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PREPAREDNESS PRACTICES WORKSHOP | REPORT

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Basic information

- a. Name of event: Preparedness Practices workshop & Coordination meeting
- b. Type of event: Hybrid meeting
- c. Location of event: Anna Hotel, Hungary, HU 1115 Budapest, Kelenföldi út 1-13.
- d. Webpage: <u>Annahotel Budapest (annahotel-budapest.hu)</u>
- e. Date of event: 24-25. (26) 02. 2021
- f. Organizer: Budapest Firefighter Association
- g. Participants: Consortium of DiMaND, Partners of PROFOUND project,

DAREnet project representatives, EUSDR PA5 DM-WG members

Description of event

The preparedness practices workshop reflects on training (including innovative solutions), exercising and capacity building. Tis workshop aims to have a good understanding of the similarities and differences in the preparedness activities of relevant organizations in the Danube Region. It serves as a basis to identify good practices and share them via the Knowledge Platform.

Participants of the two-day workshop were leaders and members of volunteer organizations specialized in different fields, and professionals of first responder civil protection and firefighter organizations on operational and strategic level, including coordination and technical experts. With bringing together different actors both from volunteer and professional organizations, this workshop aims to identify common goals and form recommendations on improving the joint preparedness activities to support international assistance at the regional level.

Experts of BTSZ coordinated the event by giving introductions, such as the UCPM and its tools, also relevant activities, and actions of EUSDR PA5 to have a common understanding of the frameworks.

The discussions were facilitated by experts from the COO and the DAREnet project, who have knowledge of international standards of preparedness activities (UCPM trained persons). The interactive style meeting ensured that relevant information was gathered, and the results reflected the participants' opinions.

Agenda

23 FEB	18.30-	Dinner				
	7.30-9.00	Breakfast				
		Free time				
	10.45-11.15	Welcome coffee / For online participants: connecting to the meeting				
	11.15-11-30	Objectives of the joint PROFOUND-DiMaND meeting, Netiquette Kinga Perge, Budapest Firefighter Association, Project Coordinator (COO)				
	11.30 - 12.00	Introduction of PROFOUND and DiMaND projects Kinga Perge, COO				
	12.30-13.30	Lunch				
24 FEB	13.30-14.00	 Joint EUSDR PA5 DM-WG meeting with PROFOUND and DiMaND Welcome notes Zsolt Kelemen - EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) PA5 Environmental Risks Priority Area (PA5) Disaster Management Working Group (DM-WG) Chairman, DiMaND/PROFOUND Project leader Tibor Dobson – Hungarian Firefighter Association, President Eva Mayer, European Commission - Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) 				
	14.00-14-30	 Keynote speeches Viktor Oroszi - EUSDR Hungarian National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Zsolt Kelemen: Activities/Objectives of the DMWG and aims of the workshop 				
	14.30-14.50	Introduction of EUSDR PA5 DM-WG projects with Letter of Recommendation Kinga Perge - Budapest Firefighter Association Project Coordinator, MFA EUSDR PA5 Senior Advisor				
	14.50-15.10	Introduction of results of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum Christian Illing - DAREnet project Coordinator				
	15.10-15.30	Questions and answers				
	15.30-16.00	Coffee break				
	16.00 - 16.30	Introduction of discussion topics, methods, and tools (including online) For the online participants, the MIRO tool will be used (<u>https://miro.com/</u>) Kinga Perge, COO				
	16.30 - 17.10	Discussion of starting topic (Results of 2 nd Annual Practitioners Forum) in groups Face-to-face: Kinga Perge, Online: Balazs Kern & Andreas Seipelt (DAREnet)				
	17.10 - 17.30	Summary of results starting topic by moderators				
	18.30	Dinner				
	7.30-9.00	Breakfast				
25 FEB	9.30 - 9.45	Agenda and objectives of the day				

		Kinga Perge, COO
	9.45 - 10.15	Introduction of preparedness practices from EU and Regional level Kinga Perge, COO
	9.15 - 10.45	Discussion in groups: Preparedness practices 1. Moderators: Face-to-face: Kinga Perge, Online: Balazs Kern & Andreas Seipelt (DAREnet)
	10.45 - 11.15	Coffee break
	11.15 - 11.45	Discussion in groups: Preparedness practices 2. Moderators: Face-to-face: Kinga Perge, Online: Balazs Kern & Andreas Seipelt (DAREnet)
	11.45 - 12.00	Summary of results of by moderators
	12.00 - 12.15	Q&A
	12.15 - 12.30	Next steps Kinga Perge, COO
	12.30 - 13-30	Lunch
	13.30 - 14.30	Project management organization Kinga Perge, COO
	14.30 - 15.00	Financial management Kinga Moldoványi, Financial manager
	15.30 -16.00	Coffee break
	16.00 - 16.30	Communication and visibility plans Dóra Wenczel, Communication expert
	16.30 - 17.00	Closing remarks Zsolt Kelemen
	18.30	Dinner
26 FEB	7.30-9.00	Breakfast
	9.30 - 12.00	Visiting Fire station in Nagykovácsi and Solymár
	12.30	Packed lunch

Hybrid-style meeting

Due to the situation caused by COVID-19, the event was organized in a hybrid way. Hungary implemented certain protective measures that influenced the organization of this event. All regulations were followed, and the participants from abroad either joined online or travelled to the meeting with providing the necessary certification to cross the border.

The chosen venue provided the necessary protocols for hosting business meetings. These protocols included the regular disinfection of commonly used surfaces, providing hand sanitizers and arranging the catering according to current regulations.

The meeting room had enough space to respect the safety distance between participants. The seating remained the same throughout the event. Also, online joining was possible for those who decided to stay in their home countries and join remotely. Those participants who are attending face-to-face are required to wear face masks during the meeting. The participants were required to respect and follow the necessary protocols.

For further details, please see the DiMaND_D2.2_Logistic plan deliverable.

Report

Introduction of DiMaND and PROFOUND projects

The event started with the participation of PROFOUND¹ and DiMaND project consortia. The joint session aimed to make sure that both projects have a better understanding of the aims of the other, which would allow finding synergies and connecting points. As the project coordinator highlighted it, DiMaND is a strategic project, while PROFOUND is more operational, which provides a unique opportunity to build one to the other as they both have a strong regional approach. The PROFOUND project aims to improve the cooperation between non-governmental response capacities involved in flood response in the Danube Region, establishing and exercising a common framework for training and deploying in synergy with the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. Its main activity is to organize a large-scale, multiple location flood response field exercise. Therefore, the stakeholders from DiMaND are invited to participate in the exercise.

Joint plenary session with EUSDR PA5 Disaster Management Working Group

The purpose of the joint session with the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) Environmental Risks Priority Area (PA5) Disaster Management Working Group (DM-WG) was to broaden the scope and involve additional stakeholders from the field of disaster management. The DM-WG's objectives are in line with the Action Plan of EUSDR² and served as a basis for the DiMaND project, with a clear intention to support the work of the macro-regional network. Thus, the involvement of the members of DM-WG was and will be part of the implementation of the DiMaND project.

Zsolt Kelemen, Chairman of DM-WG and DiMaND/PROFOUND Project leader welcomed the participants from both projects and the working group, along with Tibor Dobson, President of Hungarian Firefighter Association. Mr Dobson highlighted the importance of cooperation between non-governmental and governmental organizations and thanked the Budapest Firefighter Association for taking the initiative with their work.

Eva Mayer, Project Officer of DiMaND from DG ECHO (Unit B.3 - Knowledge Network and Evidence-Based Policy), expressed the DG ECHO's appreciation for the DiMaND objective, as it can bring sustainable change and added value for the whole region. It will hopefully make the region more resilient and prepared for disasters.

A Keynote speech was given by Viktor Oroszi, EUSDR Hungarian National Coordinator from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He focused his speech on putting the projects in context by introducing the EUSDR.

¹ <u>http://profoundexercise.eu/</u>

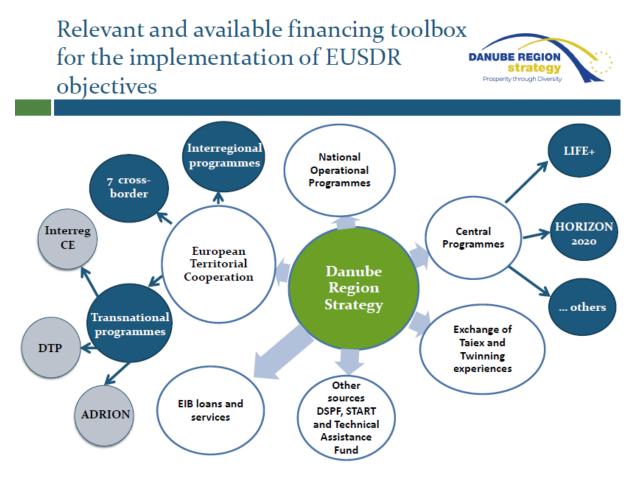
² <u>https://danube-region.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/EUSDR-ACTION-PLAN-SWD202059-final.pdf</u>



He emphasized that Hungary is engaged in supporting the priority areas. He talked about the Action Plan, which has more focused actions since 2020. PA5' Action 3 focuses on "Strengthen disaster prevention and preparedness among governmental and nongovernmental organizations, " which is

the most important for the DM-WG and DiMaND and PROFOUND projects. As

the tools of EUSDR are limited since the macro-regional strategy doesn't have direct financial support, projects like PROFOUND and DiMaND have strategic importance. The national coordinators are supporting the embedding of the EUSDR's strategic objectives into the new programming period of 2021-2027.



He also introduced the work of PA5, which are connected to all 5 actions of the priority area, such as supporting the update of the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan, organizing field exercise, different project support³ (InterFloodCourse, DAREFFORT, LIFE-MICCAC, SEERISK, DAREnet) or cooperation with international organizations (GWP-CEE⁴, ICPDR⁵). For example, the Revital I. project results from a collaboration between EUSDR and EU Civil Protection Mechanism, as it started with a Scoping Mission triggered by EUSDR in Solotvyno, Ukraine, where an abandoned salt mine represents a hazard to the population and the environment. It was followed by an Advisory Mission, and the results of these missions served as the basis for the Revital I. project, which focuses on monitoring the salt mine. He concluded his speech by highlighting the DM-WG's importance and thanking the participants for contributing to this work.

Zsolt Kelemen, Chairman of EUSDR PA5 DM-WG gave a keynote about the **Activities and objectives of the DMWG and the aims of the workshop**. Mr Kelemen is the project director of both DiMaND and PROFOUND projects. He introduced the vision of the Budapest Firefighter Association. The association is an umbrella organization for the greater Budapest Area. The concept was presented in a progress matrix with 5 levels and 5 major focus areas: Projects, Training, Youth, Logistics and Business/Assets. The progress is already significant and has been reached through volunteer work and projects. It was only possible with a joint effort of the team from BTSZ.

Mr Kelemen continued his speech by briefly introducing the Disaster Management Working Group and its current membership, which has (as of Feb 2021) members from 8 countries and 24 members in total. The initial intention was to have at least one organization from the governmental and one from the non-governmental side. The variety of the organizations show that there is a great need for such networks in the region. Many members are also project or strategic partners of the DiMaND project. Broadening the membership and involve additional countries is one of the aims. Bosnia and Hercegovina is already one of the target countries with PREP-R project, which focuses on preparedness activities of responders in the region.

He introduced the relevant PA5 action (Action 3 from the Action Plan of EUSDR): "Strengthen disaster prevention and preparedness among governmental and non-governmental organizations". The PROFOUND project is directly linked to "3.1 Support joint preparedness activities of disaster response

Action Plan of PA5, Action 3.

Strengthen disaster prevention and preparedness among governmental and non-governmental organizations

- 3.1 Support **joint preparedness activities** of disaster response actors (professionals and volunteers at operational, tactical and strategic level) PROFOUND
- 3.2. **Harmonized training and capacity building** of civil protection units (based on UCPM) to improve coordination, interoperability, procedures and self-sufficiency <u>DiMaND</u>
- 3.3. Support **disaster risk reduction** at regional and local level, raising public awareness
- 3.4. **Innovation and technology** to support disaster response (VR, drone, IT solutions, mapping) <u>MobilApp</u>

actors (professionals and volunteers at the operational, tactical and strategic level)", "3.2. while Harmonized training and capacity building of civil protection units (based UCPM) to improve on coordination, interoperability, procedures and selfsufficiency" strongly related to the DiMaND project's aims. One of the main IT

³ https://environmentalrisks.danube-region.eu/projects/

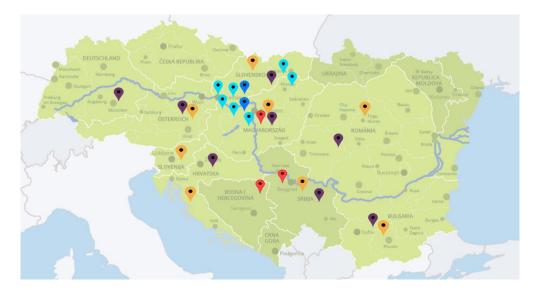
⁴ https://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-CEE/

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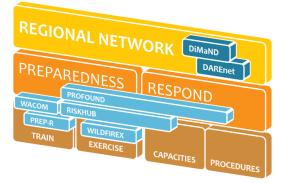
development of PROFOUND project is linked to "3.4. Innovation and technology to support disaster response (VR, drone, IT solutions, mapping)".

He concluded his presentation by thanking the participants for being present either online or in person.

The meeting continued with the "Introduction of EUSDR PA5 DM-WG projects with Letter of **Recommendation**", presented by Kinga Perge (Budapest Firefighter Association Project Coordinator, MFA EUSDR PA5 Senior Advisor). She highlighted that the projects with the support of PA5 in the field of disaster response all contribute to the objectives of the DM-WG. She showed where the projects take place. These projects already cover a lot of countries from the region; however, PA5 hopes that those countries which do not appear on the map will be involved in the near future as well.



The other viewpoint to look at is the type of hazards causing disasters which is in the focus of the projects. DAREnet (Danube), PROFOUND (Danube, Tisza) and WACOM (Sava) are in the flood category, Wildfirex (SK-HU) belongs to the wildfire category, and RISKHUB (SK-HU) and PREP-R (Western-Balkan) fall into the risks related to climate change category. These projects are funded by different sources, such as EU DG ECHO and Horizon2020, International Visegrad Fund, Western Balkan Green Centre and INTERREG CBC programmes. Five (RISKHUB, PREP-R, DiMaND, PROFOUND, Wildfirex) out of the seven projects are the direct result of DM-WG and BTSZ, bringing 1.4 ml EUR to develop and support disaster



preparedness and response in the region.

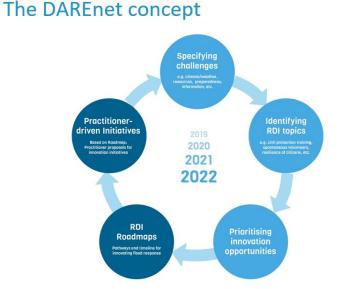
The usage of funds is strongly related to the building blocks representing the activities in our region. Training and exercising are a part of preparedness, while capacity building and procedures directly support the response. To harmonize and standardize these activities, the regional network serves with strategic level coordination. Each project fit in this scheme, also

some are overlapping with the other. These overlaps can be utilized: what is developed in one project can be used as the basis for another. This cooperation had already started last year when the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum was organized jointly with DAREnet project. It was a good example of how can projects and networks support each other.

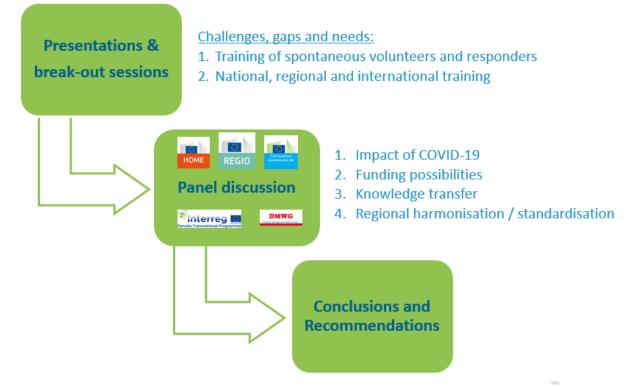
The next presentation was given by Christian Illing, coordinator of DAREnet project, the Introduction of results of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum. Mr Illing started with the introduction of DAREnet project and its consortium. DAREnet is about improving flood resilience in the Danube Region, so it has a strong connection to PA5. The project runs in cycles. In the first phase the specification of challenges, based on them, topics are identified and prioritized, which are feed into the RDI roadmaps. This then serves as a basis for practitioner The DAREnet project approach to the project and prioritized.

initiatives. The 2nd Annual Practitioner Forum had five main objectives:

- Building a transregional community of flood practitioners
- Collecting practitioner needs
- Evaluating existing and future gaps
- Identify innovation opportunities
- Support practitioners in realizing their initiatives



The event had two main events, a workshop with practitioners and a panel discussion with policymakers.



The workshop consisted of presentations and break-out sessions, focusing on two main topics with the following results:

Training of spontaneous volunteers and responders

- Improve the transfer of knowledge about best practices for the structured interaction with spontaneous volunteers
- Apply new technologies on a broader scale to better exploit the innovation potential for simulating flood risks
- Support innovative approaches to improve comparison of skills and competencies (e.g. "Responder ID-card")

National, regional and international training

- Develop a harmonized regional level framework for regional response capacities
- Improve the transfer of knowledge from UCPM to the national/regional level
- Support the harmonization of (re-)certification system on a regional level
- Improve the adoption of HNS guidelines in countries receiving assistance

Based on the outcomes of the workshop, the representatives of DG ECHO, DG HOME, DG REGIO, Danube Transnational Programme and DM-WG had a discussion and agreed on some conclusions:

- Shared understanding about the main challenges and requirements
- Best practice examples exist and should be built upon
- The current funding landscape is too complex to navigate
- The involvement of additional stakeholders would be beneficial
- COVID-19 provides an opportunity to reflect

The results paper can be downloaded from here: Annual Practitioner Forum Results Paper

Kinga Perge **closed the Plenary session** by highlighting the importance of the network and the participants either present in person or online.

Preparedness Practices workshop

The starting topic of the workshop discussion was based on the outcomes of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum. As introduced during the plenary session, the Practitioners Forum focused on the subject of "Training". The forum introduced selected innovative approaches from practitioner organizations from the Danube Region to facilitate discussions about solutions, challenges, and needs between experts and stakeholders and generate project ideas. As the event was co-organized by EUSDR PA5 and the Disaster Management Working Group contributed to it, the results were considered a good starting point for discussions about preparedness practices. Following reflection on the outcomes of the Practitioners forum, the second session focused on collecting good practices of the partners in training, capacity building and exercising, technologies and innovative solutions based on the experience from their countries.

Methods:

- MIRO (https://miro.com/) online tool was used to support the online participants and partly the in-person attendees as well.
- The prepared MIRO boards were used for the face-to-face participants as well to introduce the topics (please see below under the two sessions).
- The boards included the key results of the Practitioners Forum, also guiding questions and food for thought.
- The in-person participants formed groups (due to COVID-19, the participants from the same organization gathered in each group) and used flipcharts to collect their ideas.
- The online participants used the MIRO boards and stayed in one group to share their ideas.
- The results were summarized along with appropriate actions to be taken.
- The good practices will be shared and integrated into the Knowledge Portal.

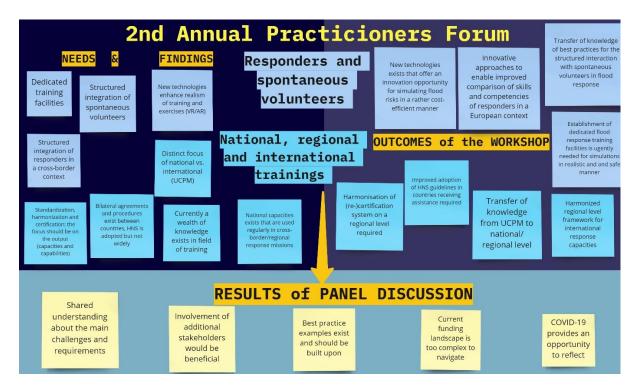
1st Session: Results of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum

Objectives:

- Common understanding of the results of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum (AF)
- Explain in more detail the outcomes of the workshop and the results of the panel discussion from the 2nd AF
- Collect different/additional thought and important ideas regarding the main topics of the 2nd AF

Expected results:

- Have a good understanding of what was achieved
- Confirm that these are the most critical gaps & needs and agree/disagree with the findings (why)
- Acknowledge that these can be used as a starting point for our work in DiMaND and the first workshop on Preparedness Practices



Results of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum of DAREnet project:

The online and face-to-face participants discussed the results in groups and recorded the following additional ideas:



Summary of discussions in relation to the results of the 2nd AF and actions to be taken by the DiMaND project and the Disaster Management Working Group

Outcomes of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum:

- ✓ Improve the transfer of knowledge about best practices for structured interaction with spontaneous volunteers in flood response
- ✓ Transfer of knowledge from UCPM to national/ regional level

Summary of the discussions:

BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ The developed structures and results of projects should be sustained
- Case studies exists and should be shared and taken into consideration more often
- "Meta-market place" to search for solutions
- Open the available
 knowledge bases to a
 wider audience
- Clarification of terms
 Basic UCPM training material should be available in national languages

Actions:

- → Develop
 Knowledge Portal
 to collect and
 share project
 results from the
 region, relevant
 case studies,
 solutions and best
 practices
- → Develop glossary of terms
- → Develop e-learning in national languages about UCPM basics

COOPERATION

Outcomes of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum:

 ✓ Involvement of additional stakeholders would be beneficial Summary of the discussions:

- → Better cooperation is required between international authorities and experts
- → "Scientific support pillar" should be involved

- Actions:
- → Provide platform to connect different stakeholders, experts, authorities though the network (DM-
 - WG)
- → Involve experts from the science field

HARMONIZATION / STANDARDIZATION

Outcomes of the 2nd Annual Practitioners

Forum:

Summary of the discussions:

- Harmonized regional level framework for international response capacities should be developed
- Harmonisation of (re-) certification system on a regional level required
- Harmonized framework at regional level is needed, including certification, SOPs, trainings
- Modular course offer should be available to meet the training needs
- Support the development of recommendations for minimum standards in the region

Actions:

 Support the discussions between relevant stakeholders through the network (DM-WG)

TRAINING FACILITIES

Outcomes of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum:

 ✓ Dedicated training facilities are needed for simulations to train in realistic and safe manner Summary of the discussions:

 There is a need for regional cooperation between existing training facilities

Actions:

- → Support the development of dedicated training facilities by seeking for funds and opportunities and generate projects
- → Connect the training facilities in the region through the network (DM-WG)

INNOVATION

Outcomes of the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum:

 ✓ New technologies enhance realism of training and exercises (VR/AR)

Summary of the discussions:

Stronger use of new technologies to enhance the realism and scalability of disaster response scenarios in training settings

Actions:

 → Support the use of new technologies by seeking for funds and opportunities to generate projects

FUNDING				
Outcomes of the 2 nd Annual Practitioners Forum:	Summary of the discussions:	Actions:		
✓ Funding landscape is too complex to navigate	 → Structured and regular funding is needed → Available funds should be balanced across countries 	→ Support the potential partnerships by organizing events regarding resource and seeking funds for their ideas		

2nd Session: Preparedness practices in the Danube Region

Objectives:

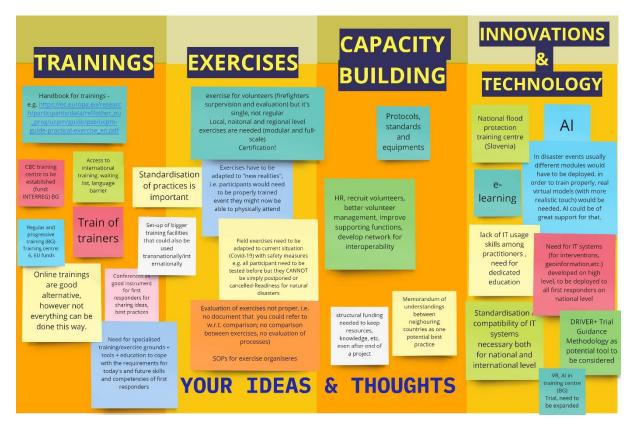
- Collect good practices in training, capacity building and exercising, technologies and innovative solutions in the Danube Region or at the European level
- Share how each organization train, exercise, what equipment or technologies they use, how they manage capacity building

Expected results:

- Share concrete practices in preparedness activities
- Understand the regional approach
- Sharing experience and ideas



The online and face-to-face participants discussed the topics in groups and recorded the following ideas:



Based on the discussions, the following figure summarizes the good practices and the gaps in relation to Preparedness practices, with special focus on Trianings, Exercises, Capacity building, Innovation & Technology.

Good practices

Trainings, exercises

- Online trainings for certain purposes
- Regular and progressive trainings (NAVRB)
- Training on local level (basic learning) / state level (national unit of experts)
- Train of trainers approach
- Handbook for UCPM exercises
- International trainings
- Annual complex disaster response exercises with various partners, cooperation with national and local actors, organizations (HRC)

Training centres

- Modern training centres in Bulgaria (6 centres, EU fund) for volunteers (NAVRB)
- Flood protection training centre in Slovenia (EU fund) (GZS)
- Firefighter training centre in Romania (APPC)

Gaps

Trainings, exercises

- Lack of exercises between volunteer and professional units
- Exercising is occasional not regular, lack of funding
- Volunteer exercising need to be supervised and evaluated
- Certification is non-existent at regional level
- Limitations in international trainings: waiting list, language barrier
- Exercises have to be adapted to "new realities", i.e. participants would need to be properly trained
- Field exercises need to be adapted to current situation (Covid-19) with safety measures, postponing or cancelling is not a solution
- Evaluation of exercises should be improved, comparison between exercises is not possible
- Lack of evaluation of exercise processes
- SOPs for exercise organisers is needed
- Standardisation of practices is important

Training centres

- Lack of training facilities that could also be used transnationally/internationally
- Need for specialised training/exercise grounds + tools + education to cope with the requirements for today's and future skills and competencies of first responders

Capacity building

- Better volunteer management is needed: HR, recruit volunteers, improve supporting functions, develop network for interoperability
- Structural funding needed to sustain resources, knowledge, etc. after the end of a project
- Improve protocols, standards and equipments

Innovations & Technology

- More realistic virtual models would be needed. Al could be of great support for that.
- Need for IT systems (for interventions, GIS, etc.), on national level
- Standardisation / compatibility of IT systems necessary both for national and international level
- Lack of IT usage skills among practitioners (need for dedicated education)

Next steps

Based on the 2nd Annual Practitioners Forum and DiMaND workshop results, the actions to be taken were identified.

Some actions can be achieved during the DiMaND or DAREnet projects or in the framework of EUSDR PA5 DM-WG, in other cases, external support is needed.

Actions:

- Develop Knowledge Portal to collect and share project results from the region, relevant case studies, solutions and best practices.
 - ightarrow DiMaND project will develop the Knowledge Portal
 - → Requires cooperation of partners of DiMaND, DAREnet and DM-WG members to fill it with content
- Develop a glossary of terms
 - → Development of Host Nation Support related terms and its integration to the Knowledge Portal will be part of DiMaND
 - → Collect and share existing glossaries is an objective of DM-WG (EUSDR PA5); external/further fund is needed
- Develop e-learning in national languages about UCPM basics
 - → PROFOUND project develops basic e-learning regarding international disaster response, including UCPM, however, the translation to multiple languages is not in the framework of the project
 - → External /further fund is needed to translate it to the languages of the Danube countries
- Provide a platform to connect different stakeholders, experts, authorities through the network (DM-WG)
 - → Both DAREnet and DiMaND projects are supporting this aim of the DM-WG (EUSDR PA5)
- Involve experts from the science field
 - → In DAREnet project the academic field is involved in their activities, which can serve as a basis for the involvement of science
- Support the development of recommendations for minimum standards in the region
 - → The DM-WG (EUSDR PA5) has the objective to develop recommendations for minimum standards, which can serve as a basis for harmonization of assets and trainings

- Support the discussions between relevant stakeholders through the network (DM-WG)
 - → Based on the feedback after the 2nd AF, the facilitation of the discussion between different stakeholders (DGs) is planned in the framework of DAREnet, jointly with DM-WG (EUSDR PA5)
- Support the development of dedicated training facilities by seeking for funds and opportunities and generate projects
 - \rightarrow EUSDR PA5 and DM-WG is engaged to support partnerships and generate projects which are in line with the Actions of EUSDR PA5
- Connect the training facilities in the region through the network (DM-WG)
 - → As part of the Knowledge Portal, the available training facilities are planned to be listed on the webpage, available for disaster management organizations to search for training grounds
- Support the use of new technologies by seeking for funds and opportunities to generate projects
 - \rightarrow EUSDR PA5 and DM-WG is engaged in supporting partnerships and generating projects which are in line with the Actions of EUSDR PA5
- Support the potential partnerships by organizing events regarding resource and seeking funds for their ideas
 - → EUSDR PA5 and DM-WG is engaged in supporting partnerships and generating projects which are in line with the Actions of EUSDR PA5
- Share good practices from the Preparedness practices workshop
 - \rightarrow As part of the Knowledge Portal, the good practices will be shared with the community
 - → Further clarifications and details are needed from partners (DiMaND, DAREnet) and members (DM-WG)
- Fill the gaps recorded in the Preparedness practices workshop
 - ightarrow Raise the awareness of stakeholders to the existing gaps
 - ightarrow Channel the findings to the appropriate stakeholders
 - → Seek for funding with the support of EUSDR PA5 and DM-WG and take into account these needs in case of future project generation (which are in line with the Actions of EUSDR PA5)
 - \rightarrow Integrate the needed activities into the Roadmap (D4.6)