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**Summary - Working Group 2  
Mobilising all players for prevention**

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## **Speaker 1 Mr. Fredrik Meurman, Mobilising all players for prevention**

- **Swedish planning system for climate change – level of authorities**
- **Levels of planning – overview, city planning and building permits**
- **The storm Gudrun 2005**
- **Regulations in the Swedish planning system**
- **Importance of life style and ecology**



## **Speaker 2 Mr. Demetrio Innocenti, Linking actors in disaster risk reduction in Europe**

- **Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 – goals and priorities for action**
- **Role of UNISDR Europe in mobilising players for disaster prevention**
- **Hyogo Framework for Action and National Platforms in Europe Region**
- **Linking actors at national level – promoting National Platforms establishment and development**
- **Regional key actors in promoting Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **Linking actors at regional level - promoting a European Regional Platform**
- **Sharing good practices – publications, producing and sharing knowledge in Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **The way forward (2009) in linking Disaster Risk Reduction key partners in Europe and promoting good practices**
- **Actions and practices contributing to mobilising actors – global, regional, national and local levels**
- **Cooperation between ISDR and Commission is important**



## **Speaker 3 Mr. Paul Mustow, Lessons learnt from 2007 floods, UK**

- **Flooding and the need for national risk assessment**
- **UK Summer floods 2007 - experience and lessons learnt**
- **Pitt Review - overview, recommendations and progress on actions**
- **Flood forecasting and early warning**
- **Linking emergency responders and other stakeholders to reduce flood risk**



## Objective and content of the working group

- *Define effective ways of mobilising all relevant actors for disaster prevention on the basis of relevant national experiences as well as on experiences from existing EU initiatives*

### **Content**

- *Linking all actors – usefulness of linking the actors involved in development and implementation of measures which have impacts on disaster prevention*
- *Sharing of best practices – stimulation and implementation*
- *Other actions contributing to mobilising all actors – actions on national and/or Community level*



## Outcome – Linking all relevant actors

- *Experience in some Member States shows the usefulness of coordinated structures for disaster management, involving different public and non-governmental stakeholders. While the actors in the field of response cooperate efficiently, there is a need to work further on linking actors in the field of prevention. Some Member States are well advanced in associating private stakeholders (insurance companies for instance).*
- *The Community contribution to development of linking of the various actors involved in disaster prevention could be established by:*
  - a) encouraging Member States to link the actors involved in disaster prevention*
  - b) encouraging Member States to link the actors involved in different phases of disaster management*
- *National Platforms for disaster risk reduction in the Member States within International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction are useful in contributing to cross-cutting linking between actors.*
- *A European network, based on agreed objectives, could contribute to the development of recommendations or exchange of practices and supplement the activities of existing national networks or platforms. In addition, prevention should be mainstreamed in existing working forums.*



## Outcome - Sharing best practices

- *Sharing and spreading best practices about prevention measures is beneficial for the Member States.*
- *Priority areas for sharing best practices include:*
  - a) *risk analysis/assessment methods*
  - b) *risk management procedures*
  - c) *lessons learnt from past disasters*
  - d) *experience from implementing existing initiatives (Flood and Seveso Directives)*
  - e) *benchmarking, cost-benefit analyses*
  - f) *research activities*
  - g) *awareness-raising and education*
  - h) *future risks identification*
  - i) *early-warnings*
  - j) *exchange of information and data on disasters*
- *Exchange of information between stakeholders (national authorities, experts and other actors) could be facilitated by an inventory of best practices launched by the Commission in order to promote lessons learned and spreading of best practices.*



## Outcome - Other actions contributing to mobilising all actors - Suggested activities

*The following activities were suggested for action at national and/or Community level, as appropriate*

- 1. Extending the lessons learnt civil protection programme to include disaster prevention;*
- 2. Supporting projects on public awareness and education; making the results of the research projects accessible to professionals through publications and courses;*
- 3. Support specialised courses on university level, courses for experts in the field of prevention and response and develop disaster management training programmes with a prevention component so as to ensure a high level of awareness and preparedness in the event of natural disasters, e.g. in the fields of climate adaptation and land use planning;*





## Other actions contributing to mobilising all actors Suggested activities ... continued

4. *Improving the links and bridging the gaps between existing early warning systems, improving the dissemination of forecasts and warnings to be public; improving the cooperation between meteorological and hydrological agencies.*
5. *Strengthening the cooperation with the network of European meteorological services (integration of short-term flood alerts in early warning systems, dissemination of forecasting tools to end-users such as weather services)*
6. *Improving the knowledge about the responsibilities of the various actors involved in disaster management*
7. *Facilitating the development of national coordination platforms*
8. *Identification of future risks*
9. *Facilitating the circulation of information through web-based tools*