

1.3.1 TURKEY Regional Workshop

Date : 27 - 28 September 2012

Place : Istanbul (Turkey)

No. Participants: 29 (14 from TR, 5 from RO, 5 from BGR, 5 from MLD)

Within the scope of Activity Group 1, regional workshop was organized in Istanbul by IPA partner with the participation of project partners and the stakeholders. The workshop organized at regional level with the purpose of working on country assessment reports comments, definitions of regional networking needs, the elaboration of "Black Sea seismicity monitoring and early warning systems alignment plan" and initiation of future training outlines.

The workshop was organized in consecutive two days, on the dates of 27th and 28th September 2012 in Boğaziçi University Kandilli and Istanbul Aydın University Florya Campuses considering the related workshop topic titles.

The workshop was attended by each project partner and their stakeholders. In total 29 participants (14 participants from TR, 5 participants from RO, 5 participants from BGR, 5 participants from MLD), from 11 Institutions participated the workshop.

In the workshop the technical aim was putting together the work developed by each partner in its respective country, and in this way ensuring the joint character of the project activities. End of the workshop it was also aimed to obtain the expected outcomes of : -

- Defining the country based common needs related to the sector,
- Drafting the "Black Sea Seismicity Monitoring and Early Warning System Alignment Plan",
- Dead-lining the development of plan within 2 months after the Regional Workshop,
- Assessing the training needs of involved bodies from participating countries,
- Developing a training plan after the assessment.

On the first day the workshop was opened and welcomed by the Deputy Director of KOERI, Prof.Dr.Nurcan Meral ÖZEL, the background, objectives an outcomes of the regional workshop topics were presented by IPA project Manager Ms.Nalan ÜKER, ESNET project objectives, activities, outcomes and its current situation was presented by ENPI project manager Dr.Stefan BALAN.

In the workshop as it was planned and projected based on the findings of each national assessment, common needs were defined under consensus of project partners and the "Black Sea seismicity monitoring and early warning systems alignment plan" was drafted. The draft plan contained two main chapters that defined as "technical" and "operative", with 16 search sections. The technical part contained more scientific and seismological titles such seismic data sharing, geodetic information, seismic network issues and operative part included more operational titles such strengthening coordination skills, dealing with community based organizations and local authorities, development of a capacity building curricula, public awareness, uniform the terminology in the sector.

In the workshop investigations on country assessment reports were presented in order of RO, TR, BGR and MLD by NIEP, KOERI, BAS and IGS. In the workshop definitions of regional networking needs and defining the characterize and content of the "Black Sea Seismic Monitoring and Early Warning Alignment Plan" topics were discussed with the special research, case presentations and focus group discussions.



On the first day of the regional workshop the presenters were: -

Prof.Dr.Nurcan Meral ÖZER, Prof.Dr.Ali PINAR, Dr.Didem SAMUT, PhD students Ms.Özge ZÜLFİKAR, Ms.Zeynep COŞKUN and Ms.Esra ŞAHİN from TR, KOERI,

Dr.Stefan BALAN and Dr.Dragos TATARU from RO, NIEP,

Assoc.Prof.Dr.Lilya DIMITROVA from BGR, BAS,

Dr.Alcaz VASILE from MLD, IGS.



On the second day of the regional workshop the mainly training needs of involved bodies from participating countries were assessed and turned into a training plan. In the workshop initiating and assessing the capacity building training needs were presented for all project countries by AFAM Director Asst.Prof.Dr.Kubilay KAPTAN. The sessions conducted with free discussions and brain storming on the alignment plan.

On the second day of the regional workshop the presenters were:

Ms.Liliana Isebella PISCANU from Romania, Constanta County Management of Emergency Situations Inter Institutional Coordination and Cooperation

Mr.Tudor TACHE from Romania, Constanta County Inspectorate for Emergency - Head of Fire Prevention

Mr.Vitali MUTAF from Republic of Moldova, National Emergency System and Applications



End of the workshop it was decided to complete the plan within two months after the workshop by 1st December 2012 with the contribution of all partners.

All the workshop expenditures were such materials, catering services were covered from IPA partner and its budget including partners and the stakeholder institutions representatives' international and local travel and accommodation expenses.



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Planned: August - September. "Black Sea Seismicity Monitoring and Early Warning Systems Alignment Plan" shall be completed within 2 months after the workshop by contribution from all partners.

Achieved : September

Reason for modification for the planned activity: *Within the ESNET Project, the project activities schedules are based on project months. However in some cases national holidays and national events in different countries were not put into account. The Ramadan and the Ramadan Feast / Eid ul-Fitr period (starting from 18th July 2012 ending 22nd August 2012) in Turkey was considered that not an effective period organizing a regional activity. The Victory Day (30th August 2012) in Turkey which was also merged with the weekend (30th August 2012 - 3rd September 2012) also affected the date of Regional Workshop. Since also some of the same participants that attended to the Regional Workshop in TR, in Istanbul and the Network Meeting in BGR, in Varna taking into consideration of the travel issues the Regional Workshop was organized 2 weeks later than the Network Agreement Meeting. However, this application did not affect the general purpose and the outcomes of the activity. The Regional Workshop was organized within the 7th month of the project as it was scheduled.*

Results of this activity:

- Regional Workshop
- Draft of "Black Sea Seismicity Monitoring and Early Warning Systems Alignment Plan";
- Basis for creating a long-term cooperation network;