

## Water-related DRR as a tool for trust building at all levels

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Overview of Flooding in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia (as of 22 May 2014)



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## References

- 22nd EEF recommendations
- MC 6/14

### **OMIS support to water-related DRR**

- 1) Timok river Flood Risk Action Alliance;
- 2) Pilot study on Impact of Floods from a Gender Perspective and subsequent action to mainstream gender into DRR;
- 3) Capacity building of municipal authorities and civil society to upgrade flood prevention practices in locations at risk across Serbia;
- 4) Western Balkan regional meeting to strengthen role of Aarhus Centers in flood reduction and defense.

### **Timok river Risk Action Alliance**

- State institutions, Local Self-Governments, Private Sector, Media, CSOs, Aarhus Centers
- Establishing common goals and Formalizing partnership
- Mapping vulnerable communities, developing an Action Plan
- Implementation and outreach activities

### **Pilot study on Impact of Floods from a Gender Perspective**

- **Data on:** information; challenges, evacuation, concerns, collective centers, return;
- **Findings** indicate women were less active and more dependent on rescue and other help services, Roma particularly vulnerable, collective centers not gender sensitive organized; women rescuers perceived particularly equally capable;
- **Recommendations:**
  - Register of vulnerable residents and more active participation of women in rescue and psychological support;
  - Access to information more targeted and based on needs
  - Gender-sensitive distribution of aid, financial assistance and donations, assistance to recovery.



### **Multi-stakeholder follow-up to mainstream gender into DRR planning**

- Minister of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, State Secretaries from the Ministry of Defense, Ministry for Government and Local Self-Government, Sector for Emergency Management and Members of Parliament;
- Recommendations include improving cooperation between the Sector for Emergency Management and State broadcasters to advance gender-based media reporting during emergencies, stronger cooperation with CSOs that deal with gender and vulnerable groups and strengthen the participation of women in DRR planning documents;
- Recommendations were submitted to the RS Government for follow-up.

## **Strengthening capacities of municipal authorities and civil society in upgrading flood prevention practices**

held in 6 locations convening representatives from 30 flood prone communities



## **Regional meeting to promote best practices for building disaster resilient communities among WB countries**

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Thank you for your attention

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