European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction

- Formally established in London 2009
- Representatives from National Platforms and HFA Focal Points
- Supported by ISDR, European Commission, Council of Europe and DPPI
- 2010 Chair Sweden, co-chair FYR of Macedonia
European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Overall Objective

- Contribute to the implementation of the HFA
- Forum for exchanging information and knowledge in the field of DRR and HFA
- Provide advocacy for effective action to reduce disasters
- Promote and support creation of new National Platforms

Create a safer Europe by reducing the impact of natural hazards to reduce vulnerability, and increasing the ability to minimize consequences of disasters
Focus areas and activities identified by NPs and HFA Focal Points

• Adaptation to Climate Change and extreme weather events
• Critical infrastructures (such as hospitals and schools)
• Local level / Community level approach
• Safety level standards
• Harmonize risk mapping and assessments including data collection
How the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction works

To create a rational structure for operation the functions of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction will be based on the following 5 principles:

1. Bottom-up and participatory approach
2. Building on existing institutions/organizations
3. Avoid the creation of bureaucratic layers and rigid structures
4. Meet on an annual basis and
5. Not act as a political forum and the forum can not speak for the interests of the member countries
Organisation 2010

• Chair and Co-Chair
• Steering group (Chair, Co-Chair, UNISDR, Council of Europe)
• “Friends of Chairs group” (Chair, Co-Chair, UNISDR, Council of Europe, DPPI, EU Commission, France, Germany, UK)
• Open to National Platforms and HFA Focal Points in Europe and regional/sub regional partners
• UNISDR provides secretariat
• Working groups for identified areas related to DRR to be presented at this meeting
### European Platforms and Focal Points

#### European countries with established platforms & focal point for HFA:
- Bulgaria, Croatia*, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia (FYROM)*, Monaco*, Poland, Russian Federation*, Switzerland*, Spain, Sweden and UK

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#### European countries with focal points for HFA
- Albania*, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia Herzegovina*, Cyprus, Denmark, Georgia, Greece, Iceland*, Malta, Moldova*, Montenegro*, Norway*, Portugal, Romania, Serbia*, Slovenia, Turkey* and Ukraine*.

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**Total 36**

*Not EU members
List updated May. 2010
Regional Experience exchange & action

Global

Regional

National

Local
Goals of the European Forum for DRR

• Support the development of national platforms as multi-stakeholder structures
• Support the implementation of the HFA
• Facilitate the link between climate change adaptation and DRR
• Share good practices and lessons learnt from European countries, sub-regions and local level
• Enhance information sharing and exchange between existing national platforms and focal points
• Promote exchange of experiences and dialogue between regions
• Share information about the activities of other international/regional organizations and EU in the field of DRR
• Prepare for the Global Platform sessions
1st annual meeting of European Forum for DRR

Date:
6-8 October 2010

Place:
Gothenburg, Sweden

Participants:
1. HFA focal points in Europe
2. Representatives from National Platforms for DRR in Europe
3. ISDR, European Commission, Council of Europe, DPPI
4. Specially invited speakers
Topics for the 1st European Forum Meeting

- DRR and Climate Change Adaptation
- Information sharing and exchange
- Follow up EFDRR Goals and Concept paper
- DRR at the Local Level: “Building Resilient Cities” Campaign
- Update on DRR-activities of other international/regional org & EU
- Public opinion, media and public awareness
- Mid-term review for Hyogo Framework for Action
- Utilizing national and international financial instruments including EU
- Global Platform 2011
- Way forward 2011, FYR Macedonia next Chair
Thank you