



Way forward for countries of EECCA and SEE to host similar projects

Final workshop

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

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Interests of the countries

strengthen the effectiveness in organizing emergency preparedness and response through further optimizing the procedures especially in view of the cooperation in a transboundary context

- blueprints for up-to-date organization of emergency procedures
- update or elaboration of off-site emergency plans, and harmonization of the plans with neighbouring country for the transboundary regions



Project phases

Technical workshop – to learn about emergency procedures and prepare for an in-field exercise

In-field exercise and assessment workshop – to test the procedures and start analysis how to further optimize the emergency management

- start drawing-up blueprints
- start drawing-up/update contingency plans

Final workshop – to discuss the results of a detailed analysis and agree on the continuation



Objective for the first phase

- Discuss the similarities and differences in crisis management procedures between the neighbouring countries (notification, emergency management, modeling)
- Develop jointly a general scenario for the joint in-field exercise



Objective for the second phase

- Conduct the in-field exercise and collect data
- Make an immediate assessment of the data collected from the exercise so that blueprints for optimizing the emergency procedures could be prepared/developed



Objective for the third phase

- Discuss the detailed analysis made after the assessment workshop
- Present blueprints for improving crisis management
- Share results with other countries



What to do if the interests are there

Inform the Bureau and WGI about the interest

How?

Present project proposal (presentation at the Bureau and WGI meeting / submission of a project fiche - word file)



Important issues

Cross-border aspect – project between two or if relevant three neighboring countries



Important issues

Realistic/fictitious case

good case for a project - an existing hazardous activity

- air path – located 15km from the border
- water path – 48hours of the average water flow from the border

even better case if no off-site contingency plan available or when such a plan needs updating



Important issues

Support is offered to:

- organize workshops
- bring experts to facilitate the workshop (e.g. develop the scenario) / evaluate the exercise

but

No support to cover the expenses of deploying the response personnel and equipment during the exercise



Way forward to host a project

Identify the border region best suitable for the project (best suitable = will bring most results)

Contact your neighbour(s) to invite to the project and to elaborate jointly the project proposal and submit it to the Bureau and WGI

Remember

Secretariat is there to assist in preparing the project