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Welcome addresses:

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Keynote Address: Applications of Space Technology for Risk Management in Romania

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State of Affairs: Regions and Risk Management

Chairperson: C. Hicks, President of Eurisy

Role and Responsibilities of European Regions in dealing with Risk

G. Stahl, Secretary General, Committee of the Regions

The Challenges for Regions in Risk Areas

J. Smith, Devon County Council Deputy Leader and Leader of the AER Emergency Planning Network, Assembly of European Regions (AER)

Risk and Emergency: Definition and Analysis

M.-G. Dequae, President, Federation of European Risk Management Associations (FERMA)

The Benefits of Innovative Satellite Solutions for Regional Risk Management

D. Schmitt, European Space Agency (ESA)

Evaluation and Quantification of Risk using Satellite Information and Services

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Mechanisms enabling Regions to implement Innovative Solutions

K. Kyprianou, Territorial Co-operation, Directorate-General for Regional Policy, European Commission (EC)

NEREUS, the Network of European Regions Using Space technologies

F. Laporterie-Déjean, Midi-Pyrenees Region, France

Best-practice Examples: Regions dealing with Risk and Disasters

Chairperson: S. Formosa, Malta Environment & Planning Authority (MEPA)

Keynote Address: Hazard Assessment in the Sinaia/Prahova Alpine Valley

G. Stancalie, Executive Director of the Romanian Meteorological Administration

Flood Management by the Region of Pazardzhik

I. Tilev, Chief of Coordination and Administrative Control, Regional Government of Pazardzhik, Bulgaria

Fire Risk Management in the Region of Central Macedonia

K. Kokolakis, Director of the Central Macedonia Civil Protection, Greece

Reduction of Ragweed Pollen Load

A. Páldy, Deputy Director General of the National Institute of Environmental Health, Hungary

Management of Landslides, Rockfalls and Avalanches: Experience in Trans-national Interreg Projects

H. Siegel, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

Round Table: Beyond Service Provision – Sustainability of the Use of Satellite Information and Services

Chairperson: D.D. Prunariu, Chairman of the Board, Romanian Space Agency (ROSA)

Panellists: K. Kyprianou, Territorial Co-operation, Directorate-General for Regional Policy, European Commission (EC); F. Laporterie-Déjean, Midi-Pyrenees Region, France; H. Siegel, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria; M. Van Benthem, Netherlands Agency for Aerospace Programmes (NIVR)

Numerous experiences of the use of satellite information and services by regions exist, but they are in many cases not sustainable. While the sustainable provision of the satellite information and/or service is improving rapidly, their operational use is not supported by a viable economical model. In most cases, the use of the service by regions is currently supported by institutional project funds, via the service provider. When this support ends, there is no mechanism to help the region to continue using the service even though the usefulness of those services no longer needs to be proven. The round table considered how the use of such services by regions can make the transition from the pilot stage to becoming fully operational and sustainable.

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Case-study: The Added Value of Satellite Information and Services for Flood Risk Management by the Timiș County (Romania)

Chairperson: J. Smith, Leader of the AER Emergency Planning Network, Assembly of European Regions (AER)

Format: a multidisciplinary study of the EU-funded project led by Timiș County (Romania) for setting up an interregional Flood Rescue Centre

Objectives: Timiș representatives and experts from different fields are to assess how Timiș County can implement, manage and use satellite information and services to enhance the performances of the interregional Rescue Centre

Timis County project for an interregional Centre for Flood Management

B. Ghelbere, Councillor, Timis Country Council

The European Union Flood Directive

J. Ulrich, European Commission

Best Practice Presentation from Region facing Flood Risks - Bavaria

K. Daamen, Bavarian State Office for Environment

Best Practice Presentation from Region facing Flood Risks – Alsace and Lorraine

P. Chastanet, Préfecture de la zone de défense Est, Etat-Major de Zone, France

Communications Solutions and Service Provision

S. Agnelli, European Satellite Operators Association (ESOA)

Earth Observation Solutions and Service Provision

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Navigation Solution and Service Provision

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Funding Mechanisms for European Regions

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Aims of the Workshop

In recent years, natural or man-made risks for population, property and the environment have become increasingly complex, given factors such as demographics, urbanisation, industrial activity, climate change and the threat of terrorist attacks. Local and Regional Authorities are often in the best position to provide emergency planning and response thanks to their proximity and knowledge of the local terrain.

Pioneering Regions and Cities use satellite information and services as particularly effective, cost-efficient tools for dealing with these risks. This workshop will allow Regions to exchange information on risk management strategies that work and on best practices using satellite information and services.

At the end of this non-technical workshop, regional representatives who attend will know more on why and how to decide on, obtain funds for, implement and manage satellite information and services for the particular challenges with which they are confronted. In addition, stakeholders, EU and national decision-makers as well as participants from the private sector will also participate.

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