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UNDP-supported Intervention Divers Training Centre starts its activity



Constanta, March 26, 2010- The second divers training series ended today.

In 2009, General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (GIES) and "Capacity Development for Emergency Situations" (CDES) project implemented by UNDP Romania in partnership with Ministry of Administration and Interior (MAI) through GIES finalized the set-up of a training facility for intervention divers. The Intervention Divers Training Center (IDTC) is a key element in the provision of specialized training to GIES divers and will allow a comprehensive skills set to be confirmed and evaluated on a yearly basis. Furthermore, the IDTC is a very important tool for GIES, as it will ensure proper professional networking among its divers, advanced knowledge of GIES-level standardized equipment and special techniques.

In this context, the 2010 practical activity of the center was inaugurated on March 1 with two 14 day dry suits training series for GIES divers from several counties. The second series started on March 15. Previously, a kickoff workshop was conducted on January 25-27 with representatives from all county inspectorates that have divers formed and equipped through CDES project. By the end of the year, it is expected that all divers in GIES subordinated units will be provided specialized training at IDTC and that GIES divers will also undertake common training sessions with other Ministry of Administration and Interior structures.

The set-up of the training facility was ensured through CDES project funds and is currently estimated at approximately 170,000USD, half of which was used for purchase of specialized equipment.

For further information on the project, please visit:
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