Earthquake and Tsunami Risk management in GREECE





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Seismic, volcanic and tsunami risk management

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Greece - Hellas

• officially the **Hellenic Republic**

- is strategically located at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa
- has the longest coastline on the Mediterranean Basin and the 11th longest coastline in the world at 13,676 km (8,498 mi) in length, featuring a vast number of islands, of which 227 are inhabited.
- 80% of Greece is mountainous, with Mount Olympus being the highest peak at 2,917 m (9,570 ft).
- According to the official statistical body of Greece, the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), the country's total population in 2011 was 10,815,197





Administrative structure in Greece

- The country is divided into three major administrative levels:
 - 14 Ministries and Central Authorities (national level)
 - **7** Decentralized Administrations (regional level)
 - 13 Regions and 325 Municipalities (local level)



Geodynamic Setting of Greece



Seismicity - Mediterranean area & Greece



Earthquake Planning and Protection Organization (E.P.P.O.)

- Is a Legal Entity of Public Law and operates under the supervision of the <u>Hellenic</u> <u>Ministry of Infrastructure,</u> <u>Transport and Networks</u>
- Was founded in <u>1983</u>, as the responsible authority for planning and processing the earthquake policy in Greece as well as to coordinate the public and private resources for the implementation of this policy

Website: www.oasp.gr



Seismicity of Greece (1900-2007)

Permanent Scientific Committees

A- Permanent Scientific Committee of Seismotectonic	B- Permanent Scientific Committee of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology	C- Permanent Scientific Committee of Earthquake Civil Protection				
Permanent Special So	cientific Committee of su Codes	pporting the Seismic				

Special Scientific Committee of Seismic Sequence Assessment in sort term period

Special Scientific Committee of Santorini – volcano Observation



Priority Actions of the Earthquake Policy in Greece (E.P.P.O.)

- The strengthening of the seismic capacity of structures
- The promotion of knowledge on seismic risk and seismic hazard
- The planning and the monitoring of earthquake preparedness measures
- The increasing of awareness and the education of the population
- The immediate response in case of a destructive earthquake

The support and conduction of applied earthquake research

Historical records of Tsunamis - Greece



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Date	Source area	Cause
1700 вс	Santorini (Thira)	Volcanic eruption (?)
ad 365	Western Crete	Earthquake
ad 1650	Santorini (Thira)	Volcanic eruption
ad 1956	Amorgos	Earthquake
Source: Adap	oted from Papadopoulos and	d Chalkis (1984)



Amorgos Earthquake 1956 (IX)



Prevention Policy - Seismic Hazard Map of Greece

- The seismic Hazard map of Greece is a result of the active faulting and the seismicity of the country.
- According to this map, Greece is divided into Three seismic hazard Zones I
 (a=0,16), II (a=0,24), III (a=0,36).
- The Seismic Hazard Map is part of the Greek Seismic Design Code.
- The values of the ground accelerations are estimated to have a 10% probability of exceeding in 50 years according to the seismological data.



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Fostering of the Operational Preparedness for Earthquake at LOCAL LEVEL – A National Programme



A special Action for ZONE III of the Seismic Hazard map of Greece – PHASE III



Actions for arising Tsunamis Preparedness - EU Exercises



POSEIDON 2011







Poseidon 2011 - Scenario

 The strong EQ in 365
 A.D. (Crete Island, Greece)





Actions for arising Tsunamis Preparedness

IOC coordinated Exercises



Actions for arising Tsunamis Knowledge and Awareness

- Promotion of the 5th of November as World Tsunami Awareness Day - WCDRR Sendai (2015) & Meeting with Japan Delegation in Lisbon (2015)
- Informative material (poster, leaflets, etc.) and campaigns





EU PROJECT "PACCE"

- "RACCE" Raising earthquake
 Awareness and Coping Children's
 Emotions
- The project was addressed to children and aimed to help them cope in case of a natural hazard (earthquake, volcanos and their secondary effects)
- In the framework of RACCE have been implemented:
 - Educational Kit "Earthquakes and Volcanoes"
- ME.P.P.O.
- Travelling Exhibition

Actions for arising Tsunamis Preparedness - EU Exercises



ASTARTE EU-FP7 - Assessment, STrategy And Risk Reduction for Tsunamis in Europe



E.P.P.O's Response Policy - in case of major events (at national level)

- E.P.P.O. mobilizes to the disaster area the following teams:
- Immediate Response Teams (IRT) of Experts -which consists of well educated & experienced EPPO staff and members of EPPO Advisory Board
 - Assess the extent of the disaster, provide the proper information to the central authorities and support local authorities to cope with emergencies and manage the consequences of the event

Technical Teams of Experts - which consists of E.P.P.O. staff

- scientists and researches
- Interpret the phenomenon and install more instruments for better monitoring of the seismic sequence (if it's necessary)



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Thank you very much!



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