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Communication and public information system in the Republic of Macedonia

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Legal requirements

- Law on ionizing radiation protection and radiation safety (OG No. 48/02, 135/07, 53/11)
 - ✓ *“to establish appropriate mechanisms for informing the public on the ionizing radiation protection issues”,*
- Law on free access to public information (OG No.7/05, 103/08, 124/10, 135/11)
 - ✓ *provide transparency of state and public institutions and to allow free access to public information*
 - ✓ *nominated an officer to maintain the free access to public information*
- International binding and non-binding documents
 - ✓ *Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident*
 - ✓ *Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources IAEA/CODEOC/2004 (formally expressed commitment in 2010)*

Competent Authority in Emergency

- Radiation Safety Directorate (RSD) – Regulatory body for ionizing radiation protection and radiation safety
 - ✓ *Competent authority and contact point with the IAEA and ECURIE*
 - ✓ *Leading institution at national level in the case of radiation emergency*
- Crises Management Centre
 - ✓ *24/7 contact institution*
 - ✓ *Governmental body responsible for: coordination, cooperation, timely reaction and effective use of available resources in crisis situation, in order of timely, real and qualitative threat assessment of the security of the Republic of Macedonia*
- Protection and Rescue Directorate
 - ✓ *Governmental body responsible at operational level – response forces are under this Directorate (fire forces, first responders)*

Communication levels

- RSD web page – first line of communication
- Weekly appearance (every Wednesday) on the national radio station “Macedonian Radio” – next level of communication
- Extraordinary appearance in the media in the form of press release, interview or appearance in live on radio and/or TV – additional way of communication
- Information provided upon request based on the Law on free access to public information

Communication after Fukushima Daichi NPP Accident

- 11 March 2011 – earthquake in Japan happened
- Since 14-th March 2011 RSD daily published updated information concerning the Fukushima Daiichi NPP Accident
- Since 16-th May until the end of October 2011 the RSD published the information on the website weekly
- Weekly information in life on the national radio station - “Macedonian radio”
- Additional information to the media on their request – mainly written press release

Conclusion and future activities

- **There is established system of public information in the Republic of Macedonia**
- **Further improvement is possible:**
 - ✓ (e.g. introducing the INES scale as a way of communicating with the public)

Thank You

