

RISK PREVENTION

Project proposals under Interreg IV C

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The AER Secretariat has received the following proposals for cooperation projects. The proposals are listed by alphabetical order of the name of the region that has put forward the proposal.

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Colour codes:

YELLOW = Developing common doctrines & strategies/training and education

GREEN = Developing ICT tools: early warning systems & improved communication

BLUE = Floods prevention & response

ORANGE = Fire Prevention

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ABRUZZO (I)
Developing analytical tool & models for multi-risk analysis

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Name of the project proposal you are interested in	Project n. 6 – Risk prevention
Your expectations: Why is your Region interested in joining this project?	The Region is interested to develop effective methods to prevent disaster. The Geographical feature of the Region makes it to suffer from the climate changes on flood, desertification, earthquakes..., Disasters associated to specific “primary” hazards are capable of setting up a “domino” effect triggering other hazards. Such causal combination of effects may generate detrimental cumulative consequences on the affected area or outside it. Improve local knowledge & technical capabilities related to natural disaster forecasting, mitigation & control may assist like-wise to cope with man-caused disasters. A multi-hazard/all-hazard approach may represent a prudent cost-effective mean to prevent, counteract or manage disasters.
What type of activities would your Region organise or take part in?	1) To Develop analytical tool & models for multi-risk analysis 2) To Test tool & models 3) To Disseminate project results 4) To Foster administrative support to EU institutions by means of hazard management improved practices.

AZORES (Portugal)
Improvement in civil protection operational readiness

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Name of your project proposal	Improvement in civil protection operational readiness
Main objectives of your project proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To establish common doctrines in the management of crisis situations (crisis management and command of rescue operations); - To test and to train the doctrines, establishing/seek decision making tools; - Increment of the quality of the regional civil protection services.
Type of activities you envisage organising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course/workshop on crisis management and incident command system; - Conferences/seminaries on the subject; - Regional/national/ international planning and execution of an civil protection exercise based in the seismic-volcanic activity.

BERAT (Albania)
Protection of the city Berat from floods, through regulation of the river Osum, with protective embankment

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Main objectives of your project proposal	1-The necessary reliability is achieved for protection against the periodical floods of the city Berat caused by the river Osum bearings. 2- Land surface is profited for the city prospective development. 3- Better conditions are created for the regulation of the city road circulation. 4. Because of the river running disciplining conditions for resources exploiting such as water sports, fishing, relaxing and recreation are created. 5 Opportunities for high waters and black waters are created avoiding the environment pollution.
Type of activities you envisage organising	Infrastructure projects promoting for the mountain tourism in the region

Further Details:

The partial project of the embankment implementation for the protection of the city Berat from floods caused by the river Osum has been compiled by the projecting firm "Elba" sh.p.k.

This project includes an embankment length of 460 ml. The embankment and Zagore streambed measurement has been conducted taking into consideration that this object is of the 1st class. In this classification the calculating flows have been performed by 5% of security and have been checked or controlled by 1% of security.

These flows respectively for the River Osum in Berat have been calculated of $Q_{calc. 95\%} = 905 \text{ m}^3 / \text{sec.}$ and $Q_{contr. P 1\%} = 1081 \text{ m}^3 / \text{sec.}$ The Zagore stream has been accepted by controlling flow of 1% of security, $272 \text{ m}^3 / \text{sec.}$

The embankment transversal section consists of gravel stuffing material. The gravel will be fetched by deepening of the river bed, whilst the gabions of 1 x 1 x 1 measure will be cave stones and be placed on the bottom part of the embankment beton (concrete) dressing, by the side of the river bed.

These gabions will form a section $b=50 \text{ cm.}$ of width and $h=1.0 \text{ m}$ of height of stone and zinc net, which will goes with the beton (concrete) scarp bottom along the whole embankment length.

The embankment scarp by the river side is foreseen to be dressed by M-150 of beton (concrete), thickness 0.2 m, and a gravel substratum of 0.1 m thick.

For this project the respective preventive with the working volume has been compiled, which foresees o total costs 660 000 €, for implementing of this project's part.

Attached we are sending the area plan and some its air photographs.

BIHOR (Romania)
Joint flood prevention and decreasing the impact of waste by decisions based on integrated monitoring and information system

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Name of the project proposal you are interested in	Joint flood prevention and decreasing the impact of waste by decisions based on integrated monitoring and information system
Your expectations: Why is your Region interested in joining this project?	Flood prevention preserve population, buildings and natural treasure in all regions. It means Romanian and Hungarian regional territory; The Bihor County Council recently won the financing of the project "Joint flood prevention and decrease the impact of waste by decisions based on integrated monitoring and informing system" by the PHARE CBC 2005 Programme.
What type of activities would your Region organise or take part in?	Conferences, Best practice sharing information, Regional seminars.

EAST MACEDONIA & THRACE (Greece)
Preventing floods and resulting water pollution

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Your expectations: Why is your Region interested in joining this project?	The floods of the river Evros devastates almost every year's crops, infrastructures and even puts under threat human lives. Local economies, local societies are the first to suffer of such problems. Moreover, the water pollution as a result of the industry sector and the forests' fires as a result of hot temperature or industrial accidents are serious problems as well that are affecting large geographical regions. Therefore, for the future development of our regions it is more than a necessity to use the opportunity and create sustainable cooperation and synergies among us in order to promote common goals and protect our –common and unique- environment. As a consequence, we believe that this project is very interesting and useful for us in order to exchange information in the environment risk prevention and to develop a coherent strategy in this sector..
What type of activities would your Region organise or take part in?	Exchange of best practices and prevention measures. In that case we will have the opportunity to transfer the know-how gained from the inter-regional Project RIVESHIELD (CADSES) ,which is focused on the prevention of industrial accidents that are related to the release of fuel in the rivers.

NORRBOTTEN (Sweden)
Higher Education in crisis management and risk prevention

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Name of your project proposal	Higher Education in crisis management and risk prevention – A common strategy for education and development of an international crisis communication system within Europe
Main objectives of your project proposal	The objectives of the project is to in accordance with the Lisbon Agreement develop, plan and execute an international education/course for crisis management for all regions in Europe. This will be accomplished by means of interdisciplinary research, technical development and networking.
Type of activities you envisage organising	Develop, plan and execute a course at university level for Crisis Management in cooperation with other regions in Europe. The course should be based on real experiences from dealing with big crisis with many nations and ethnical groups involved.

Network Based Information Platform for Crisis Management (NBCM)

Name of your project proposal	Network Based Information Platform for Crisis Management (NBCM) – An unified Command and Control System for seamless exchange of crisis information independent of operational or administrative boundaries or geographical distance
Main objectives of your project proposal	The main objective is to develop and test an international network based information platform for crisis management. This is done by using the core result of Sweden's defence project Ledstyt, which is the new Command and Control systems for the future Network Based Environment focusing on managing international crisis and enabling the seamless integration of heterogeneous systems. This will allow secure and fast access to comparable public data and to crisis information located in different places over a wide variety of wired and wireless devices.
Type of activities you envisage organising	Project management including planning, development and testing different pilot scenarios for Network based Crisis Management. This is done with different regions in Europe

SISAK-MOSLAVINA (Croatia) - FIRE
Fire risk prevention management in Nature Park Lonjsko polje

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Main objectives of your project proposal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To preserve and evaluate the total value of flora and fauna in Nature park Lonjsko polje; 2. To improve the fire prevention quality in the target area; 3. To improve the quality level of fire alarm annunciation and extinction in Nature Park Lonjsko polje; 4. To equip the fireman volunteers' associations with proper equipment for fire extinction; 5. To educate local population and visitors on the fire prevention importance, procedures during the fire incident and activities connected with extinction, and on possible evacuation;
Type of activities you envisage organising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation and implementation of the project "Fire risk prevention management in Nature Park Lonjsko polje", including partners search; 2. Providing co-financing in accordance with the call for proposals regulation; 3. Preparation and implementation of educational programs; 4. Preparation of and tendering procedure for equipment needed for the project; 5. Information and marketing; 6. Administrative support

UMBRIA (Italy)
Early Warning System for rockfalls and landslide risk prevention

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Name of your project proposal	Early Warning System for rockfalls and landslide risk prevention
Main objectives of your project proposal	Microseismic monitoring of rock- and landslides compared with traditional techniques, aimed at the characterization of the vibration signals linked to rockfalls and landslides movement nucleation; Development of an Early Warning System for the prevision of rockfall and landslide movements, aimed at the risk prevention.
Type of activities you envisage organising	Site reconaissance survey, aimed to the choice of sample sites; design, Installation and operation of traditional (inclinometers, extensimeters, GPS etc) and microseismic (velocimetric and accelerometric) networks on rockfalls and landslides;. data processing and analysis, study of the temporal and parametric behaviour of microseismic signals in comparison with the movements detected by the current landslides monitoring techniques; Feasibility study of the Early Warning System development.

**European strategy for urban vulnerability reduction and safety of population
(Earthquakes)**

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Name of your project proposal	European strategy for urban vulnerability reduction and safety of population
Main objectives of your project proposal	Sharing of an European strategy for the reduction of the vulnerability of the seismic risk in the historical centres. Training and education of civil protection operators about the reduction of seismic risk subjects. Increase the citizens awareness to respond /act against the seismic events
Type of activities you envisage organising	Set up of a common network for exchanging the know-how and the experiences gained. Training courses addressed to the technicians aimed at learning the methodology for the drafting of studies about the urban vulnerability as well a methodology for training the population. Analysis of the urban vulnerability of the related historical centre, identifying the critical aspects and outlining the possible interventions. Civil protection exercises with the involvement of the citizens. Exploitation of the innovative technologies apt to manage the emergency steps. Meetings with the purpose of exchanging the experiences among the partners through workshops and seminars.

VALENCIA
Coastal Marine Pollution Risk Analysis – COMAPRA

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Name of your project proposal	Coastal Marine Pollution Risk Analysis – COMAPRA
Main objectives of your project proposal	To develop a methodology for assess and analyse the risks of coastal marine pollution in a small scale in order to prevent coastal marine pollution. The main objective is to prevent the coastal regions from this kind of pollution by analysing the risks by municipalities, taking into account the special features of each municipality, its location, resources and experience.
Type of activities you envisage organising	Activities of R&D, dissemination, training and management.

Tsunamis Early Warning in Mediterranean – TEW-MED

Name of your project proposal	Tsunamis Early Warning in Mediterranean – TEW-MED
Main objectives of your project proposal	To develop an Early Warning System on Tsunamis and Tides in the Mediterranean taking advantage of already installed monitoring systems like AIS (Automatic Identification System for vessels) and other resources (internet based technologies and interfaces). Other aim is to carry out formation and training activities for the society in general in order to know how to act before an emergency situation regarding tsunamis or big tides.
Type of activities you envisage organising	Activities of management, research, technology application, demonstration, dissemination, training and formation

VRANCEA (Romania)
Common actions for preventing and eliminating the effects of the natural calamities

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Main objectives of your project proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preventing floods and limiting their effects ▪ Economic development
Type of activities you envisage organising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knowledge transfer ▪ Best practices exchanges ▪ Conferences, study visits, workshops

Further information about this project proposal is contained in a separate document, (Vrancea project sheet) available on the AER website:

<http://www.a-e-r.org/events/regional-policies-committee/2007/interregiv.html>

PROPOSALS FROM NON AER MEMBER REGIONS

SOL – University of Thessaly (GR) Protection of Cultural Heritage from Natural Disasters (PROUHD)

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Name of your project proposal	Protection of Cultural Heritage from Natural Disasters (PROUHD)
Main objectives of your project proposal	Natural Disasters beside all other disturbances in economic and social life affect also the cultural heritage of suffering areas. Situation is worsen since in most cases, culture plays a vital role in economic growth and quality of life, attracting visitors, creating regional identity, proud and promote a place, its people and activities world wide. Usually no specific plans are available for protecting both cultural monuments and cultural content if a natural disaster occurs in the area. Main objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification and risk mapping of important regional cultural heritage elements (monasteries, museums, theaters, libraries, traditional buildings etc) 2. Exchange of knowledge and best practices in protecting cultural heritage from disasters. 3. Creation of Policy framework on protection cultural heritage at regional, national, international level 4. Elaboration of optimum risk management plans and procedures 5. Involvement of citizens and local associations (e.g. cultural agencies) in cultural elements protection and preservation) 6. organization of training activities in the field Create a European Policy Paper on the topic and an international forum for cultural heritage protection, involving Unesco, religious organizations (e.g. Catholic, orthodox Church) etc.
Type of activities you envisage organising	Looking for partners to cooperate in elaborating and submitting the project proposal. Especially regions with interest and organizations related to cultural heritage management and promotion.

The Role of Media in Managing Emergencies and Fostering a Prevention Culture in Europe (MEDIALAND)



<p>Main objectives of your project proposal</p>	<p>In past major events of emergencies the role of Media proved to be decisive for the improvement or worsening of the situation. On the other had their role is not acknowledged in the official system of civil protection in an era Media dominated. Their capabilities and their organization provide opportunities for an important contribution in all phases of an emergency in multiple ways.</p> <p>Main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the role of media before, during and after emergencies and how they can promote a prevention culture among citizens in European regions 2. Examine best practices and things to avoid of media intervention in past emergencies/ disasters 3. Promote their role in the existing and future civil protection system. 4. Organize a European Media Observatory for Natural and technological disasters to provide accurate, on line and in real time information for events related to civil protection world wide. 5. Create a policy paper and European framework on Media coverage of such emergency events. 6. Cultivate the responsibilities of media role from being an informational channel for practical instructions during an emergency to advise the regions on risk prevention awareness campaigns, put priority to civil protection activities of regions, non governmental association etc.
<p>Type of activities you envisage organising</p>	<p>Looking for partners to cooperate in elaborating and submitting the project proposal. Especially regions with interest in Media Involvement in managing emergencies, regional media organizations, and organizations related to cultural heritage management and promotion, related to topic regional organizations and institutes</p>

Safe Highly Developed Touristic Areas from Disasters (SAFETOUR)

<p>Main objectives of your project proposal</p>	<p>Tourism has proved to be the most important factor for economic and social development in many European Areas. Provision of high quality services and exploitation of comparative advantages in tourism can offer strong base for a place to achieve sustainable increase of quality of life, increase productivity in the whole economy and secure development efforts. On the other hand, in such high developed touristic areas the dangers from a sudden natural or technological disaster are very high and the fact that a major disaster can erase the hit area from the touristic map for many years must activate all involved entities for immediate short, mid and long term mitigation policies.</p> <p>Main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifying social and economic factors that deteriorate the touristic areas in terms of risk prevention and management. 2. Identifying, mapping and analyzing risk factors that can cause disasters in touristic areas (e.g. fires in islands, accidents in oil refineries in coastal areas) 3. Active involvement of tourism sector stakeholders in a campaign on risk prevention and management 4. Create smart tools for alerting and informing citizens, visitors, tourists in a multilingual, multicultural environment. 5. Update emergency plans and procedures. 6. Create clear links among development initiatives and risk prevention policies/ measures in tourism 7. Create a Safety logo for regions taking specific measures, using that as a marketing tool. <p>NOTICE: That proposal can be divided into more (e.g. One for European Islands and One for coastal areas for example).</p>
<p>Type of activities you envisage organising</p>	<p>Looking for partners to cooperate in elaborating and submitting the project proposal. Especially regions that rely on tourism for their development or have a priority in developing tourism activities</p>

Sustainable Future Urban Development through Emergency Management (FUTURBAN)

<p>Main objectives of your project proposal</p>	<p>Natural and technological Disasters affect more urban environment since in cities hits the heart of economic and social activities. Especially in medium and big scale cities, natural disasters can hinder economic growth and development for a long time with impacts not only in the city hit but also in the wider area. In addition the complexity of policies, hierarchies, initiatives, organizational and personal relationships is an important reason for increased vulnerabilities in cities. Interconnections of various policies (e.g. land use, emergency planning, population preferences, and decision on infrastructure establishment) cause –many times– inability to take the proper decisions in proper time. On the other hand considering natural and man made disasters provide a good framework or redesign of urban environment and its surroundings to achieve in the mid term sustainable economic development, social cohesion and increased quality of life through optimization and secure of public and private development activities.</p> <p>Main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification and analysis of links between natural and technological disasters, economic development and social cohesion. 2. Analysis of the relation between development initiatives (local, regional, national, international) and risk prevention and management policies/ measures. 3. Risk assessment and User needs analysis for Urban environments 4. Analysis of the role of each stakeholder in the prevention strategy against natural and man made disasters (local authorities, non governmental organizations, citizens, private companies, media etc) 5. Policy Framework for the secure future development of European cities/ Policy paper.
<p>Type of activities you envisage organising</p>	<p>Looking for partners to cooperate in elaborating and submitting the project proposal. Especially regions with tradition on spatial planning and regional development.</p>

AER Secretariat
**Mapping regional resources in risk prevention and supporting the development of
common emergency responses among the regions**

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Main objectives of your project proposal	Regions have competences in preventing and responding to natural or manmade disasters. Regions also have a long-standing tradition of cross-border cooperation and solidarity. The AER Secretariat suggests that regions study the potential of sharing resources and organising joint responses to emergencies. The aim of this project would be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and map the resources regions have at their disposal for preventing and responding to emergencies • To identify the obstacles to cross-border cooperation in emergency responses • To develop tools and cooperation agreements that will allow the regions to implement cross-border joint responses, without needing to involve the national or European level • To develop common planning sessions and response exercises between regions members of such cross-border cooperation agreements
Type of activities you envisage organising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cataloguing of available resources and risk prevention strategies within the participating regions • Joint work sessions to develop cooperation agreements • Joint work sessions to develop common strategies • Seminars with experts in the field

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A REGION INTERESTED IN TAKING THE LEAD IN THIS PROJECT
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PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEADING THIS PROJECT

