

Project Overview

The project entitled "Joint flood risk governance and management in the Axios/Vardar cross border area" with the acronym "FLOOD SHIELD" is a project co-funded by the European Union and national funds of the participating countries within the framework of the INTERREG IPA Cross Border Cooperation Programme "Greece - Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020". The project area covers 2 countries, namely Greece and the Republic of North Macedonia. It has a duration of 17 months with a total EU contribution of 1.253.282,50€ and national contribution of 221.167,50€, thus the project's total budget reaching the 1.474.450,00 €.

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cross border area

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and the Managing Authority"*

Objectives

The project's main objective is the minimization of the cross-border flood risks and disasters at the Axios/Vardar river basin by strengthening the cross-border cooperation in organisational, technological and social levels.

In addition to the main objective, the project combines different aspects to achieve the following sub-objectives:

- Strengthening the flood risk governance at the cross-border area in order to better assess, plan, monitor, prevent and react against floods
- Improving the technical capacity for effective cross-border flood risk assessment, monitoring, preparedness and response
- Promoting the role of citizens and voluntary groups in the civil protection activities, in case of flood disasters, to protect themselves and get actively involved in prevention and reaction activities.



Expected Results

- Developing cross-border civil protection, cooperation and interoperability by creating a Joint flood risk management group that will exchange information and develop common intervention procedures.
- Introduction of an effective cross-border flood risk monitoring and response system for flood risk and vulnerability assessment, preparedness and response to the flood events.
- Improving accessibility of means and equipment in the cross-border area in order to effectively cope with extreme flood events in alignment with transport resilience strategies.
- Promoting the exchange of knowledge, and operational experiences, as well as state-of-the art technologies for monitoring and assessing flood risks.
- Raising awareness and informing the local society and especially vulnerable groups on how to protect themselves and others.
- Encourage and promote effective volunteerism development in order to motivate citizens to get involved in the local civil protection volunteer groups.

Project Area & Target Groups

The project was designed in a way to include activities inside most parts of the Programme area (covering 6 out of 9 of the eligible regions in both countries).

The scope of the activities in the Vardar river area in North Macedonia covers the biggest part of Vardar and Pelagonia region and small part of Southeast region. The population of the region reaches the 212.672 citizens.

The scope of the activities in the Axios river in Greece covers areas in the Regional Units of Thessaloniki, Kilkis & Pella, concerning a total population of 170.492 citizens.

The target groups and end users include national, regional and municipal authorities and services, regional administrations, civil protection authorities, industrial enterprises, scientific structures, volunteers, civil society etc.

