

Information about First National Stakeholders' Meeting in North Macedonia URBANFLOODS project

The First National Stakeholders' Meeting in North Macedonia was successfully held on 7th February 2025. The event was organized by the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje - Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering (UKIM-FCSE) in collaboration with the Center for Knowledge Management (CKM), a key partner in the URBANFLOODS project initiative. The meeting was being held at Hotel Karpos in Skopje.



The primary objective was to establish a collaborative network among key actors in flood prevention and protection, thereby facilitating the effective implementation of the URBANFLOODS project. The meeting brought together more than twenty participants, aiming to strengthen urban resilience against the growing threat of floods. The current legal and policy framework was discussed by the participants, who identified several important issues, including gaps in the current legislation, lack of coordination among institutions, and the need for improved early warning systems.

According to the attendees' feedback, the meeting's content and structure were highly regarded. Many stressed how important it is to improve the way current laws and policies are implemented and create a centralized coordinating body for flood risk management. Furthermore, the utilization of cutting-edge technology was emphasized as a vital instrument for improving flood response and preparedness.

A strong call for increased stakeholder participation and ongoing public awareness and policy development initiatives was made at the end of the meeting. To further enhance cooperation and guarantee the URBANFLOODS project's successful execution, future engagement exercises and stakeholder interviews are scheduled.

