

Romanian national strategy for flood risk management

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Abstract : Catastrophic floods endanger lives and cause human tragedy as well as heavy economic and social losses. In addition, floods can have severe environmental consequences. Given the risks to health, economic assets and the environment, the Romanian Government proposed a National Programme on Flood Prevention, Protection and Mitigation. The objective of this Program is to reduce and manage the risks which floods pose to human lives and health, environment, infrastructure and property. It provides basic information for preliminary flood risk assessments and flood hazard mapping in all areas with a significant flood risk, according to the *Directive on the assessment and management of flood risks* (so called, Flood Directive). The technical and scientific approach and the main steps in setting up of the *Plan for floods prevention, protection and mitigation* at river basin level have been presented. Based on the output of this Programme, the flood risk management plans will be set up, part of the Romanian River Basin Development and Management Master Plans.