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Annex: 1

Subject: IPA Project "Building resilience to disasters in Western Balkans and Turkey":
Regional Consultation for the Design of Multi-Hazard Early Warning System
(MHEWS) in Southeast Europe, 6-7 May, Geneva

Dear Colleague,

With reference to the "Building resilience to disasters in Western Balkans and Turkey" project, funded by European Commission Directorate-General for Enlargement within the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance Programme, and implemented jointly by WMO and UNISDR, we would like to invite you to attend a regional partners meeting, planned to be held from 6 to 7 May 2014 in Geneva, at WMO Headquarters.

The meeting will provide you with an overview of the project, particularly in relation to the task 6 -*Design a Regional Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (MHEWS) composed of harmonized National Early Warning Systems* and will present you the results of national consultations and gap analysis of the beneficiary based on the current situation pertaining to the national technical, operational and institutional capacities, gaps and needs for multi-hazard early warning systems in relation with the regional cooperation.

During this meeting you are invited to share your views on the potential assistance from your agency for provision of data, forecasting and other product and services, trainings and other cooperation opportunities to support the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) with the development of their respective national MHEWS with a regional cooperation framework to achieve more harmonized and interoperable systems across the region. For your information, the IPA Project beneficiaries include: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244/99), the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, with the view to enhance the capacity of the NMHSs to provide the required information service in support of the Disaster Risk Management agencies decision-making.

The Provisional Agenda of the meeting is attached. We invite you to deliver a ten minute presentation during Session III of the meeting.

You can access the final agenda, and other information at the following webpage address:
http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/drr/projects/SEE/SEEPPhaseII/Meetings/2014056-7-RegPartMtg/index_en.html

Please kindly confirm your availability to attend the meeting to Mrs Natalia Berghi, the WMO Programme Officer for the Regional Office for Europe by email at: nberghi@wmo.int or phone: (+4122) 730 8298.

Yours sincerely,

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To : The Regional Partner Institutions

IPA Project "Building resilience to disasters in Western Balkans and Turkey"
Regional partners meeting
6-7 May, Geneva
WMO Headquarter, Salle C2

Provisional Agenda

Date & time	Agenda Item	Speaker
6 May	1st Day	
14:00-15:30	Session I: Opening	Chair (tbd)
	Welcome Statement	Representative of WMO Secretary General (tbd)
	Introduction & Overall Project Overview	Dimitar Ivanov
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break and group photo</i>	
16:00 – 16:15	Session II: Introduction to Package 6 <i>Design a Regional Multi-Hazard Early Warning System composed of harmonized National Early Warning Systems</i> , project time line and milestones towards the design of the MHEWS for the beneficiaries with a regional cooperation framework	Maryam Golnaraghi
16:15-18:00	Gap analysis in the sub-region based on the current situation of National Multi-Hazard Early warning Systems	Sergio Pasquini and Milan Dacic
7 May	2nd Day	
09:00-10:30	Session III: Potential assistance for the development of the relevant product and services of the IPA Project beneficiaries* with the view to enhance the capacity of the NMHSs to provide the required information service in support of the Disaster Risk Management agencies decision-making.	5-10 minute presentations/ statements by Regional partner institutions Regarding the opportunities to support the design and development of MHEWS with a regional cooperation framework
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00-12:00	Session III -Continuation	Regional partner institutions
12:00-13:00	Session IV- Discussions on concrete opportunities for cooperation with regional partners and next steps	Chair (tbd)
	Conclusions and recommendations for the way forward	