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**Project for Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia
on joint management of transboundary emergencies
from spills of hazardous substance into the Danube River**

**Pre-meeting for the in-field exercise,
Negotin (Serbia), 2 September 2009**

CONCLUSIONS OF THE PRE-MEETING

The meeting agreed:

I. On the evaluation for the exercise and sharing of information between evaluators and emergency units

Up to four evaluators will board a pneumatic boat provided by Romania. They will position from the boat and then follow the material imitating spill¹ and, when needed, provide relevant information on the movement of the imitated spill to the emergency units from Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria.

For providing the emergency units from Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria with information they will connect via mobile phones. To this end information on mobile phones numbers should be shared, at the latest, the day before the exercise.

Persons for contacts from Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria should have a good command of English

Three evaluators will join the local emergency units from Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria participating to the exercise locally, i.e. one evaluator will stay/move along the Serbian shore with Serbian units, second will be accompanying the Romanian units at the Romanian Danube bank, and the third will join the Bulgarian emergency units in Vidin.

The names of the evaluators, their passport copies and information on their role should be shared with project coordinators from Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria **by Tuesday 15 September** at the latest, so that relevant permits can be obtained for them.

¹ The material for floating is to be explored by secretariat and ICARO. Information to Serbian focal point on material used is to be shared by 15 September

Romania should provide to Serbia and Bulgaria **Tuesday 8 September** the serial information of the pneumatic boat that will be used by evaluators so that relevant clearance for border-crossing can be issued.

II. On timing for the exercise (Serbian time)

8:00 a.m. – Romanian boat for evaluators arriving to Prahovo harbor and being boarded by up to 4 evaluators

Evaluator no. 5 joining the Serbian emergency centre,

Evaluator no. 6 leaving Negotin for Vidin to join Bulgarian emergency units

Evaluator no. 7 joining the Romanian emergency centre (this evaluator will stay overnight in Drobeta-Turnu Severin)

8:30 a.m. – the evaluators' boat arriving in front of the Prahovo storage (loading jetty area)

8:30-9:00a.m. – positioning of material imitating the oil spill to float with the river's current and giving a sign to staff of the petroleum storage to initiate the notification to local emergency centre

From the moment of the emergency notification, Serbia should take steps to respond to the exercised emergency and make relevant notification to Romania and Bulgaria using UNECE IAN System (in exercise mode) and ICPDR PIAC.

Romanian emergency units may start reacting to the exercised emergency from the moment they have been notified either by Serbia at the international level or in case the emergency was identified locally.

Bulgarian forces should take relevant steps from the moment they will be notified either by Serbia or Romania at the international level.

III. On participation to the workshop

Bulgaria and Romania will participate to the workshop with respectively 7 and up to 12 experts. Their registrations are to be shared with Serbian project's focal point by **Tuesday 8 September**.

Together with the registrations Bulgaria and Romania should provide Serbian project's focal point with number plates of the cars, with which the delegations arrive to Negotin. This information is to be shared with border police to facilitate border crossing.

The Bulgarian and Romanian delegations for the workshop will arrive in Negotin in the evening of 24 September. In addition 3 Romanian experts will join the evaluators' team and Serbian representatives in Negotin on 23 September, in the evening, for a short exercise debriefing.