

### **FLINKMAN Project on Flood Management A Brief Presentation**

The FLINKMAN project aims to improve flood risk management. It is co-financed by the European Commission under the Civil Protection Financial Instrument and will run from January 2010 until December 2011.

#### **The Partners to the project**

The FLINKMAN project is led by the region of Central Macedonia (GR).

The project also involves:

- Province of Noord-Brabant (NL)
- Land Hessen (D)
- Balkan Environmental Center (GR)
- Sigma Consultants Ltd. (GR)
- Assembly of European Regions

#### **Actions** Within FLINKMAN, partners will:

- Develop networking actions (identify and create clusters of relevant stakeholders in the partner regions, organise informative workshops for stakeholders)
- Compile a Good Practice Guide
- Create an online knowledge base with good practice in flood management
- Launch a participatory platform for all stakeholders

#### **Expected results** Flinkman aims to:

- Improve coordination between regional and national key actors in flood management and prevention.
- Provide a comprehensive assessment of human and environmental risks in case of flood incidents.
- Create an IT tool to easily and efficiently acquire and record, manage and disseminate valuable information on flood prevention and management.
- Develop a database of key stakeholders and best practice in flood management.
- Be a platform for international cooperation and best practice exchange.

#### **Role of the Assembly of European Regions**

AER will disseminate information on the project's progress and outcomes to AER members and will help the partners identify interested stakeholders that could contribute to the project.

The AER has committed the following resources to the project:

- ▶ 2 members of Committee 2 staff each committing 42 working days over 2 years:
  - Ourania Georgoutsakou – 9% of working time
  - Claudia Meschede – 11% of working time

This time will be used to participate to project partner meetings, complete financial and progress reports, disseminate information on the project to AER members and complete the following tasks:

- ▶ January 2011- AER Secretariat organises the partners' 3<sup>rd</sup> coordination meeting in Strasbourg
- ▶ October 2011 - AER thematic dossier on Emergency Planning and the Flinkman project

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