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Online

Beneficiaries:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North
Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey

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Aim of the Workshop:

The aim of the workshop is to provide advice so as to strengthen beneficiary's efforts toward national adaptation plans and to identify linkages to disaster risk reduction and natural hazard management. Best practice guidance through the presentation of case studies will be delivered to support policymakers, governmental and administrative officials as well as experts at the sub-national level.

The workshop will further promote exchanges between beneficiary partners through knowledge-sharing and brokering good practices. In addition, experiences and lessons learned from European countries, macro-regions and transnational cooperation areas as well as other actors will support strengthening of cooperation and collaboration.

The overarching objective of the workshop is to support policy makers and technical officials in the Western Balkans and Turkey in adaptation policy making by setting the scene and brokering available knowledge and approaches. As an integral part of addressing the adverse impacts of climate change through medium and long-term National Adaptation Plans (NAP), a focus will be on the relevance of disaster risk reduction and natural hazard management at the transnational scale.

EU MS Speakers:

- Ms. Katharina **Rieder**, Austrian Federal Ministry Agriculture, Regions and Tourism
- Ms. Ioanna **Tsalakanidou**, Ministry of Environment & Energy, Greece

Other Speakers:

- Mr. László **Balatonyi**, EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Environmental Risks Priority Area (05)
- Ms. Edith **Hödl**, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
- Ms. Laura **Indriliunaite**, European Commission, DG ECHO
- Mr. Blaz **Kurnik**, European Environmental Agency
- Mr. Markus **Leitner**, Environment Agency Austria
- Mr. Wolfgang **Lexner**, Environment Agency Austria
- Mr. Senad **Oprašić**, EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, Pillar 3, Environmental Quality
- Ms. Chiara **Paniccia**, IPA Floods and Fires project
- Ms. Miranda **Deda**, IPA Floods and Fires project
- Mr. Duane **Verner**, Argonne National Laboratory, United States of America

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DAY 1: Monday 27 September 2021

Chairs: Mr. Markus **Leitner**

09:00 – 09:30	Arrival of Participants Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome, opening remarks and workshop objectives Mr. Markus Leitner
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome speech Ms. Stine Rasmussen / Ms. Violeta Philippitsch
10:00– 10:10	State of play regarding adaptation plans/actions and current or foreseen linkages to disaster risk reduction: Brief presentation of the efforts (NAP Status on DRR/Climate Driven hazard/Activities dealing with natural hazards and disaster risks at domestic and transnational level/ Governance Structures to ensure coherence/ Needs for support) of Albania Representative of Albania
10:10 – 10:20	State of play regarding adaptation plans/actions and current or foreseen linkages to disaster risk reduction: Brief presentation of the efforts (NAP Status on DRR/Climate Driven hazard/Activities dealing with natural hazards and disaster risks at domestic and transnational level/ Governance Structures to ensure coherence/ Needs for support) of Bosnia and Herzegovina Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Mr. Ozren Laganin
10:20 – 10:30	State of play regarding adaptation plans/actions and current or foreseen linkages to disaster risk reduction: Brief presentation of the efforts (NAP Status on DRR/Climate Driven hazard/Activities dealing with natural hazards and disaster risks at domestic and transnational level/ Governance Structures to ensure coherence/ Needs for support) of Kosovo Representative of Kosovo*
10:30 – 10:40	State of play regarding adaptation plans/actions and current or foreseen linkages to disaster risk reduction: Brief presentation of the efforts (NAP Status on DRR/Climate Driven hazard/Activities dealing with natural hazards and disaster risks at domestic and transnational level/ Governance Structures to ensure coherence/ Needs for support) of Montenegro Representative of Montenegro
10:40 – 10:50	State of play regarding adaptation plans/actions and current or foreseen linkages to disaster risk reduction: Brief presentation of the efforts (NAP Status on DRR/Climate Driven hazard/Activities dealing with natural hazards and disaster risks at domestic and transnational level/ Governance Structures to ensure coherence/ Needs for support) of North Macedonia Representative of North Macedonia - Ms. Valentina Atanasovska
10:50 – 11:00	State of play regarding adaptation plans/actions and current or foreseen linkages to disaster risk reduction: Brief presentation of the efforts (NAP Status on DRR/Climate Driven hazard/Activities dealing with natural hazards and disaster risks at domestic

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	and transnational level/ Governance Structures to ensure coherence/ Needs for support) of Serbia Representative of Serbia – Ms. Ana Recap and Ms. Sandra Nedeljkovic
11:00 – 11:10	State of play regarding adaptation plans/actions and current or foreseen linkages to disaster risk reduction: Brief presentation of the efforts (NAP Status on DRR/Climate Driven hazard/Activities dealing with natural hazards and disaster risks at domestic and transnational level/ Governance Structures to ensure coherence/ Needs for support) of Turkey Representative of Turkey - Ms. Gamze Çelikyılmaz
11:10 -11:30	<i>Comfort Break</i>
11:30 – 12:15	European overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of climate-driven natural and man-made disaster risks the European Union may face Ms. Laura Indriliunaite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Europe Mr. Blaz Kurnik
12:15 – 13:15	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:15 – 13:45	Transnational experiences in integrating climate change adaptation with disaster risk reduction and natural hazard management European Alps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUSALP, Alpine Convention (PLANALP, Climate Action Plan) and the INTERREG Alpine Space Programme: Mainstreaming and enhancing coherence of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation Ms. Katharina Rieder Mr. Wolfgang Lexer
13:45 – 14:05	IPA FF approach for linking Early Warning with Emergency Response Ms. Chiara Paniccia Ms. Miranda Deda
14:05 – 14:20	Greece <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the linkages between CCA and DRR in Greece Ms. Ioanna Tsalakanidou
14:20 – 15:10	Discussion in break out group(s) The project team together with the previous speakers will collect and compile experiences from participants with transnational cooperation and derive areas where more intensive cooperation and collaboration is needed in the future due to increasing climate-related risks, based on the following guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What are your experiences in cooperating on climate risk management at transnational / macro-regional level? •What is needed to respond to increasing risks in the future at cross-border / transnational scale?
15:10 – 15:20	Overview of main break out group results
15:20 – 15:30	Summary and outlook day 2 Mr. Markus Leitner

DAY 2 Tuesday 28 September 2021

Chair: Mr. Markus **Leitner**

09:00 – 09:30	Arrival of Participants Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:30 – 10:30	Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in the transnational Danube region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICPDR Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change (2018) • “Effects of Climate Change” as Significant Water Management Issue in the Danube River Basin • Danube River Basin Management Plan (DRBMP) and Danube Flood Risk Management Plan (DFRMP) Updates 2021 Ms. Edit Hödl
10:30 – 10:55	ICPDR, EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR), INTERREG Danube Programme (DTP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic focus on flood risk management, river basin management, drought management • Project examples of the INTERREG Danube Programme • Transnational governance and cooperation and lessons learnt Mr. László Balatonyi
10:55 – 11:20	Adriatic-Ionian region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, Pillar 3, Environmental Quality Mr. Senad Oprašić
11:20 – 11:40	Seizing synergies of Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction as well as cross-border cooperation in the United States of America Mr. Duane Verner
11:40 – 11:55	<i>Comfort Break</i>
11:55 – 13:00	Interactive Exchange on adaptation planning and implementation and coherence with DRR (based on the following guiding questions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the most relevant topics to cover on a transnational scale? • What is being planned to reduce current and future climate-related risks? (provide examples for different risks) • What are the main gaps, and what is needed to respond to increasing of climate-related risks in the future Representative from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo*†, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey
13:00 – 13:15	Feedback from Participants and Closing remarks Mr. Markus Leitner



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