

Central European Disaster Prevention Forum (CEUDIP)

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Mission and objectives of CEUDIP

- **To strengthen regional cooperation in disaster reduction**
- **To improve early warning systems (EWS)**
 - ❑ **inventory of EWS at national levels and of agreements on their use at bilateral and sub-regional levels**
 - ❑ **to organize workshops on important issues at the CEUDIP meetings e.g. role of media, crisis management legislation**
- **To improve education and training towards increase of public awareness (e.g training in disaster prevention and reduction with emphasis on disasters of hydrometeorological origin in Prague 2006 – prof. Nemeč – with EU, ISDR)**
- **To meet once a year and exchange information about activities**
- **To prepare an integrated project by CEUDIP countries for improvement of disaster prevention and public awareness (financial support from EU or WMO)**

Meetings of CEUDIP

Members – national focal points from the Czech Republic, (Austria), Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia

- **1999 Prague (Czech Republic) establishment**
- **2000 Warsaw (Poland) role of media in disaster prevention**
- **2001 Bratislava (Slovakia) crisis and disaster management legislation**
- **2002 Bonn (Germany) World Summit on Sustainable Development, presentation of JRC**
- **2003 Balaton (Hungary) disasters caused by accidental pollution, project preparation**
- **2004 Prague (Czech Republic) international cooperation preparation for WCDR (Kobe)**
- **2006 Cracow (Poland) floods and droughts**

Problems of Disaster Reduction

- Lack of coordination and cooperation among:*
 - international organizations (ISDR, WMO, UNEP..)
 - regional organizations (EU, Central Europe, W. Europe..)
 - national organizations (governmental, NGOs...)
(Austria), Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia
- Lack of collaboration among different bodies e.g. responsible for different parts of Early Warning and other parts of DR like meteorological and hydrological Services, River Basin Boards, Civil Defense, Fire & Rescue Service, Army, health emergency, national emergency suppliers*
? Role of national platforms
- Competition for leadership among main players e.g. Interior vers. Defense, Firemen vers. Civil Defense, regional governors vers. state administration, etc.*
- Overall competition for funding – duplicities x poor funding*

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Second Announcement

World Conference on Disaster Reduction

18-22 January 2005
Kobe, Hyogo, Japan

A safer world for all

www.unisdr.org/wcdr

The Framework (Hyogo) outlines three strategic goals

- more effective **integration of disaster risk into sustainable development policies**, planning and programming at all levels, with a special emphasis on disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness and vulnerability reduction
- **development and strengthening of institutions, mechanisms and capacities at all levels, in particular at the community level, that can contribute to building hazard resilience**
- **incorporation of risk reduction approaches into emergency preparedness, response and recovery programs in the reconstruction of affected communities**