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Seminar on Strengthening Cooperation with Candidate Countries and Western Balkan Countries in the Field of Civil Protection

24–26 February 2008

Bled, Slovenia

Organized jointly by the European Commission – DG Environment, Civil Protection Unit, and the Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Please note that this is a draft only, which may be subject to changes depending on the availability of speakers

Sunday, 24 February 2008

afternoon	Arrival of participants and registration
19.30	Welcome reception

Monday, 25 February 2008

8.30–9.00	Opening Ceremony/Welcome address - <i>Slovenia, European Commission</i> Introduction to the seminar and administrative arrangements - <i>European Commission, Slovenia</i>
SESSION 1 – CIVIL PROTECTION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION	
9.00–10.00	Recent developments in Community cooperation in the field of Civil Protection – Community Civil Protection Mechanism (MIC, CECIS, contribution to the development of Early Warning Systems, training, exchange of experts programme, projects, cooperation with third countries) - <i>European Commission</i>
10.00–10.45	Early Warning Systems and Implementation of the Single European Emergency Call Number 112 - <i>Portugal</i> - <i>Bulgaria</i> - <i>Slovenia</i>
10.45–11.15	Coffee break

SESSION 2 – CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES – STATUS AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL PROTECTION	
11.15–11.30	<p>Presentation of the main characteristics of civil protection in Candidate Countries and Western Balkans countries (survey results)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Slovenia</i>
11.30–12.30	<p>Brief presentation of national disaster management systems in the Candidate Countries, future developments, needs and possible areas for cooperation with emphasis on the EU accession process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Croatia - former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Turkey
12.30–13.45	Lunch
13.45–15.15	<p>Brief presentation of national disaster management systems in potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans, future developments, needs and possible areas for further cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Albania - Bosnia-Herzegovina - Montenegro - Serbia <p>Discussion</p>
15.15–15.45	Coffee Break
15.45–16.30	<p>Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Initiative for South Eastern Europe (DPPI SEE) – Recent activities and future developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>DPPI SEE Secretariat</i> <p>South Easter Europe Disaster Risk Mitigation and Adaptation Initiative - Reducing vulnerability to disasters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>UN/ISDR Secretariat, World Bank</i> <p>Discussion</p>
16.30–17.15	<p>Cross-border cooperation between EU Member States, Candidate Countries and Western Balkan Countries - best practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Italy</i> - <i>Hungary</i> - <i>Slovenia</i>
19.15	Departure to Official Dinner
19.30–22.00	Dinner

Tuesday, 26 February 2008

SESSION 3 – EUROPEAN UNION PRE-ACCESSION AND ACCESSION COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE INSTRUMENTS	
9.00–10.15	<p>Pre-accession and accession cooperation and assistance (financial, administrative and other aspects)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Commission <p>Experiences and best practices related to the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Croatia
10.15–10.45	Coffee break
SESSION 4 – COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE AMONG EU MEMBER STATES, CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES	
10.45-12.00	<p>Cooperation and information exchange between EU Member States, Candidate Countries and Western Balkan countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Austria</i> - <i>Denmark (DEMA)</i> - <i>Germany (THW)</i> - <i>Romania</i> - <i>Sweden (SRSA)</i> <p>Discussion</p>
12.00-12.15	<p>Prospects and scope for future cooperation with the Candidate Countries and Western Balkan countries at the EU level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Commission
12.15–13.00	<p>Final discussion and seminar closure</p> <p>Identification of possibilities for further cooperation with the Candidate Countries and Western Balkan countries at bilateral, regional and EU level</p>
13.00	Lunch
Afternoon	Departure of participants