

Technical Support for the Preparation of Flood Risk Management Plans for Romania.



The Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests (MEWF), together with the National Administration “Romanian Waters” (NARW) requested the Bank’s support in the elaboration of the next generation of the country’s Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) required by the EU Floods Directive. Twelve plans must be prepared (one for each of the country’s eleven River Basins, and an additional one for the Danube River Basin) to cover the 2022-2027 period. The plans will include Programs of (structural and non-structural) Measures and significantly influence the country’s investment programs in floods control structures for the next EU programming period. The preparation and implementation of these plans will increase Romania’s capacity for flood management and support the country in taking a water secure development path for its people, its economy and its environment.

As a country in transition and a new EU member, Romania faces a particular set of challenges to ensure a water secure future for its people, its economy and its environment. On one side, climate change, demographic, economic and

technological trends have led to dramatic shifts in water quality and quantity demands and risks. On the other hand, compliance with the complex body of EU water legislations is proving challenging and costly. Climate change is expected to have a major impact on water resources availability and water-related risks in Romania. Among the Danube basin countries, Romania is expected to be one of the most affected by climate change overall, resulting in an increase in frequency and magnitude of extreme events, such as floods, including flash floods, and droughts.

The Government of Romania (GoR) has previously prepared two cycles of River Basins Management Plans (RBMPs) under the Water Framework Directive, covering 2010-2015 and 2016-2021 respectively, with one FRMP covering the same latter period. While these Plans were prepared in accordance with EU requirements, a number of gaps and delays have challenged their effectiveness, the implementation of proposed measures and the ability of the GoR to prepare the next iteration of RBMPs and FRMPs. The next generation of plans should further enhance the country's strategic approach to water management, ensuring that decisions on water management measures balance competing priorities, are evidence based and take into account the interests of different stakeholder through appropriate mechanisms of engagement between public bodies, local stakeholders and the wider public.

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Questions :

- 1- What does the text talk about ?
- 2- How many plans that must be prepared for the flood risks ?
- 3- Why does Romania face an exceptionally set of challenges ?
- 4- How many cycles of river basins has the government of Romania previously prepared ? name them.

I. Find the synonyms of the following words :

Elaboration – risk – structure – environment – in accordance with – approach .

II. Give a definition to the flood depending on your backup information.

III. Write the verbs between brackets in the right form :

Floods (to occur) all over the world. Causes of floods (to include) hurricanes, broken levees or dams, rapidly thawing snow, ice jams, and heavy slow moving rain or repeated rains. A flood (to happen) in a few minutes, hours, days, or over weeks.

- What can you tell about the tense used !

In 1993, many levees (to fail) along the Mississippi River, resulting in devastating floods. The city of New Orleans (to experience) massive devastating flooding days after Hurricane Katrina came onshore in 2005 due to the failure of levees (to design) to protect the city.

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