



# ***A Stakeholder's Linking Framework for Flood Management (FLINKMAN)***



***Kick-Off Meeting, Brussels – 11/01/2010***

## **Involved Organisations**

- 1. Beneficiary:** Region of Central Macedonia (RCM), Hellas
- 2. Partners:**
  - a) Region of Noord Brabant (RNB) – Holland
  - b) Hessian Ministry of The Environment, Energy,  
Agriculture & Consumer Protection (HMUELV), Germany
  - c) Assembly of European Regions (AER) – France
  - d) SIGMA Consultants Ltd. (SIGMA) – Hellas
  - e) Balkan Environmental Center (BEC) – Hellas

**Starting date:** 01-01-2010 / **Ending date:** 31-12-2011 / **Duration** = 24 months

**Total Budget** = 549,750€ / **EC contribution** = 412,313€ (75%)

## **Is FLINKMAN necessary?**

### **The Need**

Flood risks should be managed more effectively by adopting an holistic, joined-up, and integrated approach, in order to minimize human and capital losses.  
Many and different Stakeholders should be involved.

### **The Problem(s)?**

- Which stakeholders should be involved in a Flood Management Plan and to which extent ?
- Which must be the roles and responsibilities of involved stakeholders ?
- Which should be the engagement framework that will improve their efficiency and effectiveness and will avoid disputes?

## **FLINKMAN Objective**

The development of the appropriate **simplified framework promoting the efficient stakeholders engagement** through the preparation and implementation phase of a flood management plan in order to ensure their consistent and **effective linking into each stage of the flood prevention-preparedness-response-remediation chain**

### **FLINKMAN intends to:**

- inform, sensitize and motivate all potential stakeholders to actively participate on flood management plans (planning and implementation)
- propose new approaches that will allow different organizations to work together and develop a shared understanding of the most suitable solutions to water flooding
- upgrade the existing civil protection modules taking into account the specified needs and initiating the proper **participatory mechanisms**
- enhance the transnational cooperation with competent bodies all over Europe



## **FLINKMAN Tasks**

### **1. Task Management and Reporting to European Commission**

(Organizational Set-Up, Internal monitoring and evaluation, Internal Communication & Reporting Procedures)

### **2. Setting up a Knowledge Base and Information Exchange Mechanism**

(Analysis of Stakeholders' Involvement during past flood incidents, Development of a Knowledge Base and Establishment of an Information Exchange Network)

### **3. Development of Stakeholders' Engagement Plan**

(Analysis of Flood Management Plans' Key Elements, Identification of Stakeholders involved in, Compilation of a Good Practice Guide)

### **4. Launching a Participatory Process**

(Consultation Process on the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Review and Improvement of Stakeholder Engagement Plan)

### **5. Information, Dissemination and Capitalization Actions**

(Communication & Dissemination Handbook, Information actions at regional, national and International level, Project's Website, Capitalization & Follow-up Activities)

## **FLINKMAN main deliverables**

- TASK 1.** →
- Project Monitoring and Evaluation System,
  - Intermediate Progress and Final reports
- TASK 2.** →
- Knowledge base on Flood Management issues
  - Local, National and European Information Exchange Network
- TASK 3.** →
- Good Practice Guide for the development of Stakeholders Engagement Plan in Flood Management
- TASK 4.** →
- Report on Stakeholders' Proposals for the improvement of Engagement Plan
  - Review of Good Practice Guide
- TASK 5.** →
- Communication and Dissemination Handbook
  - Thematic Dossier on Stakeholders' Engagement Plan for flood disasters
  - Formation of a European Cluster Unit for the implementation of follow-up activities and capitalisation measures

## **FLINKMAN Major Events and Dates**

02/2010	Communication and Dissemination Handbook
03/2010	Launch of Project web site
06/2010	Creation of National and European Information Exchange Networks and Knowledge Data Base
09/2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Progress Report
09/2010	Report with a list of stakeholders involved in Flood Management Plans including the description of their roles, responsibilities, capacities
01/2011	Good Practices' Guide for the development of Stakeholders Engagement Plan in Flood Management
05/2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> Progress Report
08/2011	Summary of Stakeholders' Proposals for the improvement of Good Practice Guide of Stakeholders' Engagement Plans
10/2011	Final Version of Good Practice Guide on Stakeholders' Engagement Plans for Flood Management
10/2011	Thematic Dossier on Stakeholders' Engagement Plan for flood disasters
12/2011	Final Conference and Report to EC



## **FLINKMAN Follow-up & Capitalisation Actions**

Flinkman partners will institute a European Cluster Unit (ECU) that will be hosted by Region of Central Macedonia, Hellas that will be responsible for the provision of future coordination and technical support actions after the project conclusion.

### **FLINKMAN ECU aims to:**

- i) the coordination on items like know how and experience exchange, research and technology transfer, common resources usage etc.
- ii) the expansion of the cooperation in other geographical areas facing flood disasters risks, too
- iii) the entering into new joined collaborations and projects on Flood management aspects for capitalization project's results.

FLINKMAN website will remain active and will be continuously updated at least 5 years after the end of the project (ECU responsibility)



## **Expected results**

- Creation of an IT tool and establishment of broad European partnership in order to acquire and record, manage and disseminate easily and effectively valuable information regarding flood prevention and management
- Identification and presentation of effective engagement mechanisms of competent, public and private authorities involved in flood management
- Instigation of stakeholders involved in Flood Management to comprehend their engagement and develop the necessary capacities in technical means and human resources
- Initialization of a closer cooperation of stakeholders involved in Flood Management and other disasters via a participatory process
- Promote the reproduction potential and transferability of the project's outputs to other geographical areas facing similar risks

## **Communication with FLINKMAN People**

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