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

- 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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