

Outputs from ROMANIA Group

Participants:

Romania, Moldova, Japan, Bulgaria,
Ukraine, GWP CEE, WMO

Partners/Actors

- Hydro-meteorological Agencies (including research institutes, universities): provide forecasts
- Ministry of Environment/Water Resources
- Legal agency/department
- Ministry of Finance
- Disaster Management Agencies
- Basin authorities
- Ministry of internal affairs
- Local authorities
- Public effected
- Educational institutions

Lead Agencies

- Strategies:
 - Body responsible for National Flood Policies
- Emergency situations
 - Disaster coordination agencies
 - Basin authorities
 - Local Authorities

Pressing Technical needs

- Capacity development of Technical experts
- Appropriate tools for data acquisition, collection, data management, and forecasting
- Teledetection for data retrieval and alarm systems
- Hybrid hydrological and meteorological forecast tools and products (NWP, now forecasting etc)
- Improvement in hydro-meteorological monitoring networks adapted to ff needs
- Historical data base of previous disasters
- Assessment of areas susceptible to ff

Institutional and administrative needs

- Faster communication between different actors
- Responsibilities and tasks should be clearly defined and applied through appropriate legislation

Requirements from legal aspects

- Preparation of national strategies
- Establishing a mechanism of cooperation and coordination between various actors
- Where missing, the responsibilities in forecasting and warning should be clearly defined in all potential ff areas
- Responsibilities of the operation actors clearly defined

Need for mediators

- Civil society associations
- Educational organisations
- Church

Budgetary issues

- Appropriate financial resources to various institutions involved in forecasting and warning
- Local authorities with limited financial status should be supported at the national level based on the gravity of the risk
- Assessment and allocation of resources required for operational emergency needs
- Compensation and liabilities should be linked with the regulatory mechanisms
- Regulatory mechanisms should be supported by appropriate insurance instruments
- Coordination mechanism should be appropriately resourced

Private Sector Role

- Private sector companies should be obliged (with appropriate compensations) to provide technical, material, equipment, support in the emergency situations
- Private media and communication companies should have the obligation to provide the disaster/emergency information and public awareness programs including simulation exercises according to the needs

Specific

- Special chapter on flash floods should be included in the national flood management strategy