

European representatives of National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction including Platforms being in formation met in Paris on 7 – 8 December 2006 at the initiative of the French Platform.

Following an exchange of information and discussion on the issue of disaster risk reduction in the countries concerned and presentations by international organisations on current developments in Europe and on the global level the participants agreed:

- to engage in the establishment of an informal network of National Platforms and Focal Points in Europe within the ISDR System ;**
- as a network to become a partner to the European Union, the Council of Europe and other international organisations in all aspects related to disaster risk reduction**
- to provide consolidated, substantive input to the Global Platform of ISDR starting in June 2007.**

The participants also agreed to the need to develop common goals and specific objectives for the network together with a programme of work. This will be circulated by January 31, 2007 for comments, changes and approval amongst the participants to the Paris meeting, then sent to interested National Platforms and Focal Points, with the invitation to participate.

To develop the draft a small – but efficient - working group of representatives from AFPCN, DKKV and PLANAT has been constituted.