

Europe & Central Asia Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2024

Logistic Note

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Date and Venue

Date: 6 – 8 November 2024

Venue: Hotel Splendid

Address: Bečići bb, Budva, 85310, Montenegro

Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/sYp2t7qN14cQvyB37>

Accessibility: The venue is fully accessible for participants with disabilities.

Modality: Participation is possible both in person and partially online. Please indicate in the registration form the preferred way of participation.

Focal point

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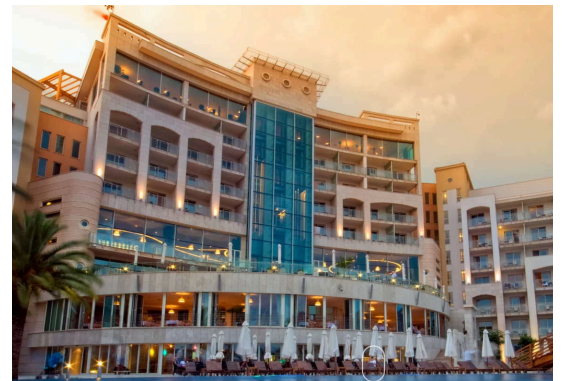
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Event Registration

Registration for the Regional Platform* is now open and accessible via the following [LINK](#). Early registrations are highly encouraged to ensure a seamless experience for all participants.

Travel Documents and Visa Application

Foreign nationals must have a passport to enter Montenegro. Participants can check if they need a visa for Montenegro by following this [LINK](#). From the 55 European and Central Asian countries, participants from the following 6 countries are requested to have Visa C: Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. For those who need a Visa C, more information regarding the requirements can be found [HERE](#).



Hotel Splendid, Budva

Accommodation

Participants are encouraged to book their accommodation in advance for better rates and to ensure availability. A preferential rate has been made available for Regional Platform participants by Hotel Splendid, which is the venue for the Regional Platform. Please note that these rates will incrementally increase after 6 September, 7 October, and 28 October 2024. Bookings at Hotel Splendid can be done via the following [LINK](#). The default setting for room configuration is set for a two-person stay; however, participants have the option to change it for one person instead, which will accordingly reflect the adjusted rate. Alternatively, participants may also consider exploring other hotel options in the city of Budva.

Meals

Lunch and coffee breaks are provided by the host country throughout the three days of the conference (6 – 8 November 2024). Additionally, a formal dinner will be hosted by the Government of Montenegro for all participants on November 6th, 2024. Kindly indicate any special dietary restrictions or requirements through the registration [LINK](#).

Transport

The government of Montenegro will provide transport to all participants from Podgorica Airport to the venue and from the venue to the airport. All participants will be requested to provide flight details to the organizing team. The email address for sharing flight details will be shared by 1st September 2024. Traveling from Podgorica Airport to the Hotel Splendid takes approximately 1 hour and 5 minutes by car or taxi during normal traffic hours.

Taxis

A recommended taxi service is Hello Taxi, which can be contacted at 19555. The approximate fare from the event's venue to the center of Budva is €6. Please note that fares may vary depending on the distance, time of day, and demand. Adapted taxis for persons with disabilities are available, please note that accessible rides will need to be booked 24 hours in advance.

Public Transport

Public transportation is accessible from the hotel, with access to the main bus lines. Please note that public buses are not wheelchair accessible.

*The Regional Platform was previously known as the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR).

Working Languages

The working languages of the Regional Platform will be English and Montenegrin, with live interpretation available in Russian. Additionally, sign language interpretation will be provided for all main sessions to ensure accessibility for participants.

Protocol Considerations

Delegations represented at ministerial level are kindly requested to liaise with UNDRR, in addition to their respective embassies in Montenegro and/or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro, for the coordination and agreement of high level arrangements. A VIP agenda will also be incorporated into the event program.

Local Information

The official language of the country is Montenegrin.

The local standard time in Budva is Central European Time (CET; UTC+01:00).

The weather can be quite cool during November. We recommend bringing warmer clothing, especially for the evenings. The average daily maximum temperature is 17°C, and the average daily minimum is 7°C. We suggest layering your clothing, as some parts of the day may be warm while others are chilly. Additionally, please bring a rain jacket in case of rain during your stay.

Currency

The official currency is the Euro (EUR).

Cash withdrawal: ATMs are available at the recommended hotel. Major cards, including MasterCard, Visa, and American Express, are accepted. It is not recommended to exchange money at the airport as the exchange rates are better in the city.

Electrical Outlets

The standard electrical outlets in Montenegro are Europlug - 220V.

Travel Insurance

All participants are strongly recommended to purchase Medical Travel Insurance before traveling.

Emergency and hospital claims are NOT covered by UNDRR in case of any accidents occurred during your travel.



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Budva, Montenegro

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Emergency Contacts in Montenegro

- 112 – emergencies
- 122 – police
- 123 – fire brigade
- 124 – ambulance

Commitment to Gender Equality

The host country and event organizers are committed to fostering an environment of inclusivity and equity. As part of this commitment, we warmly encourage delegations to strive for gender-balanced participation at the Regional Platform.

Commitment to a Green Regional Platform

The host country and event organizers are dedicated to implementing green practices throughout the Regional Platform. This includes minimizing printed materials, encouraging the use of digital resources, and promoting recycled products and recycling. We encourage all participants to join us in these efforts by adopting eco-friendly behaviors during the event. Your support in making this a green event is greatly valued and appreciated.