

## **RISK MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND ECOLOGICAL CATASTROPHES - A TEXTBOOK FOR DISTANT EDUCATION**

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As a result of a PHARE program applied in Bulgaria about the development of the distant education, a textbook about the risk management has been developed. It consists of a lot information about the natural disasters dangerous for Bulgaria and surroundings and about the man-made ecological catastrophes - radioactive, chemical and biological pollution. The topics are very important for the local population, because it is firmly exposed to the negative consequences of this agents. The textbook is organized according the requirements of the distant education, enriched with texts, graphical images, photo and movie attachments, tasks for personal solutions and tests for the examination of the accepted knowledge by the students. The book is arranged by descriptions of the physical properties of the events, their negative effects and the protective measures for the population. The target groups are: decision makers, journalists, designers, etc. The book has been applied in two universities with big success. The edition on the multimedia is intended. The adaptation for the wide population is easy and acceptable.