**Naples, February 10th 2018**

**Workshop on “IMPROVING PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE TO EU NATURAL AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS: opportunities for a joint EU training agencies network".**

The **aims** of the workshop were:

* to address the issue of prevention and response to natural and non natural disasters starting from the identification and integration of skills, competences, experiences and "best practices" experienced in crisis situations;
* to verify the training needs and policy responses activated at national and local level on the issues of prevention
* to exchange information, lessons learned, practices and opinions among the workshop participants and Stakeholders (EU Business - Trade Unions Representatives Organizations, Economic and Social Committee and Committee of the Regions, EU/National resilient city and Regional Networks, Civil Protection Agencies, Academia and Research Institutions experts, EU Media and communication actors) on public and private awareness programs promoted by the European Member States
* to explore the creation of EU civil protection knowledge network which will support all Civil Protection Agencies across Europe

**Key Recommendations**

1. to adopt common scientific methodologies, better coordinated resources/competences and cultural awareness in the prevention, early warning systems, rapid response and reconstruction phases on the most vulnerable area of EU member States
2. to achieve a better integration of disaster management policy responses and “lessons learned” into national training programs
3. to develop, into formal and non-formal education systems in EU Member States, multiple language training facilities, tools and learning environment for public and private awareness programs
4. to increase the awareness of CSOs, EU policy makers, National and Regional Authorities, SMEs, Citizens, Academic and research communities, voluntary services supporting Civil Protection on the necessity to implement a Pilot program for the creation of a "Specialized Network of training and Prevention Skills Centers and for the Development of Disasters Management Models”
5. to increase awareness of European youth and wider target groups (students, local residents and media, employees of local public organizations engaged in disaster management office, workers businesses in cross border activities (fairs), seasonal tourists etc.) in order to be better protected and prepared when cross border natural disasters occur
6. to coordinate and optimize the use of existing monitoring and evaluation systems on risk mitigation activities, disaster management process, simplification of regulatory procedures, technical data exchange and dissemination of good practices for Civil Protection and Scientific Communities purposes
7. to promote a EU Conference and a Pilot Training Programs, in collaboration with the interested EU Stakeholders (EU Scientific Communities and Disaster Mgm, Training Networks, National-Regional Civil Protection Agencies etc.), geared to protect and mitigate risks to EU most vulnerable citizens and specific target groups to natural and man-made disasters
8. to promote at early stage, innovative public-private partnerships in developing specific prevention programs and disaster management practices with the proactive involvement of Civil Society Organizations and economic and social partners in the most EU vulnerable areas (Sendai Conference Recommendations)
9. to promote Business Continuity Plans (BCP) and Business Continuity awareness raising campaigns, training the trainer programs with representative EU/National businesses (notably SMEs) organizations and training bodies
10. to encourage the Evaluation of Corporate Disaster Reduction Activities for small businesses and enterprises, ensuring safety and security of employees and training for preventing secondary disasters.