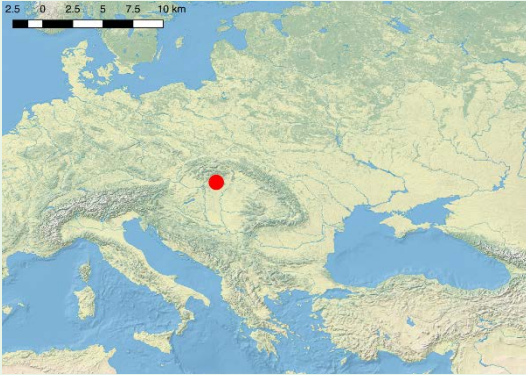


Biosphere Reserve as a Disaster Risk Reduction coordinator



Disaster Risk Management tools & practices:

- Coordination role in disaster risk management
- Nature and local knowledge based solutions
- Water management (monitoring, water retention)
- Floodplain ecosystems protection
- Reviewing local and regional master plans
- Contribution to educational programs



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The BR management has a form of an NGO. Despite the lack of capacities to do the risk assessments, create risk management plans or to have sufficient expertise and guidance on how to implement them, the BR has its important role in coordination of disaster risk management and cooperation with its relevant stakeholders, whose responsibilities include above mentioned issues. The BR acts as an information platform and service agency by :

- 1) Providing the logistic support for respective surveys.
- 2) Determining locations of potential hazards and reporting to the relevant authorities based on consultations with local communities and stakeholders.
- 3) Helping to disseminate the risk management plans and participation in their revisions.
- 4) Helping the stakeholders to prepare documentation if the risk can be resolved by specific project, locate potential funds, create grant application and supervise the realization. This applies particularly to wind erosion mitigation measures, elimination of environmental burdens, flood management measures etc.
- 5) Cooperating with universities on related research and educational programs for students.



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