



Report on the technical and financial implementation

Period: 1 July 2009 to 31 December 2009

1. General summary of project implementation process

Ministry of the Interior – General Directorate of the Fire and Rescue Service of the Czech Republic („MV-GR HZS CR“) and its partners in the project Fire and Rescue Brigade of the Capital City Prague („HZS PRAHA“) and Fire and Rescue Brigade of the Moravian-Silesian Region („HZS MSK“) continue in implementation of this project in the second period. There has been organized language courses and unification of equipment and material of each segment of the USAR module has been almost completed.

2. Management process / Project implementation

a. Partnership cooperation / basic groups

As in the first evaluated period also in the second period there has been a strong cooperation between the working group for the implementation of grant „Increase capability of Czech urban search and rescue team“ („working group for the grant“) and the working group for implementation of INSARAG Guidelines and preparation of the USAR team of HZS PRAHA and HZS MSK for the INSARAG external classification („IEC“). Main purpose of this cooperation is to ensure the most efficient use of grant during building of the Heavy USAR CZ. An agreement on unified equipment and personal protective equipment, organizational structure and personnel base of Heavy USAR CZ has been set down. Predetermined members has been nominated to attend Courses within the framework of the Mechanism, especially Modules Basic Course. National Heavy USAR management training was held from 2 to 3 December 2009.

b. Cooperation with Commission

On 23 September 2009 coordination meeting to „Preparatory action on EU Rapid Response Capability“ was held in Brussels where the project management presented progress results of grant's first half 2009. Particular questions regarding the project were discussed with desk-officers in Brussels who were assigned to this project as the focal point of the Commission.

3. Technical results and deliverables

a. Description of individual deliverables

A. Project management

The project management continues according to the procedures through the working group for the grant and appointed responsible persons from each partner. MV-GR HZS CR is a coordinator of the project management. All accounting documentation is carried out and kept according to the standard procedures used in



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the Czech Republic and the project management dispose of copies of all relevant accounting documentation.

B. Special training

Realization of special training is being negotiated with the THW Germany in their training centre in Neuhausen in the first half of the year 2010. Particular dates and curricula of the training has not been decided yet. Special training will be focused on 2 target groups: training of structural engineers for Heavy USAR team and training for management of Heavy USAR team in conditions of international emergency.

From 3 to 4 February 2010 the INSARAG Awareness Training Course will be organized in the Czech Republic. Management of the Heavy USAR team from the Czech Republic and abroad will be trained there. There will be experts from UN-OCHA and Great Britain as lecturers. Organization of this course is not a primary implementation of this project and is not financed from the grant but it is closely related to several parts of this project.

C. Language courses

In the second evaluated period there has been fully implemented language training for members of the USAR team. After assessment of knowledge of English language amongst USAR team members it was decided to choose several types of language schools – intensive language course in training facility of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, language courses of advanced level and conversation courses at private language schools.

In 2010 language training of predetermined members will continue.

With regard to saved money from attendance of few members at free of charge training facility of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic we would like to finish this issue with a language course abroad.

D. Purchase of material and equipment

In the first half of the year 2009 unification of equipment of each segment of the Heavy USAR team was agreed. Thanks to this we have „unified visage“ of each Heavy USAR team member. Working overalls from special protective material and other personal protective equipment were purchased. MV-GR HZS CR purchased working T-shirts for all team members with a clear identification of “Czech Emergency Response Team”. Next to the Czech flag the EU flag is placed on working overalls as well as on T-shirts.

Purchase of satellite terminals was finished and now there is complete communication kit for USAR team which is created after the fashion of the MIC assessment kit.

Medical material for paramedics has been purchased in order to fulfil tasks in the area of the “Advanced life support”. In this area HZS MSK planned to purchase pulmonary ventilator (F5 – Equipment) but with regard to the price depression in comparison with planned budgeted this item was not purchased as equipment.



b. Purpose and evaluation of deliverables

During the year 2009 the emphasis has been placed on the unification of each segment of the Heavy USAR team which had not been carried out before. Purchased personal protective equipment, language courses and training are focused on people, who create a base also for other types of modules determined for international operations in the framework of the Community Mechanism.

4. Follow-up

a. Follow-up for the next period

In the third period of the project „USAR CZ“ language courses will continue and special training will be organized.

In October 2009 we planned to organize international USAR exercise in Ostrava, the Czech Republic. Unfortunately with regard to complications with a training area this exercise was cancelled. Currently MV-GR HZS CR is in contact with colleagues from the Netherlands who invite the Heavy USAR module from the Czech Republic to their exercise in 2010. The precise date of the exercise will be known in January 2010 after an organizational meeting with colleagues from the Netherlands. Details of the Czech participation will be discussed. However, the expected date of the exercise is August 2010. With regard to the termination of grant “USAR CZ” which is 30 June 2010, after confirmation of the date of the exercise, we will consider to ask the Commission for prolongation of this project for 2 months more. If this situation come into being MV-GR HZS CR will inform the European Commission.

Heavy USAR team of the Czech Republic has not been registered into the CECIS yet, but with regard to technical and special issues USAR team of the Czech Republic has reached the Heavy level and registration of Heavy USAR CZ will be done at the very beginning of the year 2010.

5. Related activities

Due to the fact that by the end of the year 2009 we have spent more than 150 % of the first pre-financing of the grant „USAR CZ“ a request for the second pre-financing is attached to this report. Exchange rate for all eligible costs until now has been used from InforEuro for December 2009.

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Annexes:

1. FR01 – Signed Payment request
2. FR02 – Signed Consolidated Cost Statement for the Action
3. FR03 – Signed Participant Cost Statement Summary (MV-GR HZS CR, HZS HMP, HZS MSK)
4. Updated forms T
5. Excel workbooks of MV-GR HZS CR, HZS HMP, HZS MSK
6. Request for extension of the agreement