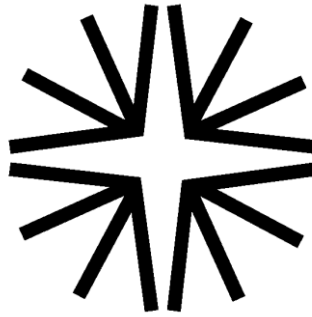


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**EADRCC Situation Report #4
Forest and wild fires in Montenegro
(New information in bold)**

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received on 17 July 2017, a request for assistance. The following information was provided.

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : **Forest and wild fires**
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : **July 16th 03:30 am and ongoing**
Location of the Disaster : **Peninsula Luštica, Montenegro**

3. Description of current situation.

As of July of 16th, 2017 at 12:24pm the forest fire hit village of Luštica bay on the territory of municipalities of Herceg Novi and Tivat. Population was evacuated from the Luštica peninsula and Ponta Veslo in cooperation and assistance of protection and rescue services, Marine Army Forces, Police and other forces.

Currently, the fire is also active in Bigovo, in the Kotor municipality, where it is threatening local houses, and in the municipality of Tivat where population is being evacuated from Krasici.

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Situation continues to be critical and the fire front is progressing rapidly due to adverse wind conditions. More than 20ha of densely populated area and 10ha of forest are currently affected. More than 5 villages are endangered and hundreds of people are threatened. 50 houses and several tourist facilities with approximately 500 people, including foreign citizens, are threatened by the progressing fire. All available local and state resources as well as volunteers are engaged but cannot manage to bring the fire under control. The topography is very rough and there is an urgent need for air firefighting support.

The fire is also active in the municipalities of Podgorica, Cetinje, Danilovgrad, Niksic and Bar. In Cetinje and Niksic houses are threatened and one house in Cetinje was burned.

The coordinates of the affected area are: 42.391458 N 18.666815 E

EADRCC received a revised request from Montenegro asking for two Canadair firefighting planes. Additionally, in view of the escalation of the situation and changing weather conditions, Montenegro has also requested two firefighting helicopters.

4. Assistance provided

To date Montenegro's authorities confirmed that:

- **1 firefighting aircraft from Ukraine - arrived to Montenegro on 18.07.2017 at 20:37 CET. Currently operating.**
- **Bulgaria providing 1 firefighting helicopter – estimated time of arriving 10:00 CET**
- **Switzerland providing 1 firefighting helicopter - estimated time of arriving 09:30 CET**
- **Israel sending 2 Air Tractors to Montenegro – estimated arrival on 20.07.2017**

5. The following requests for international assistance have been identified:

Montenegro confirms that, at the moment, no additional airborne firefighting assets are needed to tackle the ongoing fire emergency.

6. The Operational Point of Contact can be reached in the following ways:

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9. Response co-ordination.

9.1 With a view to providing a coordinated response to Montenegro's request, nations in a position to meet these demands, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Operational Point of Contact of the Stricken Nation, with an information copy to EADRCC, by any of the communication means listed above and below.

10. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached in the following ways:

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