

Contracting Authority:

European Commission

Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)

Duration: 3 years (2020-2023)

Budget: 5 million Euros

Consortium:

Civil Protection Department (DPC), lead, Italy

Fire Rescue Brigade of Moravian-Silesian Region (FRB-MSR), Czech Republic

CIMA Research Foundation (CIMA), Italy

Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief (URSZR), Slovenia

Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), Sweden

General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (IGSU), Romania

National Center for Disaster Management Foundation (CN APELL-RO), Romania



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Over the past few years, the Western Balkans and Turkey suffered from several natural disasters. In the next future, such events, also triggered by climate change, will likely become more frequent, unpredictable, and significant in magnitude. Acknowledging these challenges, relevant authorities in the region are increasingly putting their efforts into improving capacities to prevent, reduce the impact of and respond to such events.

IPA Floods and Fires, an EU- funded program, aims at improving capacities for flood and forest fire risk management in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey.

With a **5 million euros** budget and an action that unfolds for **36 months (2020-2023)**, it is based on a highly **participatory and consultative approach**, strong **local ownership**, **sustainability measures** and a **regional perspective** combined with **Partner-specific capacity development approaches**.

By fostering regional cooperation and exchange of good practices, the IPA Floods and Fires implementing Consortium collaborates with the local authorities of civil protection and other local institutions and agencies involved in flood and forest fires risk management. Together they contribute to improving the legal and institutional framework related to the EU Floods Directive (EUFD), institutional coordination among all actors involved in the EUFD implementation, and strengthening prevention, preparedness, and capacity to respond to forest fires at local, regional and EU level.

The Program is structured into seven work packages, divided into two components:

1. Floods:

- 1.1: Capacity building for Flood Risk Management Planning according to the EUFD
- 1.2: Capacity building for common transboundary Flood Risk Management Planning
- 1.3: Support for the development of procedures to include flood early warnings into local and central emergency response plan

2. Forest fires:

- 2.1: Technical assistance for forest fires risk assessment and risk management capabilities for forest fires
- 2.2: Support for the development of Ground Forest Firefighting (GFFF) civil protection modules
- 2.3: Support for the establishment of Border Crossing and Host Nation Support (HNS) protocols in line with the EU Guidelines on HNS
- 2.4: Organization of table-top exercises and a regional field exercise for the established GFFF modules

IPA Floods and Fires Partners:



*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

