



Buzău County, Romania Stakeholder Meetings Summary Report

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The purpose of these stakeholders meetings was to permit preliminary interviews and to establish initial contact between ESRs who will conduct in depth interviews in later research stages. The meetings further permitted the exchange of information regarding potential cooperation and understanding the needs of stakeholders in the Romanian case study site. Through the exchange of information, these meetings also served as an important part of data collection methods for the attending ESRs by enabling an on the ground understanding of available data and actor-specific information.

In addition, parallel to these activities, a field work campaign of data collection in Nehoiu Valley took place, focusing on mapping the footprint of buildings exposed to flash floods and landslides and questionnaire interviews with local inhabitants. The field work activities performed after the ESRs departure (20.09 – 5.10.2012) are not referred to in the present report.

Basic information about the fieldwork

Date	17. 9. – 20. 9. 2012*
Venues	
Patarlagele	Natural hazards research station
Nehoiu	Nehoiu town hall Nehoiu private forestry Nehoiu valley
Buzau	ISU Buzau (Emergency Situation Inspectorate) Regional Agency for Environmental Protection
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veronica Zumpano (ESR06, Institute for Geography, Romanian Academy) - Roxana Liliana Ciurean (ESR05, University of Vienna, Austria) - Teresa Sprague (ESR11, TU Dortmund, Germany) - Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (ESR08, IRM Krakow, Poland) - Žiga Malek (ESR04, IIASA Laxenburg, Austria) - Aroshaliny Godfrey (ITC Enschede, Netherlands) - Rodrigo Lopez (ITC Enschede, Netherlands)
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obtaining general information about the organization and role of visited stakeholders in Buzau County (both regional and municipality level) - discussion with stakeholders on data availability and their involvement in the CHANGES project - discussion with local and regional professionals on issues connected with all aspects of hydro-meteorological risks: hazard occurrence and consequences, changes to the physical and social characteristics of the area (including land use changes), main human activities in the area (forestry), information and data about past events - obtaining vital information from stakeholders regarding spatial planning, disaster response - building footprint mapping, questionnaire interviews

*The period when ESRs were present; field work conducted by Aroshaliny Godfrey and Rodrigo Lopez continued until 5.10.2012

Daily description

Day One: 17/09/2012

1. Nehoiu Town (Urban Planning Department, Volunteer Services)



Stakeholder	Primaria Nehoiu (Nehoiu Town Hall) Planning Office, Mr. Fieraru Liviu, Head of Emergency Volunteers, Adrian Stan
Objective of the meeting	Interview by Žiga, exploratory questions from Kathrin and Theresa, questionnaire prepared by CHANGES researchers
Participants	Roxana Ciurean, Theresa Sprague, Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff, Žiga Malek

2. Nehoiu Town, (Private Forestry Agency)



Stakeholder	Ocolul Silvic privat Nehoiu (Nehoiu Forest District) Forestry Administrator, Alexandru Nicolae Briciu
Objective of the meeting	Interview by Žiga
Participants	Roxana Ciurean, Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff, Teresa Sprague, Žiga Malek

3. Nehoiu Town, (local Environmental Protection)



Stakeholder	Environmental Inspector, Laurentiu Floroiu
Objective of the meeting	Interview handed by Žiga, exploratory questions from Kathrin and Teresa, questionnaire prepared by CHANGES researchers given
Participants	Roxana Ciurean, Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff, Teresa Sprague, Žiga Malek

4. Nehoiu Valley (Residential areas)



Stakeholder	Local residents
Objective of the meeting	Fieldwork activity: building footprint mapping (GPS location) and data collection about occupancy type, structural type, state of construction
Participants	Veronica Zumpano, Aroshaliny Godfrey, Rodrigo Lopez

Day Two: 18/09/2012

1. Buzău County (Environmental Protection Offices, Agenția Pentru Protecția Mediului Buzău)



Stakeholder	Sanda Cătălina Postolache
Objective of the meeting	Exploratory questions from Kathrin and Teresa, questionnaire prepared by CHANGES researchers to be sent via email
Participants	Roxana Ciurean, Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff, Teresa Sprague, Žiga Malek

2. Buzău County (Emergency Situation Inspectorate)



Stakeholder	Emergency Situation Inspectorate, I.S.U. Buzău Vice-Chief Inspector, Dan Manciulea
Objective of the meeting	Information materials provided by Col. Manciulea, exploratory questions from Kathrin & Tess, questionnaire given, map provided by Col. Manciulea
Participants	Roxana Ciurean, Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff, Teresa Sprague, Žiga Malek

3. Nehoiu Valley (Residential areas)



Stakeholder	Local residents
Objective of the meeting	Fieldwork activity: building footprint mapping (GPS location) and data collection about occupancy type, structural type, state of construction
Participants	Veronica Zumpano, Aroshaliny Godfrey, Rodrigo Lopez

Day Three: 19/09/2012

1. Nehoiu Valley (Residential areas)



Stakeholder	Local residents
Objective of the meeting	Visits to several Nehoiu residents in accompaniment to building fieldwork mapping – questionnaire interviews (question asked in relation to information to elements at risk, observational pictures taken, few exploratory questions asked)
Participants	Roxana Ciurean, Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff, Teresa Sprague, Veronica Zumpano, Aroshaliny Godfrey, Rodrigo Lopez, Žiga Malek

Day Four: 20/09/2012

1. Nehoiu Valley (Residential areas)



Stakeholder	Local residents
Objective of the meeting	Visits to several Nehoiu residents for questionnaire interviews; in the evening, visit to Muscel catchment for building type overview
Participants	Roxana Ciurean, Aroshaliny Godfrey, Rodrigo Lopez, Andrei Litu

The building footprint mapping and questionnaire interviews with local inhabitants and other relevant stakeholders (e.g. insurance company manager) were continued by Aroshaliny Godfrey and Rodrigo Lopez until 5.10.2012. The systematic mapping next to the river channel was continued with landslide area survey and complemented by desktop work (digitizing, data management).

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