

WORK PACKAGE SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT¹

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1. Activities and achievements

Fill in the outputs/outcomes and indicators as per the Logical Framework Matrix of the WP during the review period. In the column "Achieved to date" describe all activities done in order to achieve the indicated output/output. Provide a short comment if necessary.

Outputs/ outcomes – LFM code	Indicator	Achieved to date	Comment
1.1 Report on natural disasters in WB	Report created	-) Establishing contacts -) Collecting data for each country -) Writing reports for each country -) Writing overall report for WB countries	
1.2 Survey of established practices in EU countries for NDRM	Survey report created	-) Establishing contacts -) Collecting data for each country -) Writing reports for each country -) Writing overall report for EU countries	
1.3 Report on master curricula best practices in EU partners and Catalogue of competencies	Report created	-) Collecting data for each country -) Writing overall report for EU countries	

2. Problems encountered

Describe the main problems encountered and recommend a solution if possible

Outputs/ outcomes	Description of problem	Recommendation
1.1 Report on natural disasters in WB	-) Comparison of natural disasters is challenging, due to the different existing data bases	-) Western Balkan countries are recommended to improve and harmonize their data bases
1.2 Survey of established practices in EU countries for NDRM	-) Understanding of different national authorities and their responsibilities is quite challenging, due to the unique practices in effect in nearly every EU country	
1.3 Report on master	-) Comparison of master	

curricula best practices in EU partners and Catalogue of competencies	programmes is difficult, due to the different structures of master programmes in participating countries	
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3. Changes

Present all changes to WP plans including postponing implementation deadlines

Outputs/ outcomes	Change of plan and likely implication for WP activities	Suggested actions	Date of notification to NatRisk coordinator
No changes.			

4. Brief summary

Summarize progress of activities against the implementation schedule (up to 100 words)

According to the scheduled activities in the LFM an overall report on the identification of natural disasters to be managed in WB was written (date of delivery: 14.3.2017), an overall report with established practices in EU countries for natural disaster risk managements was set up (date of delivery: 14.3.2017) and a workshop on master curricula best practices in EU countries was organized, which will be held between 5th and 7th of April 2017 at BOKU in Vienna.

Summarize progress against specific objective indicators from the logical framework matrix (up to 200 words)

The development and implementation of methodologies for identification of natural disasters, which have to be managed in WB regions, require a solid data base of existing information in these countries. Therefore unique reports per country including information about natural disasters were set up and summarized in an overall report for all WB countries. (WP1.1 - Date of overall report delivery: 14.3.2017)

An overview about existing master programmes in EU countries assists the development of master curricula in natural disaster risk management in WB countries. Therefore information about established practices for natural disaster risk management in EU countries including existing master curricula was collected, documented in unique reports per country and summarized in an overall report for all EU countries. (WP1.2 - Date of overall report delivery: 14.3.2017)

The collected information is to be presented in a workshop on natural disasters in WB countries and established practices for natural disaster risk management in EU countries focusing on EU master curricula. This workshop was organized in March 2017 and will be held at BOKU between 5th and 7th of April 2017.

Summarize main problems encountered and recommendations (up to 200 words)

For the development of harmonized natural disaster risk management strategies in WB countries including the development of corresponding master curricula a comparison of natural disasters in these countries is necessary. This comparison is challenging, due to the different existing data bases and therefore Western Balkan countries are recommended to improve and harmonize their data bases.

The established practices of natural disaster risk managements in EU countries is based on different national institutes and authorities. The understanding of these authorities and their responsibilities is quite challenging, due to the unique practices in effect in nearly every EU country.

The development of master curricula in natural disaster risk management in WB countries should be based on existing EU master programmes, but the comparison of these master programmes is difficult, due to the different structures of master programmes in participating countries. A harmonization of master programmes in line with the Bologna requirements is foreseen in the EU and therefore it is recommended to use the same standards for the development of new master curricula in WB countries.

Location, date

Signature

Vienna, 17/03/2017

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