

EU support to a better disaster risks system in the cross border area - **Joint Response**

PROJECT OVERVIEW		
Programme:	CBC BiH-MNE 2014-2020	
Call for Proposals:	3rd	
Project title:	EU support to a better disaster risks system in the cross border area - Joint Response	
Thematic priority:	Protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaption and mitigation, risk prevention and management	
Project budget:	Total contract amount (€):	Contracted amount EU (€):
	€ 590,336.06	€ 492,500.00
Beneficiaries of funds:	Lead applicant:	Co-applicants:
	Directorate for Civil Protection and Firefighting of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton	FORS Montenegro Entrepreneurship and Business Association LiNK
Location of the action:	Montenegro	Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Pljevlja, Plužine, Žabljak, Šavnik, Nikšić, Herceg Novi, Kotor, Tivat, Bijelo Polje, Mojkovac, Kolašin, Berane, Petnjica, Danilovgrad	Trebinje, Čapljina, Čitluk, Jablanica, Konjic Mostar, Neum, Prozor, Stolac, Ravno, Bileća, Gacko
Target groups:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 28 services that are part of local self-government administrations, namely 14 protection and rescue services (MNE) and 14 civil protection services (B&H). – 14 voluntary fire brigades, 7 from Montenegro: Luštica, Perast, Radovići, Bijela, Orjen, Dragalj and Brestica Trubjela, and 7 from Bosnia and Herzegovina: Buna, Konjic, Jablanica, "Rujište Nature Park", Polog, Goranci and Blagaj. - 6 mountain rescue services, namely the MRS of Montenegro (Nikšić) and the MRS unit Žabljak, and the MRS services: Mostar, Jablanica, Konjic, and Čitluk. - 10 flood rescue units, 5 that work within protection and rescue services in MNE and 5 which are part of the system of official protection and rescue system of Bosnia and Herzegovina, namely Kayak Club "NERETVA" Mostar, Sports Ecological Association "HERZEGOVINA", Underwater Club Activities Mostar, Ecological Diving Club Leut Mostar, and the Diving Club "Iglun" (part of the protection and rescue service of the municipality of Neum). - 28 local self-government administrations that are key in the process of planning, work of operational units in the field, but also repairing the consequences of disasters. - 3 public forest enterprises (due to their role in maintenance, rehabilitation, and protection of forests and forest areas, which include fire protection, sometimes with their own equipment/units). 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 protected areas due to special protection conditions in those areas and demonstration of good practices of protection of protected areas. The planned areas are 2 from B&H: Hutovo blato and Blidinje, and 2 from Montenegro: Trebesja and Crvena stijena. - 2 Hydrometeorological Institutes whose role is crucial in the early warning and planning system. - 2 state ministries whose role is key in improving the system of cross-border cooperation (amendments to the protocol on cooperation, the flow of cross-border support/assistance). - 500 young people and children who will directly participate in campaigns and trainings, to improve protection in places where there is a mass gathering (schools, kindergartens). - 1000 inhabitants who will be directly part of the campaign in the institutions and facilities where they work/live - 10 private companies directly involved in the protection or recovery system.
Commencement date and project duration:	1 July 2022 – 30 June 2024 (24 months)
Overall objective:	The overall objective of the project is improved the integration of the system of prevention, intervention, and recovery process from disasters caused by climate change in the cross-border area, and its flexibility to respond to new challenges.
Specific objective(s) or project purpose:	<p>SO1: Improved capacities for cross-border cooperation, and prevention and intervention during climate change disasters.</p> <p>SO2: Improved the cooperation and the cross-border system for interventions during and recovery after an disaster.</p>
Expected results:	<p>Result 1 - Awareness and involvement of local actors will be increased - 1500 inhabitants, 10 NGOs, 10 local governments, and 10 private companies in the cross-border area (SO1)</p> <p>Result 2 - (local) disaster management plans and an early warning system between cross-border services will be updated in line with the new epidemiological situation and good practices. Its fulfillment will enable the adjustment of the work of services/actions in accordance with the epidemic, as well as define more precisely the possibilities of cross-border action. (SO1)</p> <p>Result 3 - Equipment of 20 disaster prevention and response services, and infrastructures for interventions at the border between B&H and Montenegro will be improved (SO1)</p> <p>Result 4 - 4 joint trainings will be implemented There will be 4 joint trainings as a prerequisite and preparation for holding rescue exercises and interventions. The trainings will serve to "introduce" newly built capacities into the protection systems (purchased equipment, new staff, population, private and public actors). The objective of the trainings is to reduce the response time in local communities, but also in cross-border cooperation. Mutual (cross-border) assistance of services is defined by interstate agreements and protocols. (SO2)</p> <p>Result 5 - 4 joint emergency rescue service exercises will be held Joint exercises would be thematic and the proposed topics are protected areas - fire fighting (eg Hutovo blato in B&H or Trebesja Nikšić), high-rise residential buildings - fire brigade, MRS, flood protection. (SO2)</p>
Planned activities:	<p>A1 - Good practices and raising awareness of local actors is the first group of activities with the following sub-activities:</p> <p>1.1 Comparative analysis of the application of good practice in 3 areas of emergency intervention;</p>

	<p>1.2 Five promotional campaigns for the population, NGOs, and local governments;</p> <p>1.3. Disaster rescue and volunteerism, to attract young people to get involved in the work of services and access the accreditation/training processes and</p> <p>1.4 Campaign for private companies.</p> <p>A2 - Work on improving planning.</p> <p>2.1 Training of staff involved in updating plans;</p> <p>2.2 Capacity analysis for rescuing special categories of the population.</p> <p>2.3 Technical support during the update process;</p> <p>2.4 Adoption of updated plans</p> <p>A3 - Procurement and commissioning of equipment.</p> <p>3.1 Procurement of equipment for fire interventions, flood rescue, and MRS;</p> <p>3.2 Staff training for the use of the equipment.</p> <p>A4 - Training of emergency services members. The training will be used to "introduce" newly built capacities into the protection systems (purchased equipment, new staff, population, private and public actors).</p> <p>A5 - Joint practical exercises. The best way to test and evaluate plans is through exercises.</p> <p>5.1 Interventions in protected areas (fire);</p> <p>5.2 Protection of the population right next to the border;</p> <p>5.3 MRS intervention;</p> <p>5.4 Water interventions.</p>
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