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## HFA Mid-Term Review and HFA National Reporting

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## HFA Mid-Term Review Focus

- Broad strategic review of the HFA
- Focus on the instrument as a whole
- Analytical exercise based on qualitative research
- Coincidence with the MDGs Review

## Timeline of the Review

- Retrospective: 2005 – 2010
- Prospective: 2010 – 2015 and beyond



## Timeline of the Review - Implementation

- Substantive work completed between January and November 2010
- Substantive input into the SG's ISDR Report to the GA in July 2010
- Mid-Term Review publication to be launched in early 2011
- Input for third session of Global Platform for DRR in May 2011



## Methodology

- Strong focus on regional level to gather information
- Conceptual framework with key questions

## Qualitative Methods to Gather Information

- Existing reports – literature review
- Outcomes of structured regional and thematic workshops
- In-depth studies
- On-line debates
- One-on-one interviews with senior experts and policy makers

## Qualitative Methods to Gather Information

### Review of Existing Reports

- Literature review conducted
- Draft report being finalized

### In-Depth Studies

- List of studies has been published on PreventionWeb.
- Cooperation with partners

## Initial Points from the Literature Review

- Confirmed importance of HFA as guiding framework for national legislation and policy
  - Literature indicated a stronger emphasis on HFA implementation by Priorities of Action rather than by broader strategic goals.
  - Risk reduction is still no getting “hardwired” in the business processes of the development sectors, planning and finance ministries
- Gaps**
- Gaps in understanding the processes
  - Gaps in evidence-based information on the effectiveness of different DRR approaches
  - Gaps in our understanding of risk reduction work that may be implicit in the work of different development sectors

## Qualitative Methods to Gather Information

### Half-Day Regional Workshops

- Scheduled in all regions between March and November 2010

### One-day Workshops

- When feasible with Mid-Term Review key questions and thematic focus

## List of Main Workshops related the HFA Mid-Term Review

Paris, March 2010	Support Group to the Chair of the European National Platform
Bangkok, March 2010	ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP)
Cairo, March 2010	HFA Workshop for National Reports
Fiji, April 2010	Progress Review Cycle of the Pacific DRM Framework for Action (RFA) and the HFA
Colombia, April 2010	Meeting on Environment/Disaster Reduction in Santa Marta
Nairobi, April 2010	The Second ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Africa
New Delhi, May 2010	Workshop for HFA Mid-Term Review targeting South Asia
Geneva, June 2010	Workshop for HFA Mid-Term Review for Europe Region
Tokyo, August 2010	Workshop on HFA Mid-Term Review within ASEAN Plus 3 Forum
Washington, Nov 2010	Workshop on HFA Mid-Term Review for the Northern America Region (US, Canada and Mexico)

## Main Points Raised in the Workshops

- HFA plays important role in raising awareness and creating institutional/policy basis for DRR
- Strong need for in-country coordination and direction – governance issues
- Need to articulate vertical synergies between national and local level
- Lack of research/hard data/cost benefit analysis at the national level
- Need of increased coordination amongst UN agencies dealing with DRR at the country team and global level.

## On-line Debates between June 28 – 30 July

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| Topic 1 : | 28 June – 2 July | HFA's role in informing decision making<br>and priority setting at the national and<br>regional level |
| Topic 2:  | 5 – 9 July       | Less effective elements of the HFA  |
| Topic 3:  | 12 – 23 July     | Integration of climate change in HFA<br>implementation  |
| Topic 4:  | 26 – 30 July     | What kind of instruments post-HFA?  |

## One-on-One Interviews (on-going)

- List of suggested interviewees (government focal points, national platform members, ISDR partners and experts, etc)
- Suggestions and self-nominations welcome

Please visit the Mid-Term Review  
dedicated space on PreventionWeb

[www.preventionweb.net/go/hfa-mtr](http://www.preventionweb.net/go/hfa-mtr)

## HFA Monitoring - Purpose

- Self- assessment
- Assist countries in reviewing their own progress, gaps and challenges in Disaster Risk Reduction efforts
- Serves as a continuous feedback mechanism for the countries
- For the country and led by the country

## 2009 – 2011 Review Process

### Process enhancements:

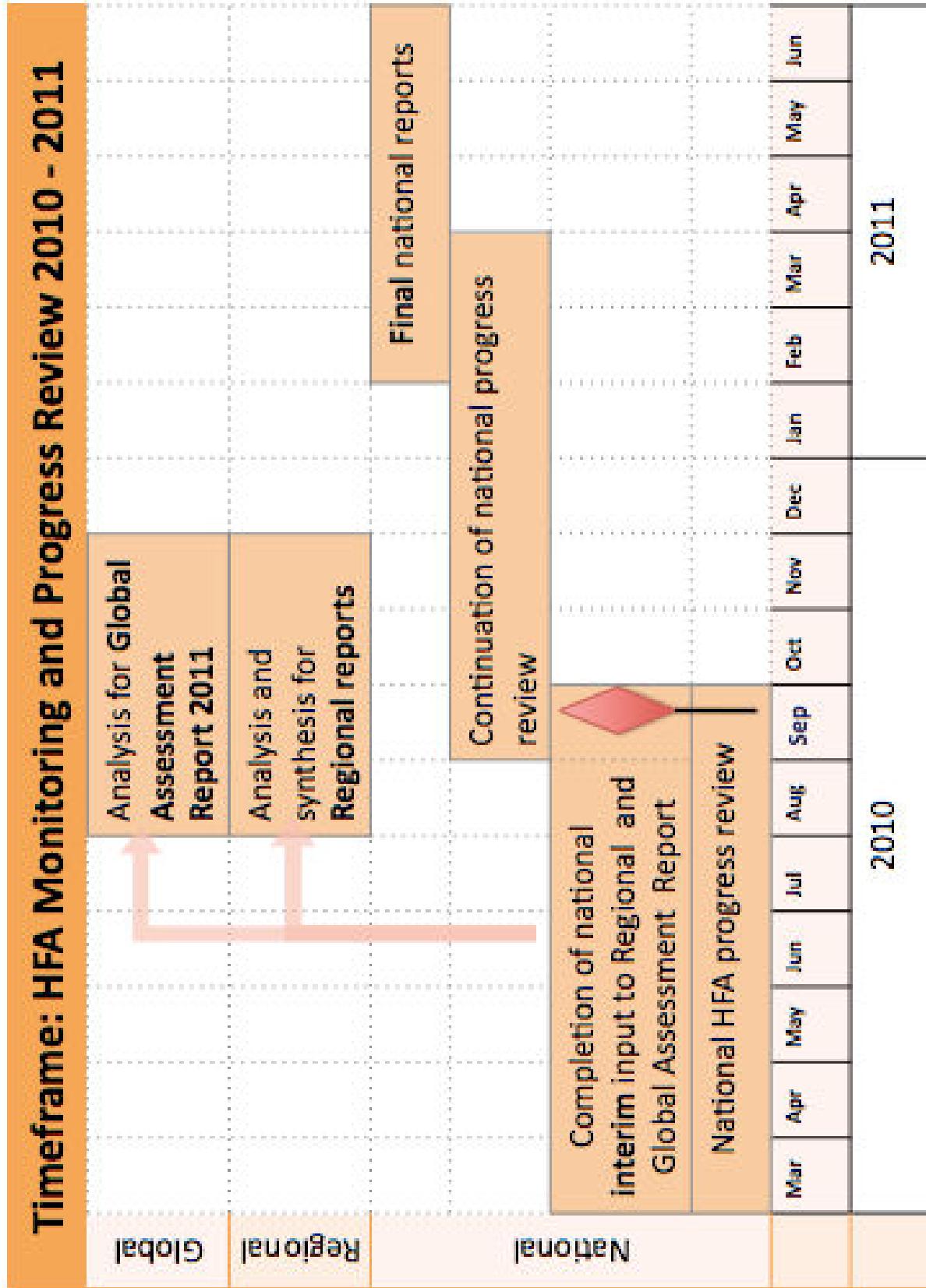
- Greater geographic coverage
- Multi stakeholder involvement
- Greater involvement of the civil society organizations
- Alignment of local and national level progress monitoring
- Incorporation of quantifiable and disaggregated indicators

## 2009 – 2011 Review Process

### Improvements in HFA monitor tool:

- A set of 'Key Questions' and 'Means of Verification' added
- Overall interaction design improved
- Visualization of HFA progress input
- Access to regional organizations

**Available online since 22 March 2010**



## Indicators in HFA Monitor

- 3 strategic goals
- 22 core indicators in 5 priorities for action
- 5 drivers of progress
- 3 future outlook statements
- 5 levels of progress from minor progress to comprehensive achievement



## Key Questions and Means of Verification

- To provide some additional focus to each one of the core indicators
- Not meant to replace the core indicators
- Focused on the unanswered questions, gaps and challenges identified in the previous HFA review exercise and GAR 2009

## Europe Region – 2007-2009 Reporting Cycle

Country	Status	Country	Status
Armenia	✓	Serbia	✓
Bulgaria	✓	Slovenia	✓
Croatia	✓	Sweden	✓
Czech Republic	✓	Switzerland	✓
FYR of Macedonia	✓	Turkey	✓
France	✓	United Kingdom	✓
Germany	✓		
Hungary	✓		
Italy	✓		
Montenegro	✓		
Norway	✓		

## Europe Region – 2009-2011 Reporting Cycle

- Preparation of interim progress reports in full swing
- Approx. **22 countries** are planning to submit their reports
- Interim reports can still be handed in by **31 October** in order to be analyzed for the GAR

## Europe Region – Regional Report

### 'Implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action in Europe: Advances and Challenges'

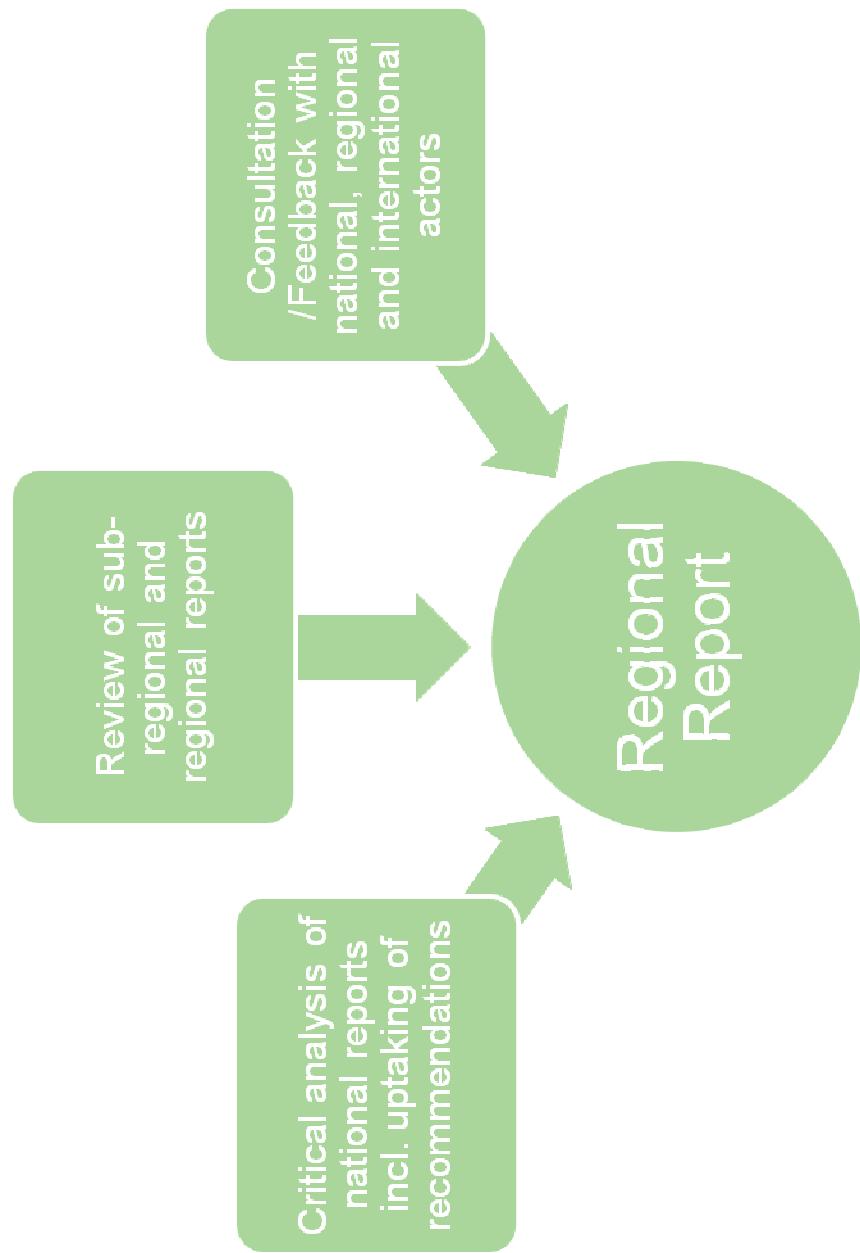
- Useful stock-taking and guidance document in providing an overview of the ongoing disaster risk reduction activities in Europe
- Revealing of gaps in resource use and capacities, pointing out of untapped potentials

### •Recommendations

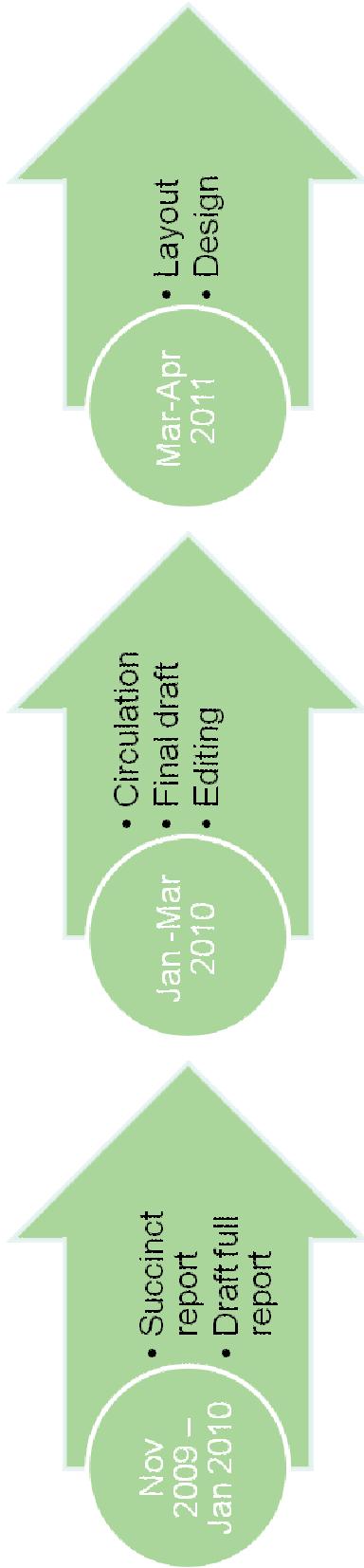
### Update of Report

- Insight into progress made since the last reporting cycle and the uptake of conclusions and recommendations.
- Numerous additional countries will be reporting for the first time → Fuller picture of the DRR activities in Europe

## Regional Report – Contents



## Regional Report – Timeline



May 2011: Launch at GP 11

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