

WORKSHOP

**LOCAL AND REGIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT**  
**Integrated Use of Satellite Information and Services**

10 - 11 March 2008 – Sinaia, Romania

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND OUTLINE PROGRAMME**



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## Aims of the Workshop

In recent years, natural or man-made risks for population, property and the environment have become increasingly complex, given factors such as demographics, urbanisation, industrial activity, climate change and the threat of terrorist attacks. Local and Regional Authorities are often in the best position to provide emergency planning and response thanks to their proximity and knowledge of the local terrain.

Pioneering Regions and Cities use satellite information and services as particularly effective, cost-efficient tools for dealing with these risks. This workshop will allow Regions to exchange information on risk management strategies that work and on best practices using satellite information and services.

At the end of this non-technical workshop, regional representatives who attend will know more on why and how to decide on, obtain funds for, implement and manage satellite information and services for the particular challenges with which they are confronted. In addition, stakeholders, EU and national decision-makers as well as participants from the private sector will also participate.

## Outline Programme

### Sunday, 9 March 2008

Welcome cocktail (evening)

### Monday 10 March 2008

Morning

#### Welcome addresses

##### 1. State of Affairs: Regions and Risk Management

- Role and Responsibilities of European Regions in dealing with Risk – *L. Van de Brande\**, *President Elect, Committee of the Regions*
- The Challenges for Regions in Risk Areas – *J. Smith, Devon County Council Deputy Leader and Leader of the AER Emergency Planning Network, Assembly of European Regions (AER)*
- Risk and Emergency: Definition and Analysis – *M.-G. Dequae, President, Federation of European Risk Management Associations*
- The Benefits of Innovative Satellite Solutions – *A. Ginati, Head of Inter Directorate Task Force, European Space Agency (ESA)*
- Evaluation and Quantification of Risk using Satellite Information and Services – *P. Auzimour, Managing Director Public Entitites Europe, Marsh SA*
- Financial mechanisms for Regional Civil Protection – *O. Baudalet, Territorial Cooperation of DG-Regio, European Commission (EC)*
- NEREUS, the Network of European Regions Using Space technologies– *A. Bénétiau\**, *Vice-President, Midi-Pyrénées Region (FR)*

Afternoon

##### 2. Best-practice examples: Regions dealing with Risk and Disasters

**Format:** Experience presentations from Local and Regional Authorities. Q&A

**Objectives:** to learn about successful practices in regional risk management using satellite information and services; to identify specific opportunities and constraints in adapting and reproducing them (in terms of decision-making process, financing mechanisms, team and workflow management, difficulties, benefits).

Gala Dinner (evening)

### Tuesday, 11 March

Morning

##### 3. Case-study: the Added Value of Satellite Information and Services for Flood Risk Management by the Timiș County (Romania)

**Format:** a multidisciplinary study of the EU-funded project led by Timiș County (Romania) for setting up an interregional Flood Rescue Centre

**Objectives:** Timiș representatives and experts from different fields are to build a realistic business-plan on how Timiș County can implement, manage and use satellite information and services to enhance the performances of the interregional Rescue Centre

##### 4. Conclusions & Recommendations

End of conference at 14:00

\*invited

## Practical Details

#### Target Audience:

Local and Regional Authorities involved in emergency and risk management, experts, policy-makers, representatives of the private sector, institutions interested in regional policy.

#### Format:

End-user presentations by representatives of local and regional authorities and case-study.

#### Venue:

Sinaia, Romania.

#### Working language:

English.

#### Registration:

€120 before 15 February; €170 after 15 February. Please see attached registration form for further information.

#### Exhibition:

A parallel exhibition is open for satellite information and service providers. See Exhibition Registration form.

#### Accommodation & Transport:

See Practical Details form.