



Foreword

With special respect and pleasure, we present the Proceedings of the Fourth Memorial Scientific and Professional Conference "Predrag Marić", which will be held on March 19, 2026 on the topic "Modern Integrated Disaster Risk Management". The conference is jointly organized by the Faculty of Security, University of Belgrade, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, and the Institute for International Politics and Economics, with the aim of contributing, through scientific and professional dialogue, to the improvement of national and local capacities in the field of disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery, as well as strengthening community resilience.

The memorial conference is dedicated to the memory of the untimely passing of Police General Predrag Marić, a long-time Assistant to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Head of the Emergency Situations Sector and lecturer at the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Security, whose professional and institutional contribution was of exceptional importance for the development of a modern disaster risk reduction system in the Republic of Serbia. His vision of a systemic approach - which connects scientific knowledge, normative framework and operational practice - represents the value foundation of this gathering and a direct inspiration for the topics that the conference opens.

The conference's thematic framework focuses on modern concepts of integrated risk management, which entail interdisciplinarity, intersectoral cooperation, and the continuity of measures across all phases of the risk management cycle: from hazard and vulnerability assessment, through prevention and mitigation, to emergency management, recovery, and reconstruction. This approach encourages dialogue between researchers and practitioners - representatives of state authorities, protection and rescue services, local governments, academia, the private and civil sectors - to translate scientific results as directly as possible into applicable policies and procedures.

The book of abstracts includes accepted abstracts that will be presented within the conference sessions and expert discussions. Their content reflects current challenges and research directions in the domain of natural and anthropogenic risks, institutional and legal framework, the role of the security system, crisis management and critical infrastructure, spatial and urban planning, as well as the application of modern technologies and innovations in prevention and response. The special value of this edition lies in its role as a "bridge" between theoretical frameworks and the operational needs of the system, which is one of the key goals of the memorial conference itself.



The organizers and editorial board express their gratitude to all authors who contributed to the quality of the program, as well as to the members of the Program Committee, who, with their academic and professional authority, set the thematic priorities and ensure the scientific relevance of the conference. We especially emphasize the contribution of the President of the Program Committee, Prof. Dr. Mladen Milošević, as well as the members of the committee from the University of Belgrade and partner institutions. We also thank the Organizing Committee, which coordinates the logistical, protocol, and operational implementation of the conference, led by the President of the Organizing Committee.

We are confident that this collection will be useful to researchers, decision-makers, practitioners, students, and all interested actors involved in risk management, protection, and rescue, as well as in strengthening community resilience. The published abstracts represent a concise overview of current scientific results, methodological approaches, and practical experiences. They can serve as a starting point for further research, public policy development, and the improvement of operational procedures across all phases of risk management — from assessment and prevention, through response, to recovery and reconstruction.

At the same time, the collection can contribute to networking institutions and individuals, the identification of priority topics for intersectoral cooperation, and the transfer of good practices from local, national, and international frameworks.

This publication will likely stimulate critical reflection on the challenges faced by communities and protection and rescue systems, and encourage the implementation of innovative, evidence-based solutions that respect the principles of prevention, responsibility, and sustainability. May this conference and its outcomes be a continuation of the idea that the best solutions are built together — at the intersection of knowledge, experience, and responsibility, in partnership between science and practice, and in the service of a safer, more resilient, and more united society.

With respect

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