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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK

9 June 2021, online

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk was held online on 9 June 2021.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Eng. Constantin IONESCU, General Manager of National Institute for Earth Physics (NIEP), Romania.

3. The Meeting was attended by the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Albania
Republic of Armenia
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine

4. The representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt attended the Meeting as the Observer.

5. The representatives of Montenegro and the Republic of Slovenia attended the Meeting as the Sectoral Dialogue Partners.

The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.

6. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

7. PERMIS presented information on the International Scientific Conference “Modern approaches in monitoring, prevention and assessment of consequences of earthquakes”, being held on June 9, 2021 in the premises of the Russian-Serbian Humanitarian Center (Niš, Republic of Serbia).

AGENDA ITEM 2: EVALUATION REPORT OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE PREVIOUS COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JANUARY 2019 - 31 DECEMBER 2020

8. The Russian Federation, the previous Country-Coordinator of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk, presented the Evaluation Report for the period of 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2020. Evaluation Report is attached as **Annex III**.

9. The Ad Hoc Working Group expressed its appreciation for the work performed by the the Russian Federation, the previous Country-Coordinator of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk.

AGENDA ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK TO BE SUBMITTED BY ROMANIA, THE CURRENT COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JANUARY 2021 - 31 DECEMBER 2022

10. The Ad Hoc Working Group positively considered and adopted the Plan of Action presented by Romania, the Country-Coordinator of the Ad Hoc Working Group for the period of 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2022.

11. The following proposal of the delegation of the Republic of Armenia was included in the Plan of Action: Reviving the existing sectoral dialogue partnership in respective focus areas of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

12. The Ad Hoc Working Group welcomed the initiative of Romania in creating a website of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk. The Plan of Action is attached as **Annex IV**.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PRESENTATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE LESSONS IDENTIFIED AND BEST PRACTICES IN MEMBER STATES IN THE FIELD OF SEISMIC RISK IN LIGHT OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

13. The participants exchanged views on the lessons identified and best practices in Member States in the field of seismic risk in light of extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

14. The delegation of Romania made a presentation entitled “Recent activities on the seismic risk assessment to improve emergency response” and answered the questions raised by the participants (presentation is attached as **Annex V**).

15. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey presented information on the latest developments in the field of the seismic risk and informed the participants that the thematic presentation will be made by the delegation of the Republic of Turkey at the International Scientific Conference being held on June 9, 2021 in the premises of the Russian-Serbian Humanitarian Center (Niš, Republic of Serbia).

AGENDA ITEM 5: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ESTABLISHING CONCRETE MECHANISMS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF SEISMIC RISK

16. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item and exchanged views on concrete mechanisms for regional cooperation in the area of seismic risk.

17. PERMIS requested to update the current list of the contact persons from Member States (the list is attached as **Annex VI**).

18. The representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt proposed to increase the exchange of best practices in seismic risk between Member States and Observers.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19. No specific issue was raised under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 7: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

20. The Country-Coordinator proposed to hold the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group in the beginning of June 2022.

21. The date and venue of the next Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk will be communicated to the BSEC Member States through BSEC PERMIS in due course.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

22. The Ad Hoc Working Group adopted the Report of the Meeting for its submission to the next Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.