

Draft Conference Agenda: “From Lessons Identified to Lessons Learnt using HNS Experience and Examples”

Date: May 19-21, 2026 (3rd week of May, proposing a Tuesday-Thursday schedule for mid-week convenience)

Location: Bodrum, Türkiye

Duration: 3 days

Participants: Up to three representatives per entity (e.g., Head of national CP/DRM authority, senior HNS expert, senior LL expert) from IPA III beneficiaries and Eastern Neighbourhood countries, and interested EU Member States, UCPM Participating States, DG ECHO representatives, Commission Expert Group on Capacities members, and wider CP/DRM community.

Format Overview: The Conference is a mix of expert technical sessions, case studies, facilitated peer workshops, and an outcomes session. Sessions will focus on deployment, operational support, demobilisation, and institutionalising lessons, with emphasis on the updated EU HNSG and the wildfire season 2025. All sessions encourage interactive dialogue to address the guiding question:

"How can lessons identified from HNS experiences be systematically transformed into lessons learnt and embedded in national CP/DRM systems?"

Objectives Alignment: The draft Agenda supports showcasing institutionalization of lessons, exploring mechanisms for embedding learning, fostering regional dialogue, and producing concrete actionable recommendations (e.g., national action points, peer-review arrangements, performance indicators).

Expected Results: The Conference aims to generate actionable insights and specific, relevant, achievable and measurable recommendations (e.g., national action points, peer-review arrangements, performance indicators) contributing to:

- Strengthening HNS and LL within national CP/DRM systems, as part of further development of the overall preparedness.

- Enhancing regional preparedness through cooperation and interoperability.
- Supporting the evolution of the EU HNSG and related UCPM frameworks.

Day 0 – Arrival & Informal Welcome (Monday May 18, 2026)

19:00 - Informal welcome reception and networking for delegations.

Day 1 - Experiences, Analysis & Initial Reflection (Tuesday May 19, 2026)

Time	Session	Description	Speakers/ Facilitators	Format
09:00 - 09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee	Networking opportunity for participants to connect informally.	N/A	Informal
09:30 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony	Welcome remarks, overview of conference objectives, and introduction to the updated EU HNSG. Highlight response to disasters in the region (e.g., wildfires, floods, earthquakes), the role of UCPM/ERCC and the importance of learning from HNS experiences.	- EU OSA Project - DG ECHO representative	PLENARY speeches
10:00 - 11:00	Keynote Speaker: "From lessons identified to lessons learnt – institutional perspective"	Highlight institutional learning principles and change drivers.	- Senior CP/DRM policy maker	PLENARY speech with Q&A
11:00	Coffee Break	Networking and	N/A	Informal

- 11:30		refreshments.		
11:30 – 13:00	Expert Technical Session 1: Deployment	Examine lessons from preparation for deployment, customs clearance, and coordination between sending, receiving, and transiting countries. Discuss what worked well and gaps in implementing EU HNSG.	- HNS experts - Commission Expert Group member - ERCC representative	PLENARY - presentations + interactive discussion
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	Group lunch to facilitate informal exchanges.	N/A	Informal
14:00 - 15:30	Case Studies: "Success Stories and Challenges"	Selected DRM/CP authorities present how HNS/LL processes influenced legislation, SOPs, and training. Highlight insights for UCPM expert groups and future EU HNSG revisions.	- LL/HNS experts	PLENARY - short presentations + panel Q&A
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	Networking and refreshments.	N/A	Informal
16:00 – 16:30	Day 1 Wrap-Up	Key takeaways and teaser for Day 2.	Conference moderator	PLENARY summary
19:00 -	Networking Dinner	Informal dinner (sponsored by EU OSA)	N/A	Social event

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Day 2 - Deep Dive into Country Experiences & Institutionalisation (Wednesday May 20, 2026)

Time	Session	Description	Speakers/ Facilitators	Format
09:00 - 09:30	Morning Coffee and Recap	Brief recap of Day 1 insights.	Conference moderator	Informal plenary
09:30 - 11:00	Facilitated Peer Workshop 1: "From Lessons Identified to Implementation"	Small-group breakout sessions to analyse why some HNS lessons were institutionalized while others were not. Groups discuss/develop strategies/road maps for embedding lessons into operations.	Workshop facilitator	Breakout groups with reporting back to plenary
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	Networking and refreshments.	N/A	Informal
11:30 - 13:00	Expert Technical Session 2: Operational Support	Explore real-time issues like medical provisions, logistics, and single-interface coordination during disasters. Share success stories and	- HNS experts - HNS liaison officers - DG ECHO field expert	PLENARY - presentations + interactive discussion

		persistent challenges from IPA III, Eastern Neighbourhood and beyond.		
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	Group lunch to facilitate informal exchanges.	N/A	Informal
14:00 - 15:30	Facilitated Peer Workshop 2: "Innovations in Lessons Learning"	Breakout groups to share good practices, challenges, and innovations (e.g., performance indicators, peer-review arrangements).	Workshop facilitator	Breakout groups with reporting back to plenary
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	Networking and refreshments.	N/A	Informal
16:00 - 17:00	Case Studies: "Success Stories and Challenges"	Selected DRM/CP authorities present how HNS/LL processes influenced legislation, SOPs, and training. Highlight insights for UCPM expert groups and future EU HNSG revisions.	- LL/HNS experts	PLENARY - short presentations + panel Q&A
17:00 - 17:30	Day 2 Wrap-Up	Key takeaways and teaser for Day 3.	Conference moderator	PLENARY summary
19:30 -	Networking Dinner	Informal dinner (sponsored by EU OSA Project) to build regional connections.	N/A	Social event

Day 3 - Synthesis, Recommendations & Way Forward (Thursday May 21, 2026)

Time	Session	Description	Speakers/ Facilitators	Format
09:00 - 09:30	Morning Coffee and Recap	Brief recap of Day 2 insights.	Conference moderator	Informal plenary
09:30 - 11:00	Expert Technical Session 3: Demobilisation and Post-Response Evaluations	Lessons from end-of-operations phases, including evaluations and knowledge transfer. Discuss how to balance past experiences with proactive thinking for novel hazards.	- HNS experts - Commission Expert Group member	PLENARY - presentations + interactive discussion
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	Networking.	N/A	Informal
11:30 - 13:00	Outcomes and Recommendations Session (part 1)	Guided drafting in plenary and/or small drafting groups: national action points, regional peer mechanisms, performance indicators, input to UCPM / future HNSG revisions.	- All participants	PLENARY - interactive debate with drafting recommendations and/or Breakout groups with reporting back to plenary
13:00	Lunch Break	Group lunch to facilitate	N/A	Informal

– 14:00		informal exchanges.		
14:00 – 15:00	Outcomes and Recommendations Session (part 2)	Finalisation & prioritisation of actionable (specific, relevant, achievable and measurable) recommendations	- All participants	PLENARY consolidation
15:00 - 16:00	Closing Ceremony	Final remarks, thanks, and distribution of conference materials (e.g. report outline).	- EU OSA Project - DG ECHO closing input	PLENARY speeches
19:00 -	End of Conference Dinner	Informal dinner.	N/A	Social event

Day 4 – Friday May 22, 2026

Departure of delegations.

Notes:

- Total estimated participants: 40-60, to ensure interactive sessions.
- All sessions include time for Q&A and dialogue to encourage interregional sharing.
- Materials: pre-conference reading (updated EU HNSG, regional case summaries); post-conference report with actionable (specific, relevant, achievable and measurable) recommendations (e.g., national action points, peer-review arrangements, performance indicators).
- Logistics: language of the Conference is English **without** simultaneous interpretation; hybrid options for remote observers; sponsored by EU OSA Project for participants from IPA III beneficiaries and Eastern Neighbourhood countries.
- Adjustments: draft Agenda can be refined based on participant feedback or specific needs.

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