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EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT (EUR-OPA)

BUDGET FOR 2018¹

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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.

25 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, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey 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)
Meeting of Directors of Specialised Centres	2019: 4 posts (2A, 2B)

2018 Budget of the Co-operation Group for the Prevention of, Protection against, and Organisation of Relief in Major Natural and Technological Disasters (EUR-OPA)

€K		2016 actual	2017 adjusted budget	Variance	2018 budget	Variance	2019 budget
		441.7	507.7	13.6	521.3	8.9	530.2
Staff		384.7	447.1	11.8	458.9	7.8	466.7
Contributions to the Pensions Reserve Fund		57.0	60.6	1.8	62.4	1.1	63.5
Non Staff expenditure		550.9	517.9	-8.5	509.4	-3.7	505.7
Other expenditure		550.9	517.9	-8.5	509.4	-3.7	505.7
	Total Expenditure	992.6	1 025.6	5.1	1 030.7	5.2	1 035.9
Member States' Contributions		1 025.6	1 025.6	5.1	1 030.7	5.2	1 035.9
Other receipts		3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Total Receipts	1 029.0	1 025.6	5.1	1 030.7	5.2	1 035.9

MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE	% CONTRIBUTION	2018 AMOUNT PAYABLE IN €	2017 AMOUNT IN €	DIFFERENCE IN %
ALBANIA	0,2796	2 881,84	2 770,15	3,88
ARMENIA	0,2501	2 577,78	2 407,08	6,62
AZERBAIJAN	1,2981	13 379,52	13 217,93	1,21
BELGIUM	7,8751	81 168,66	76 215,41	6,10
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	0,3770	3 885,74	3 727,03	4,08
BULGARIA	1,0172	10 484,28	9 914,48	5,43
CROATIA	0,9456	9 746,30	9 434,50	3,20
CYPRUS	0,3486	3 593,02	3 472,68	3,35
GEORGIA	0,3580	3 689,91	3 612,16	2,11
GREECE	3,6861	37 992,63	37 764,64	0,60
LUXEMBOURG	0,9230	9 513,36	8 678,63	8,77
MALTA	0,1615	1 664,58	1 495,33	10,17
MOLDOVA	0,2296	2 366,49	2 244,01	5,18
MONACO	0,1002	1 032,76	925,09	10,43
PORTUGAL	3,5908	37 010,38	34 917,58	5,65
ROMANIA	3,4383	35 438,56	32 881,76	7,21
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	31,5106	324 779,74	329 511,95	- 1,46
SAN MARINO	0,0269	277,26	269,73	2,72
SERBIA	0,8483	8 743,43	8 281,72	5,28
"THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA"	0,2237	2 305,68	2 148,63	6,81
TURKEY	31,5106	324 779,74	329 511,95	- 1,46
UKRAINE	3,3868	34 907,75	37 249,79	- 6,71
NON-MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE				
ALGERIA	4,1219	42 484,42	41 838,33	1,52
LEBANON	0,8980	9 255,69	8 148,39	11,96
MOROCCO	2,5944	26 740,48	24 961,05	6,65
TOTAL	100,0000	1 030 700,00	1 025 600,00	0,49

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER STATES²

² No minimum or maximum rates of contribution are applicable. The major contributor are: RUSSIAN FEDERATION, TURKEY.