

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD 2025-2030 WITH THE ACTION PLAN FOR 2025/2026

The Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction for the period 2025-2030 with the Action Plan for 2025/2026 is the document that aims to indicate the most important segments of disaster risk reduction at the local and national level. This document was prepared within the framework of the project financed within the Union Mechanism for Civil Protection, and based on the call for submission of project proposals to the UCPM -2023-TRACK1-IBA. The strategic document was prepared in accordance with global standards in the area of disaster risk reduction and will represent the backbone of Montenegrin policy at the national, regional and global levels. It will cover a six-year period from January 2025 to the end of December 2030 and will be implemented through three two-year Action Plans. The Ministry of Interior – Rescue and Protection Directorate is responsible for implementing the Strategy, drafting and reporting on the implementation of Action Plans.

After defining the Project Management Structure and establishing the Working Group for the development of a Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction with the Action Plan for the period 2025-2030, Work Plan was developed and adopted. According to it Start up meeting was organized followed by group consultations, technical and consolidations meetings and lastly the Final meeting. During the said meetings, working versions of the document were discussed and further developed, harmonizing this strategic document with the Guidelines for the Preparation of Strategic Documents of the Government of Montenegro, Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals as well as the EU disaster resilience goals. Report on previous DRR Strategy implementation covering the period 2018-2023 was also developed with overall statistics covering 2018-2023. Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy strategic objectives were precisely defined and further elaborated through clear operational objectives. Communication Plan, project logo and other promotional materials were prepared thus adding visibility to the project as a whole. Numerous raising awareness activities were held during the project duration period resulting in many videos, press and media actions. Moreover, round tables were organized as a part of the public discussion on the draft text of the Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction for the period 2025-2030 with the Action Plan for the period 2025-2026. All the activities were listed in the progress reports thus ensuring continuous availability of project results to the European Commission. The final document was translated as well as designed and printed in both languages.

The Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy of Montenegro with the Action Plan for Strategy Implementation for the period 2025-2030 was prepared in accordance with the Sendai Framework, the Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the EU disaster resilience goals, and is based on the principle of gender equality with special reference to vulnerable groups. The basis of this strategic document are aspirations to improve the area of disaster risk reduction



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through the operationalization of strategic into operational goals with accompanying measures and activities in various sectors at the national/local level.

The strategic goals are aligned with the global priorities of the Sendai Framework while the operational objectives are aligned with the five resilience goals that all member states of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism should address.

The strategy is focused on activities of preventive action, raising the level of preparedness to reduce risk and avoid possible harmful consequences from disasters and it recognizes the importance of involving all relevant actors of society where partnership is the basic principle of risk management. The bearers of activities and relevant subjects in the implementation of the Strategy, which are involved in its development and implementation and which are obliged to carry out monitoring and data collection, are various ministries, state administration bodies and local governments. In this regard, 26 ministries and state administration bodies, as well as 25 local self-government units, gave a positive opinion on the text of the strategy.

The Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction for the period 2025-2030 contains a total of 112 activities that will be financed from the Budget of Montenegro, the Budget of local self-government units, funds from the Protection and Rescue Fund, loans, and the implementation of programs and projects financed from EU funds and funds from other international organization, as well as other sources. The total allocated amount of the Strategy for the implementation of 112 activities in the next six-year period amounts to 76,059,307.70 EUR, of which 24,983,997.70 EUR must be provided from the budgets of state bodies and state administration bodies, and 3,021,353.00 EUR from the budget of local self-government units, while it is necessary to provide from programs and projects financed from EU funds and funds of other international organizations 48,053,954.00 EUR. Out of that, 41,000 EUR is earmarked for the implementation of activities related to gender equality. The amount allocated for each year of the implementation of the Strategy will be the following: 2025 – 22,198,528.00 EUR; 2026 – 31,783,913.00 EUR; 2027 – 8,960,140.7 EUR; 2028 – 6,589,729.5 EUR; 2029 – 3,359,907.5 EUR and 2030 – 3,167,086.00 EUR.

With the Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy (2025-2030), Montenegro will create a completely new perspective in this area and through its key segments (prevention of new risks and reduction of existing ones, through the implementation of integrated comprehensive economic, social, health, educational, environmental and other measures) will prevent and reduce society exposure and vulnerability to disaster risk, and increase preparedness for response and recovery.



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