



## European Voluntary Civil Protection Forum

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### **MEMORANDUM of the COORDINATION COUNCIL MEETING Budapest, 11 September 2012**

The last meeting of the Coordination Council (CC) took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2012 in Budapest where the following organizations participated:

- 1. Civil Protection Association of Košice Region**
- 2. Croatian Crisis Management Association**
- 3. Hungarian Civil Protection Association**
- 4. National Association of Radio Distress-Signalling and Infocommunication (RSOE)**
- 5. British Red Cross**

The discussion affected the following topics:

- 1.) Discussion about the EVCPPF Homepage.
- 2.) Discussion of the cooperation of the Miskolc Regional Disaster and Civil Protection Association and the Kossice Region Civil Protection Association.
- 3.) Discussion about the preliminary EVCPPF Budget for 2012-2013.
- 4.) Discussion of the topics and possible date of the Conference and of the venue and program of the Conference.

At the meeting the CC member Austrian Civil Protection Association, a Council of the Civil Protection Association of the Bratislava Region and the Swedish Civil Protection Association could not participate because of their professional occupation.

#### **1. Discussion about the EVCPPF Homepage**

The EVCPPF homepage can be reached at the address [www.evcpf.eu](http://www.evcpf.eu). The National Association of Radio Distress-Signalling and Infocommunication (RSOE), one of the Hungarian member organizations of the EVCPPF prepared the homepage. Mr. Attila Lajtár, Project Manager of RSOE reported that the test period of the homepage ended and the full content can be reached already while the mobile version of the homepage is under development. Following this the homepage will be presented in detail. The RSOE prepared a new logo for the Forum which can be found in the upper corner of the homepage. The logo was digitized and instead of the 5 small triangles 6 triangles have been placed, since the number of the CC members is also 6. The colours of the logo have been defined in tif format, so in this way all organizations can use it in the same colour assort in the printing technology. The logo used so far could make the impression that the Forum is a hierarchic organization while the new one symbolizes that everybody works together for each other. In the upper strive of the EVCPPF homepage images changing every 5 second can be seen. The Forum expects the member organizations to send images for this purpose. Following this, the menus on the left side were presented:

Under the menu “Information” the summary of the EVCPF can be found.

For the menu “News” the member organizations may send articles in English about their activity, and images. The President shall send the articles to the address [info@evcpf.eu](mailto:info@evcpf.eu), and then the President provides for presenting the article on the homepage. The members stated that the articles have not yet been revised and an American and UK mix can be found on several places. Ms Moya Wood-Heath will revise the articles on the basis of the UK English.

“Coordination Council” menu: here the name, accessibility and photo will be found. The Slovak and Swedish parties have not sent photos till now. The homepage addresses of the organizations of the CC members will be placed in this menu. Additionally the logos of the organizations will also be here, and by clicking to this the homepage will be accessible. It is important that the members send their logos and addresses of their homepages **until 28 September at the latest**, so this homepage can be presented at the Conference in October.

“Member organisations” menu: here the accessibility of the member organizations can be found by country in accordance with the English ABC. In the same way as in the case of the CC members the logo and the link of the homepage of the member organizations will be placed which the member organizations will send **until 28 September at the latest**.

In “Meeting minutes” menu the minutes of the meetings of the CC will be accessible in pdf. format.

Under “Final declaration” menu the final declaration can be found which can be uploaded also in pdf. format.

To the “Media gallery” menu the Forum expects to get photos and videos from the members of the Forum to the address [info@evcpf.eu](mailto:info@evcpf.eu).

To the “Education material” menu the educational materials of the member organizations could be presented. Until now two links can be found here.

To the “Emergency information” menu the Forum expects to get the recommendations of the member organizations.

## **2. Discussion of the cooperation of the Miskolc Regional Disaster and Civil Protection Association and the Košice Region Civil Protection Association**

The Hungarian Miskolc city and the Slovak Košice city are good examples of the more year cooperation. At the latest joint EU tender the Civil Protection Association of Košice Region, the self government of the city of Košice and the regional organization of the state civil protection organ took part on the Slovak side, while Miskolc Regional Disaster and Civil Protection Association, the self government of the city of Miskolc and the regional organization of the state civil protection organ took part on the Hungarian side. Recently the preparations included the civil protection tasks of the old people and the handicapped.

For the year of 2013 the Hungarian Civil Protection Association and the Civil Protection Association of Košice Region submitted a joint EU application under the title “Cross-border Network for Voluntary Civil Protection” with a budget of EURO 140.000.

With the participation of five countries another EU application was submitted in the total value of EURO 498.000. The reason for the value of EURO 498.000 has been that other, more difficult conditions relate to applications over EURO 500.000. In the application the participation of the voluntary organizations beyond the state civil protection organizations of the participant states was also a precondition. Main partner of the application is the Hungarian state civil protection organization. The foreign civil organizations are not obliged to pay own share. Object of the application is preparation for quick floods and the transborderly cooperation of the civilian and state organizations. The participant states are Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Croatia and Slovenia. It is fortunate for the Forum that the voluntary organizations of four countries from five countries are already members of the EVCPF and take part in this application. The discussion on joining of a Romanian organization to the Forum is in process.

### **3. Discussion about the preliminary EVCPF Budget for 2012-2013**

At the latest meeting of the CC the introduction of a membership fee was not supported. In this way the basic financial funds of the operation of the Forum has been built in the joint Hungarian-Slovak application for the year of 2013. In case the application will get a negative response, at least the introduction of a minimal membership fee may be reasonable considering also the fact that the Hungarian Civil Protection Association provided for all operational costs, meetings, Conferences arising so far, for the burden of the Hungarian state support.

### **4. Discussion of the topics and possible date of the Conference and of the venue and program of the Conference.**

The items on the agenda and the invitations were sent to the members. However, not all organizations replied officially until the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. At the Conference the member organizations may represent themselves by 2 persons. The Hungarian Civil Protection Association will bear the costs of accommodation and supply of these persons; however the guests should cover the travel costs. The CC members may represent themselves by three persons and also the Hungarian Civil Protection Association will bear their accommodation and supply costs. Additionally the foreign state civil protection organs were also invited, they represent themselves by one person and they will bear all costs related to travel, accommodation and supply. So presumably the Conference will have 40-50 foreign persons and 30 Hungarian participants. The organization goes well both from technical and financial point of view. Mr. Johansson, on the part of the Swedish Civil Protection Association raised the question whether the meeting must be more interactive. Ms. Moya Wood-Heath proposed to complete the program of the Conference of the Forum by a workshop. During the workshops the organizations having similar disaster hazards could present their activities and could establish a more effective cooperation. In this sense the invitations have been sent out repeatedly including the new items on the agenda, accompanied by a precise conduct plan. **The member organizations will be called upon to indicate their intention until the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, or to indicate their negative intention.** With reference to the negotiation with Director General Mr. Sorensen in Brussels the Hungarian Civil Protection Association requested financial support from the DG ECHO in order to contribute to individual costs of the Conference.

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