by the Committee of Permanent Correspondents (whose meetings are held once a year). Setting up EUR-OPA's priorities through the adoption of the Medium Term Plan, this Committee adopts recommendations and resolutions addressed to member States' competent authorities. It also endorses guidelines, elaborated by experts, for their implementation by national, regional and local authorities in participating member States.

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 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 risk prevention and protection of lives and livelihoods. Lastly, EUR-OPA disseminates knowledge on the different hazards among the population through social media, smartphone and on-line applications and adequate publications.

The objective of this enlarged 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 on-going biennium, marked by the sanitary and economic emergency generated by the coronavirus pandemic, EUR-OPA continues to provide a platform for co-operation between European and Southern Mediterranean countries in the field of major natural and technological disasters. As the vulnerability of individuals and communities is a major factor that increases exposure to disaster risks, the Partial Agreement will maintain its focus on the resilience of vulnerable groups.

25 member States²: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic and Ukraine.

² Algeria's withdrawal from the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) will become effective on 1 January 2021. The number of member States – Parties to the Agreement will pass then to 24.

EXPECTED RESULTS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

		Target 2020-2021	Baseline 2019
EXPECTED RESULT 1	Member States could rely on guidance and tailor-made tools for developing disaster risk reduction strategies.		
	Number of new recommendations and/or guidelines on topical domains adopted.	> 2	2
	Number of projects implemented on identification and follow up of potential risks and reduction of vulnerability.	> 4	20
	Number of new guidance tools on disaster risk reduction.	> 4	3

STRUCTURE

SECRETARIAT

Committee of Permanent Correspondents	2020: 3 posts (1A 2B)
Directors of Specialised Centres	2021: 3 posts (1A 2B)

2021 BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT (EUR-OPA)

Accounting Code	Title	TOTAL 2020 €	TOTAL 2021 €	Variation	Variation %
0000001	Remuneration of permanent staff	332 500	336 400	3 900	1.17
0000002	Non-periodical reimbursements and allowances to permanent staff	2 400	2 400	0	0.0
0000287	Reserves and provisions	0	5 500	5 500	100
2247001	Statutory meetings and Secretariat	97 100	91 500	- 5 600	-5.77
	<i>Interpretation</i>	35 600	30 000	- 5 600	-15.73
	<i>Translation</i>	14 000	14 000	0	0.0
	<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>	19 100	19 100	0	0.0
	<i>Travel and subsistence expenses of Permanent Correspondents from Central and Eastern European and Maghreb countries attending statutory meetings</i>	21 100	21 100	0 €	0.0
2247002	EUR-OPA Coordinated projects	166 300	132 100	- 34 200	-20.57
	<i>Travel/subsistence expenses/honoraria of experts</i>	21 700	21 700	0	0.0
	<i>Specific concerted projects</i>	154 100	110 400	- 43 700	-28.36
0000378	Contribution to the Ordinary Budget	83 700	83 700	0	0.0
0000379	Contribution to the Pensions Budget	51 300	49 800	- 1 500	-2.92
TOTAL		733 300	699 000	- 34 300	-4.68

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER STATES³

MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE	% contribution	2021	2020	DIFFERENCE IN %
		AMOUNT PAYABLE IN €	AMOUNT IN €	
ALBANIA	0.4713	3 294.39	3 185.46	3.42
ARMENIA	0.4280	2 991.72	2 964.00	0.94
AZERBAIJAN	1.5142	10 584.26	11 256.16	-5.97
BELGIUM	12.9109	90 247.19	90 849.27	-0.66
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	0.6199	4 333.10	4 307.40	0.60
BULGARIA	1.8063	12 626.04	12 168.38	3.76
CROATIA	1,5973	11039.31	10 900.50	1.27
CYPRUS	0.5921	4 138.78	4 071.28	1.66
GEORGIA	0.5807	4 059.08	3 948.82	2.79
GREECE	5.5744	38 965.06	39 906.92	-2.36
LUXEMBOURG	1.6024	11 200.78	11 114.63	0.78
MALTA	0.3338	2 333.26	2 185.23	6.77
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	0.4148	2 899.45	2 628.88	10.29
MONACO	0.1664	1 163.14	1 188.68	-2.15
NORTH MACEDONIA	0.3868	2 703.73	2 645.75	2.19
PORTUGAL	5.7625	40 279.88	40 178.97	0.25
ROMANIA	6.2011	43 345.69	41 804.70	3.69
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	43.8969	306 839.33	301 678.15	1.71
SAN MARINO	0.0420	293.58	308.72	-4.90
SERBIA	1.4169	9 904.13	9 483.04	4.25
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	2.6577	18 577.31	18 542.63	0.19
UKRAINE	4.9411	34 538.29	32 605.45	5.93
NON-MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE				
ALGERIA	0	0	43 332.16	-100
LEBANON	1.6255	11 362.25	11 404.28	-0.37
MOROCCO	4.4750	31 280.25	30 658.54	2.03
TOTAL	100.0000	699 000	733 300	-4.68

³ No minimum or maximum rates of contribution are applicable.
The major contributor is RUSSIAN FEDERATION