

Financial support necessary

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Public Administration and the UNDP Office in Montenegro yesterday in Kolašin organized a discussion on the theme of “National Dialogue on Disaster Risk Reduction” which gathered many specialized UN agencies, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention, the U.S. Embassy, ministries of the Government of Montenegro and other institutions. Assistant Minister of the Interior for civil Security and Emergencies Zoran Begović stated that as a member of the UN, Montenegro is obliged to establish a national platform for reducing the risk of catastrophes. Resident UNDP Representative in Montenegro Alexander Avanessov added that in the light of recent floods, Montenegro has proven capable of handling natural disasters, stressing that perhaps this dialogue will help reveal what else can be done to reduce the consequences of the flooding. Mr. Charles Bibon spoke on behalf of the WMO underlining that through their regional programme executed together with UNDP and financed by the European Commission (€2 million), the organization is working with eight countries with the goal to support the development of the capacity of their meteorological services because they are crucial as risk management in emergencies. On October 13, Montenegro marked the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction. The goal is to increase the performance of countries, local communities and other agencies in protecting and saving citizens, material and cultural resources as well as the environment in all EU member states.

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