



MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
NATIONAL DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT  
DIRECTOR GENERAL

Budapest, 10 June 2024,

Dear Colleague,

I have the honour of inviting you to the first event organised by the National Directorate General for Disaster Management in the frame of the incoming Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The Presidency workshop will take place at the National University of Public Service in Budapest on 09-10 July 2024 and will be dedicated to:

***„ENHANCING FLOOD SAFETY IN EUROPE”***

The aim of the workshop is to achieve a more effective and efficient implementation of policy objectives of water management authorities and coordinating bodies involved in disaster management, including civil protection and all entities concerned with prevention and protection from flood damage.

Other objectives include: launching innovations to improve disaster risk management; reducing flood risk; strengthening the exchange of good ideas and practices between Member and Participating States; and identifying gaps and opportunities for joint action.

Maintaining and increasing flood safety contributes to ensuring the safety of EU citizens, improving their quality of life, protecting their financial assets, and supporting the smooth functioning of economic operators and the competitiveness of the European Union.

Based on the results of the survey circulated with this invitation, we expect to gather good practices that will feed into in-depth discussions during three breakout sessions:

- Forecasting
- Flood protection
- Rescue





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I kindly ask you to submit your replies to the survey by 28 June. This will leave my services time to consolidate the results.

This is an in-person event only. Accommodation and travel (economy class) expenses will be covered for up to two participants per country within the framework of the workshop. These arrangements will be organised by the Hungarian Presidency, with financial support from the European Commission.

Enclosed you will find the draft agenda of the workshop, the background paper, the survey and, practical information with registration instructions. Feel free to share this invitation and its attachments with your peers in authorities tasked with implementing the Floods Directive. I kindly ask participants to register no later than 22 June 2024.

Any requests for information or clarification concerning the seminar can be addressed to [HUPRES2024@katved.gov.hu](mailto:HUPRES2024@katved.gov.hu).

I look forward to seeing you in Budapest.

Yours sincerely,



**Lieutenant General Dr. Zoltán GÓRA**

