

Bilateral Technical Assistance Project
on sustainable reconstruction in Serbia after the floods
Framework document for the explanatory mission
(1st – 4th December 2014)

• **Context**

Following dramatic floods that occurred in Serbia in mid-May 2014, France has earmarked bilateral funds for a technical assistance project aiming at taking adequate action with respect to the **prevention of natural disasters** as well as anticipating the implementation of forthcoming European Union standards in the field of environment (Chapter 27 of the EU *acquis*). This technical assistance will be developed **in link with relevant local authorities, ministries and governmental institutions**.

On **14th July 2014**, a meeting was organised at the French embassy where the represented institutions (city of Belgrade and its technical services, ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Civil Engineering, ministry for Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Republican Agency for Spatial Planning and Serbian European Integration Office) confirmed their interests for this project, provided it is further elaborated. It was therefore agreed to **organise a mission of French experts in Serbia** to identify the needs more precisely and to tackle specifically **the needs of Obrenovać**, the most affected municipality.

• **Objectives of the mission**

The mission will analyse existing practices related to **urban planning** in order to precisely define the areas in which a support will be needed in view of introducing a sustainable approach. In particular, it will focus *inter alia* on issues related to building permits and to rehabilitation and reparation of damages in embankment.

• **Place of delivery of the mission**

The mission will consist in **bilateral meetings with the relevant Serbian institutions** in Belgrade (with the technical institutes of the city of Belgrade and the relevant ministerial departments) and **on-site visit and meetings in Obrenovac**.

• **Methodology**

Experts will:

- **assess existing materials in terms of urban planning and risks prevention (organisation and infrastructures);**
- **inform Serbian stakeholders about EU and French regulations, standards and practises in this field;**
- **and identify existing initiatives leading to prevention of natural risks.**

Experts will also perform a **preliminary assessment of the potential for improvement** in the previous mentioned areas and design with Serbian stakeholders the terms of reference of a project which objective will be to improve **floods risk management**, especially by means of urban and construction regulation and to rebuild flood preventive structures according to EU standards.

A meeting gathering all institutions involved will be organised on the last day of the mission to report and propose further activities to be developed within this project.

• **Expected deliverables**

A report will be published in English and transmitted to Serbian stakeholders.

Proposals for further activities to be developed and implemented will be addressed with:

- the precise objectives and purpose of the project;
- the scope of the project in terms of geographical location and environmental field to be covered;
- the needs for further missions that will be performed in terms of content, resources needed (included human resources) and deliverables;
- the planning, the management of the project and its final cost.

• **Contact points**

French side:

- Mr Giustiniani, French Embassy/

Serbian side:

- Ms Lana Drmanić, Cabinet of the Mayor of Belgrade

Programme of the Explanatory Mission

French experts from the Centre for Studies and Expertise on Risks, Environment, Mobility, and Urban and Country planning (CEREMA) - **French Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy:**

- Mr Frederic Pons, engineer specialised in fluvial hydraulics and flood risks prevention;
 - Mr Denis Crozier, architect and engineer specialised in risk management and urban planning;
 - Ms Anne Chanal, engineer specialised in urban planning and major natural hazards prevention
- and Ms. Murielle Gurtner, project officer for environmental issues at ADETEF (French agency for international technical cooperation).

Monday, 1st December 2014

8:00-9:30	<p>Meeting at the French embassy</p> <p>Briefing with Nicolas Debaisieux and representatives from the French cooperation and economic services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recall of the context of the mission: EU accession of Serbia, strong political focus on risk management following the floods in Spring 2014 etc. - Presentation of the institutional organisation of the Republic of Serbia at national and local levels, especially in regard of urban planning - Recall of the expected deliverables of the mission
10:00-11:30	<p>Meeting at the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Civil Engineering</p> <p>with Ms Ana Mitic and Ms Mirjana Jovanovic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the competencies of the ministry in terms of urban planning and prevention of natural disaster (<i>MTICE</i>) - Presentation of the main EU requirements related to the competencies of the Republic of Serbia on these issues (<i>French experts</i>) - Open discussion on strengths and weakness of the Republic of Serbia on these issues, including exchange on on-going and foreseen support already identified
12:00-14:30	<p>Meeting at the premises of the City of Belgrade</p> <p>Cabinet of the Mayor of Belgrad : Lana Drmanic Urban Planning Institute (URBEL): Ms. Zaklina Gligorijević Secretariat for Environmental Protection: Ms. Natasa Djokić Administrative Agency for Investment and Housing: Mr. Goran Radulović BelgradeVode : Svetlana Radic and Vladimir Batalovic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the institutional organisation of the city in regard of urban planning, prevention of natural disasters and environmental protection (<i>city of Belgrade</i>) - Presentation of the competencies of the city on these issues (<i>city of Belgrade</i>) - Presentation of on-going or foreseen major urban development projects of the city (<i>city of Belgrade</i>) - Presentation of the main EU requirements related to the competencies of the city on these issues (<i>French experts</i>) - Open discussion on strengths and weaknesses of the city on these issues, including exchange on on-going and foreseen support already identified

Tuesday, 2nd December 2014

On-site visit and meetings in Obrenovac

9:00-14:30	<p>On site visit and meeting at the premises of the municipality of Obrenovac with the relevant directorates</p> <p>Ms. Vesna Djokovic, Director for Urban Planning of Obrenovac (and colleagues)</p> <p>Presentation of the institutional organisation of the municipality of Obrenovac in regard of urban planning, prevention of natural disasters and environmental protection (municipality)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the competencies of the municipality on these issues (municipality)- Presentation of on-going or foreseen major urban development projects of the municipality (municipality)- Presentation of the main EU requirements related to the competencies of the municipality on these issues (<i>French experts</i>)- Open discussion on strengths and weaknesses of the municipality on these issues, including exchange on on-going and foreseen support already identified- On-site visit of Obrenovac, in order to have a better understanding of the point of weakness due to the geographical situation of the municipality
15:30-17:00	<p>On-site visit(Belgrade 3)</p>

Wednesday, 3rd December 2014

8:00-9:30	<p>Meeting with the Republican Agency for Spatial Planning (RASP) with Mr Sinisa Trkulja and Mrs. Tijana Zivanovic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the institutional organisation of the Republic of Serbia in regard of urban planning (<i>RASP</i>)- Presentation of the competencies of the Republican Agency for Spatial Planning on this issue (<i>RASP</i>)- Presentation of projects in terms of urban planning in Serbia (<i>RASP</i>)- Presentation of the main EU requirements related to the competencies of the Republic of Serbia on these issues (<i>French experts</i>)- Open discussion on strengths and weakness of the Republic of Serbia on these issues, including exchange on on-going and foreseen support already identified
12:00-13:30	<p>Meeting at the ministry for Agriculture and Environmental Protection with Ms Olja Stanic Maric, Ms Jovana Majkic, Olivera Janvovic, Tijana Spasic, Ana Repac Ministry of Interior : Katarina Jovahovic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the competencies of the ministry in terms of prevention of natural disaster and environmental protection, especially in regard of adaptation to climate change, water treatment, air quality and waste management (<i>MAEP</i>)- Presentation of the main EU requirements related to the competencies of the Republic of Serbia on these issues (<i>French experts</i>)- Open discussion on strengths and weakness of the Republic of Serbia on these issues, including exchange on on-going and foreseen support already identified

14:00-15:30	Meeting at the Urban Planning Institute of the City of Belgrade with Ms. Zaklina Gligorijević (and colleagues) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further discussion on first evaluation of the state of play, analysis and preliminary recommendations
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Thursday, 4th December 2014

9:00-12:00	Closing meeting at the French Institute in Belgrade (ZmajJovina 11) Introduction by Ms Christine Moro, French Ambassador to Serbia and by Mr. Marko Blagojević the Director of the Office for the Reconstruction and the City of Belgrade Technical meeting and discussion with <u>Serbian stakeholders</u> : representative of the municipality of Obrenovac, the city of Belgrade and its technical services and representatives of RASP; MTICE; MAEP and SEIO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by French experts on their analysis of the situation and preliminary recommendations - Open discussion - Identification of the next steps
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