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OPENING CEREMONY “Development of Flood Hazard Maps and Flood Risk Maps” (Twinning project within the EU IPA 2010 Programme for Croatia)

The opening ceremony will be held in the conference room of the European Union Information centre, on Wednesday, 17th April 2013, from 10.30 – 12.30 h.

Mrs Helga Bubanović Devčić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds and Her Excellency Ambassador Mrs Stella Ronner-Grubačić, Dutch Embassy will address the participants and representatives of the Twinning consortium partners, Mr Edo Dijkman (the Dutch Government Service for Land and Water Management) and Mrs Edith Hödl-Kreuzbauer (the Austrian Environment Agency) will present project activities which will be implemented during the next 15 months.

The purpose of this project worth 1.100.000,00 EUR is to implement the requirements of the EU Floods Directive and, to that end, to prepare flood hazard maps and flood risk maps. The project also includes the development of hydrological models and a training programme for strengthening the institutional capacity. Guidance notes will be prepared on flood risks, flood protection measures, potential impacts of climate change, stakeholder participation and the preparation of the flood risk management plan for Croatia according to the EU Floods Directive.

In view of Croatia's upcoming accession to the European Union, this project will contribute to the strengthening of institutions needed for the full membership and fulfilment of the Flood Directive obligations with the same dynamics as in other EU Member States.

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