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NPs and HFA Focal Points in Europe (State of Art)

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WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Out of 46 Countries:

33 Have designated HFA Focal Points

Albania, Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

10 Countries have developed a National Platform:

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

Countries in final stages of developing a NPs or pending official communication to UNISDR:

Macedonia, Turkey, Norway, Poland, Georgia



Regional Landscape

Council of Europe – EUR-OPA Agreement: The Agreement is “partial”, as not all member States of the Council of Europe participate, but also “open”, as 3 Southern Mediterranean countries count among its members. It has to date 25 Member States.

European Union/European Commission: 27 Member States DG Environment (Civil Protection), DG Relex, DG Research, DG Enlargement, DG ECHO and others

DPPI SEE– Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for SEE: 12 Member States

RCC SEE – Regional Cooperation Council for SEE: 12 Member States

CEUDIP - Central European Disaster Prevention Forum: 6 Member States

A European Network of NPs: 4 Member States

OECD - Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development: 40 Countries



Main events organized and achievements by NPs and HFA focal points, regional organisations/networks in Europe:

February 2008, Slovenia as EU Presidency: Seminar on strengthening cooperation with the candidate countries and Western Balkan countries in the field of Civil Protection. (Slovenia, EC DG Envir - Civil Protection Unit) – UNISDR, DG Enlarge, WB, WMO.

April 2008, France: NPs and HFA Focal points meeting - Council of Europe, UNISDR in collaboration with DKKV.

April 2008, Bulgaria – DPPI-RCC: Ministerial meeting on disaster preparedness and management in SEE (Outcomes: Agreement on the development of a 2 year workplan on DRM in SEE;) – DPPI SEE, RCC, NATO, UNISDR, WB.

June 2008, Switzerland: Role of modern civil protection systems and the new global challenges: from the Hyogo Framework for Action to real time response - Italy in collaboration with Switzerland, Russian Federation (EMERCOM), Egypt, EU DG Environ. Civil Protection, UNISDR and UNOCHA -



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October 2008: Regional Conference on the Southeastern and Central Europe

Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility : WB-UNISDR-RCC (Part of SEE Initiative) Endorsement of technical finding and agreement to contact Prime Ministers in the region to contribute to funds for the development of Central Europe Disaster Risk Catastrophe Insurance

October 2008, Moldova:

Regional scientific and technical conference on the role of the NMHSs in prevention and mitigation of natural hazard impact. Moldova-WMO-UNISDR-WB.

November 2008, France as EU Presidency:

Risq-ue 2008: Conference on natural disaster risk reduction From Past Disasters to Challenge in Climate Change in Europe



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November 2008, Greece: UNESCO Meeting on DRR and Cultural Heritage

November 2008, Turkey and EUROPA
International Workshop – On local Governance and disaster risk reduction.

November 2008: Overview course on disaster risk reduction, response and recovery: Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (Former SRSA) – in collaboration with CADRI (UNDP/UNISDR/UNOCHA)

UNISDR Europe:



National Platforms and HFA Focal Points: UNISDR Training package for NPs, Support/collaboration (Financial or Steering Committee) to events organised by NPs and HFA Focal Points, Updates notes, tools.

Regional Organisations/Networks: EUROPA (MoU) joint events, EUROPA Support to NPs development, EU/EC: coordination and presence to events organised, planning joint event; DPPI SEE: present in advisory board, collaboration on training;

UNISDR Europe:



International Partners: UNISDR Europe work closely with other UN agencies and International Organizations to strength DRR and climate change adaptations initiatives: WB-GFDRR, UNDP, WMO, OCHA, UNICEF;

Current examples of common initiatives in Europe Region are: SEEDRMAP, UNICEF-UNISDR collaboration in Education and DRR in SEE-CAC.

SEE and CAC Steering Committee (WB-WMO-UNDP-UNISDR)

Capacity Building: Training package for NPs, UNISDR-CADRI-Swedish Civil Contingency Agency-DPPI SEE countries training sections, Ongoing EUR-OPA UNISDR collaboration for promoting NPs training; Twinning of NPs from the concept note to reality: interest from Albania-Italy.

Conclusion

- Great number of important events **to raise visibility and exchanges on DRR issues** (ex. Turkey-EUROPA Istanbul event; France EU event;)
- Key events to move forward on **collaboration on DRR topics**: (eg. Moldova event eg:(Hydromet issues and Civil Protection), Slovenia EU event, Civil Protection event in June, DPPI meeting collaboration on Capacity Building (DPPI-CADRI-SRSA)
- Events that **set agreements on strategy and plans**: eg.Sofia Ministerial Conference (biennial workplan on DRM)

WIN SITUATION: collaboration in the organisation of events with regional and international actors. : WHY:

- Avoid duplication; - Build on already organised events and opportunity (back-to-back); join forces with key regional/international players (support in the organisation of event but also for planning next steps)

GAPS: Moving from concept to reality – still a challenge (twinning on NPs); identified CC Adaptation and DRR as common interest not concrete exchanges; making the most of scientific knowledge and centers of excellence.





Thank you

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