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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Swedish Presidency I am pleased to invite you, to attend the prevention workshop which is to take place in Stockholm from the 27th to 29th of July 2009. Hosted by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) the workshop is organised in co-operation with the European Commission and the Swedish Ministry of Defence.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the development of an EU strategy for the prevention of natural and man-made disasters. In order to achieve an inspiring and fruitful discussion we solicit participants with mixed expertise, representatives from the ProCiv Working Group but also experts who are active in the field of disaster prevention. Three delegates per Member State may register for the workshop.

The draft programme and registration details including a password for the registration form are enclosed. Participants need to register and book their hotel room **no later than July the 10th**.

This workshop will provide the Member States the opportunity to support and encourage the important future developments in prevention against natural and man-made disasters in Europe. The Swedish Presidency looks forward to a stimulating discussion that will improve prevention efforts within the EU and Member States.

I am looking forward to seeing you this summer in Stockholm.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment 1:

Disaster Prevention Workshop

Welcome to the Disaster Prevention Workshop which will be held in Stockholm, Sweden from the 27th to 29th of July 2009 at the Scandic Hasselbacken Hotel.

Workshop objectives and output

The aim of the workshop is to bring forward the policy debate following the presentation by the European Commission of the “Communication from the European Commission to the Council and the Parliament on a European Community approach on the prevention of natural and man-made disasters” (COM(2009)82).

In addition the objective of the workshop is to identify the how Member States can contribute to an EU added value for disaster prevention activities. To this end the conference will contribute to:

- Promote a safer and more resilient Europe by developing the contours of a common methodological framework, including guidelines and best practices, for disaster prevention and risk management.
- Present good examples from the Member States about disaster prevention strategies.
- Promote continued cooperation between agencies, organisations and networks in the Member States of the European Union, to enhance the common knowledge about disaster prevention and risk management.
- Formulate areas of common agreement that can take the work on disaster prevention forward in the Council.

Workshop structure and themes

The plenary sessions will introduce the various challenges and opportunities of prevention linked to civil contingencies, civil protection, land use planning, best practices and adaptation to climate change. Although the focus of the workshop will be on natural hazards, man-made risks will also be presented



and discussed such as industrial risks and insofar as prevention tools may contribute to prevent both types of disasters.

The discussions should identify objectives and priority areas for intervention. Further discussion within the European Union on the identification of policies, methods and, tools are expected to pave the way towards a Community strategy for the prevention of natural and man-made disasters.

Three parallel working group sessions will be offered all of which take into account major areas of work described in the European Commission's Communication on disaster prevention.

Working Group 1: Developing knowledge-based disaster prevention policies

Working Group 2: Mobilising all players for prevention

Working Group 3: Developing an efficient Community prevention framework

When you register, you will be asked which of the working group you wish to attend. Please list your first and second choices.

Practical information and registration

Location

The workshop will be held at the Scandic Hasselbacken Hotel, on the doorstep of the Djurgården Royal Park, situated in central Stockholm.

Online registration and information

All information about the workshop and the registration form is published on the Internet at the following address:

<http://www.msbmyndigheten.se/prevention>

The **deadline for registration is July 10th.**

The registration form is protected by User and Password.

Your User Id is: PROCIV

Your password is: Prevent009

NOTE: Registration is only possible on-line.



The delegates must make and pay for their own travel and accommodation. Please find more information under Transportation to/from Stockholm and accommodation.

Accommodation

The delegates must make and pay for their own accommodation. A number of rooms, single and double, have been reserved at the Hotel Kung Carl and at Scandic Hasselbacken. Rooms are available for booking at a special rate if booked using the booking reference codes below.

Scandic Hasselbacken Hotel:

On-line booking:

<http://www.scandichotels.com/templates/ScanWeb/Pages/HotelLandingPage.aspx?id=1959&epslanguage=en>

E-mail: hasselbacken@scandichotels.com

Booking code: RAD280709

Prices:

Single room: 1 890 SEK/night and person

Double room: 1 990 SEK/night and person

Best Western Premiere Hotel Kung Carl:

On-line booking:

<http://hotellkungcarl.se/home.aspx>

E-mail: kungcarlreservations@hkchotels.se

Booking code: 286840

Prices:

Single room: 1.375 SEK/night and person

Double room: 1.550 SEK/night and person



Transportation to/from and in Stockholm

We recommend flying to Stockholm via Stockholm Arlanda airport or Stockholm Bromma airport.

In order to travel from Stockholm-Arlanda to Stockholm City we strongly recommend you to use the Arlanda Express-train. The cost is 250 SEK.

More information here:

<https://www.arlandaexpress.com/default.aspx?page=3&>

From Stockholm City railway station there will be organisation staff and buses waiting to take you to your hotel. For coordination of the need for buses please register your estimated time of arrival in the registration form under the headline Transportation.

Of course, you may also travel by taxi or public transportation to your hotel. The cost is approx. 150 SEK for taxi and 30 SEK for public transportation by bus or underground. (The official currency in Swedish is the Swedish krona.)

NOTE: During the workshop there will be no transports from Hotel King Carl on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. We recommend public bus, ferry or taxi. Information about public transportation including the ferries you will find at the hotel reception.

A ticket for free public transportation in Stockholm is included. You register for the conference by our staff at the Hotel Kung Carl and will then also get your ticket for public transportation. You can also register for the conference at the conference's information desk at Scandic Hasselbacken Hotel.

Draft Programme

Monday 27th July

19.30 Welcome and get-together mingle at the Scandic Hasselbacken Hotel.

Tuesday 28th July

Coffee and tea from 09.00



9.30-12.00 Plenary session and group photo

12-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.30 Parallel working groups, Session 1

15.30-16.00 Coffee and Tea

16.00-18.00 Parallel working groups, Session 2

20.00–23.00 Dinner at Hogloftet, Skansen, just a short walk from the Scandic Hasselbacken Hotel

Wednesday 29th July

Plenary session and summing up

09.00-10.00 Summary in parallel working groups

10.00 Coffee and Tea

10.30 Presentation of outcome and concluding remarks

12.30 Lunch

13.00 – Buses to Stockholm C and Bromma Airport

Parallel Working Groups Sessions

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Working Group Themes

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Documentation

All documentation will be available for downloading after the workshop at :
<http://www.msbmyndigheten.se/prevention>

Cost

There will be no fee for the workshop (which includes the reception on Monday 27th of July and dinner on Tuesday 28th of JULY, although delegates must make and pay for their own travel arrangements and accommodation. Delegates will be provided with a ticket for free public transportation in Stockholm during the days of workshop.

Contact Information

If you have any queries related to the workshop, please feel free to contact the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency at the following e-mail address prevention@msbmyndigheten.se . You can also contact Janet Edwards or Ake Svensson at the following telephone number +46 771 240 240.

American Express could also provide you information about your registration, and your travel to Stockholm, Sweden. Please look under “Contact “on the registration form.