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# Presentation of the Association AZUR

#### KICK OFF MEETING

# Association for Risk Management

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# About the Association AZUR

- NGO Organization
- Established in 2014.
- Registered in the Ministry of Justice of BiH
- brings together a significant number of practitioners and experts in the area of security, law, technical, social and humanistic sciences
- strengthening resilience to natural and other disasters in BiH and in the Region









# AZUR's Mission and Vision

- Mission: to improve the management of natural and man-made disaster risks
- Vision: The NG sector in BiH should be established and recognized at the level of the non-governmental sector in the modern democratic world, which will fulfil its full function in BiH as well.







## Scientific Board of the Association

In 2019 Association AZUR restructured its structure, and proceeded to the formation and establishment of the Scientific Board:

- has an advisory, scientific-professional and developmental role
- has at least 5 members (all with the right to vote, PhD titles)









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- Registered/accredited Center for education with accredited programmes: Security and Protection, Modules of the P&S mechanism, Cyber security
- Professional and educational training of public and private sector
  learners and their certification



















- AZUR also published the Professional-scientific journal "Protection & Security" which is supported and published on the pages of CEEOL, the leading distributor of academic e-journals and ebooks in the field of humanities and social sciences in Central and Eastern Europe.
- supported and published on the Eurasian Scientific Journal Index (ESJI) website.

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## BIH Floods 2014.











Response to Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina floods







# Projects in which AZUR was involved



### • EU 4 Better Civil Protection (2019-2021)

**Objective of the Project:** build and strengthen the capacity of civil protection in BiH, in order to join Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Civil Protection Mechanism of the European Union **Project Partners:** Ministry of Interior of Republic of Croatia, Association AZUR **Project Beneficiaries:** Ministry of Security BiH. Federal Civil Administration of Federation

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Final Beneficiaries: Municipalities and Local Communities of BiH

**Project Budget:** 1.498.800,00 €







Structured into components (WPs) and activites

Main goal: reduce sensibility and to increase resistance to natural and technical-technological disasters on all levels in the Bosnia and Herzegovina.







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#### Banja Luka 11.10. - 15.10.2021



#### PRAKTIČNA VJEŽBA U SKLOPU PROJEKTA EU ZA BOLJU CIVILNU ZAŠTITU ВЕУ ЦЗ БИХ - Бања Лука 2021 **BEU CZ BIH - Banja Luka 2021 EU CP BEH - Banja Luka 2021**

 traganje i spasavanje iz ruševina u urbanim sredinama - spašavanje na vodi upravljanje kampovima

Korisnici projekta / Učesnici-sudionici vježbe:

civilne zaštite





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On 6, September 2022 BiH became a full member of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, thanks to the benefits of the project "EU 4 Better Civil Protection" implementation





European Commission - Press release





#### Bosnia and Herzegovina joins EU Civil Protection Mechanism

#### Brussels, 6 September 2022

Today Bosnia and Herzegovina becomes a full member of the <u>EU Civil Protection Mechanism</u> – the European solidarity framework that helps countries overwhelmed by a disaster. It comes as Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez Lenarčič, is In Sarajevo to officially sign an agreement on behalf of the European Union to grant the country official membership of the Mechanism.

Bosnia and Herzegovina was already benefitting from the EU Civil Protection Mechanism as a receiving country, but now by being a full member they will also be able to actively dispatch assistance via the Mechanism wherever it is needed.

Janez Lenarčič, Commissioner for Crisis Management said: "Today we are taking an important step towards stronger European crisis response – Bosnia and Herzegovina is joining the EU Civil Protection Mechanism as a fully participating member. This comes at the time when natural hazards are on the rise in Europe, and elsewhere in the world. This year we endured one of the toughest summers with forest fires blazing across Europe. We saw once again that EU disaster response is the strongest when we act together. Fully Redged participation in the EU Civil Protection Mechanism is a recognition of the significant progress Bosnia and Herzegovina has made over the years in building a resilient civil protection system. I am confident that soon other countries in need will reap the benefits of this accession."

During his visit, the Commissioner will meet with the Members of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bisera Turković as well as Minister for Security, Selmo Cikotić.

The EU Civil Protection Mechanism aims to strengthen cooperation between the 27 EU countries and seven participating States (Iceland, Norway, Serbia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Turkey, and most recently Bosnia and Herzegovina) on civil protection to improve prevention, preparedness, and response to disasters.

Bosnia and Herzegovina becoming a full member of the Mechanism will enhance Europe's regional emergency preparedness and rescue capacity.

#### Background

When an emergency overwhelms the response capabilities of a country in Europe and beyond, it can request assistance through the Mechanism. The European Commission plays a key role in coordinating the disaster response worldwide. Since its inception in 2001, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism has responded to almost 600 requests for assistance inside and outside the EU.

A joint approach further helps pool expertise and capacities of first responders, avoids duplication of relief efforts, and ensures that assistance meets the needs of those affected. Pooling together civil protection capacities and capabilities allows for a stronger and more coherent collective response.

The Mechanism also helps coordinate disaster preparedness and prevention activities of national authorities and contributes to the exchange of best practices. This facilitates the continuous development of higher common standards enabling teams to understand different approaches better and work interchangeably when a disaster strikes.

#### For more information:

EU Civil Protection Mechanism

Emergency Response Coordination Centre

IP/22/5343









#### Water Contingency Management in the Sava River Basin







#### Water Contingency Management in the Sava River Basin Wacom 01.07.2020.- 31.12.2022.

- Reduce environmental risks associated with accidental pollution and floods, improved cooperation of key actors and jointly developed joint operating system for activating accident management protocols
- Project Partners: 19 project partners
  including AZUR and the Lead partner:
  University of Ljubljana
- Countries along the Sava River Basin (Slovenia, Republic of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia)
- Budget: 1.570.581,00 EUR,
- IPA Contribution: 294,907.50 EUR





- AZUR was the Leader of the WP 1- EXPLORE AND DEFINE JOINT PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE in the WACOM project

• Main outputs in the WP 1:

Strategy for the Implementation of the Protocols to the Framework Agreement on the Sava river basin

National Workshops for the validation of the jointly developed strategy

The main output users were: national and local public authority, infrastructure and service provider, enterprise, international organization





- Work to improve citizens' awareness of the prevention and management of risks in the system of protection and rescue against natural and other accidents;
- Supporting and assisting in the creation of environmental protection by developing the necessary documentation and conducting training and exercises;







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#### Thank you for your attention

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