

EFDRR Our Goal... Good HFA Exchanges

1. Describe some exchanges that have taken place and any results.
2. Analyse the results of the questionnaire.
3. Make recommendations for future HFA exchanges.



Who Responded to the Questionnaire?

Countries submitting a good example:

- Armenia
- Croatia
- Hungary
- Montenegro
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Sweden

Total number of countries that submitted

8





Analysis of Answers nr. 1-4

- 1. Organisation Reporting:** Ministry of emergencies, risk mgmt. or civil protection agency or directorate, meteorological and/or hydrological institute, directorate for national security
- 2. Host Country:** Usually the country that was reporting
- 3. Year:** Mostly recent exchanges, 2010 and 2011

4.1 Purpose:

- Lessons learned coming from recent natural hazard events common in the region (floods and droughts)
- Regional exchange on topics of mutual interest
- Method development on national risk assessment.
- Improve cooperation for flood management and examine human aspects
- Flood management and role of science and technology in early warning systems
- To create DRR trainers for courses

4.2 HFA Principles: usually 2 or 3 principles and sometimes all 5



CROATIA

Analysis Answers nr. 5-8

- 5 Type:** Training, workshop, conferences, high level meeting, exercises
- 6. Level:** National, county, local with more at the national level
- 7. Participating Organisations:** Ministry, focal points and repr. of national platforms, national civil defence authority, meteorological institute, local municipalities, politicians, EU Member States, regional organisations (DPPI)
- 8. Financing:** Many by European Commission as EU projects, scientific institution, national government authority, UNDP, UNICEF / other international organizations/

Analysis Answer nr. 9

Results of the HFA Exchange

Positive impacts and transferrability:

- Exchange of knowledge → better risk management
- Good examples for implementing the HFA at national and local level
- New tools and methods
- New national platforms for DRR
- Draft Council Conclusions on integrated flood management in the EU
- Opening the door for more exchanges and future contact
- Better communication with partners



HUNGARY

Analysis Answers nr. 10

What made it a good exchange?

Content

- Clear vision /goals for what they wished to learn about and see.
- Common approach to same challenge
- Results and achievements that could immediately be put into practice

POLAND

Connection

- Having met face-to face earlier ie. at a global or regional meeting
- With partners, you already know

Structure

- Informal setting, open discussions
- All participants participate on a mutual basis and share the same interests in DRR
- Time to discuss and ask lots of questions
- Opportunity to visit many countries in the region





Analysis Answers nr. 11

What would countries like to learn about?

- DRR for extreme weather, landslides, floods, flash floods, ground water flooding
- Strategies for integrating DRR and climate change adaptation work
- How to make DRR a priority on the highest levels in the country
- Development of partnerships and programs
- Forecasting and early warning
- Tools & methodologies inkl. risk & vulnerability analyses for use at local level
- Capability based planning - risk assessment and capacity analysis for all levels
- Geopolitical influence on energy, raw materials and food security and cyber security
- Results from DRR national and EU research
- Relationships, communication w/ universities + research community (HFA)

Analysis Answers nr. 11

What would countries like to learn about?

(continued)



- Implementation of UNISDR Making Cities Resilient, the HFA at the local level
- Information management and public relations in DRR (How to gain interest of the general public and journalists.)
- Educational programmes and public awareness campaigns for disaster prevention
- Risk awareness and supportive instruments to strengthen the capacity of self-help of people and businesses - community training
- How to integrate topics on DRR into educational curriculum
- Training and exercises for civil defence

Analysis Answers nr. 12

Reported Areas of competence

Strategy Development DRR

Prevention and Mitigation

- Risk assessments
- Prevention and mitigation measures (floods, red sludge mitigation)
- Climate change adaptation; integration of DRR in local level planning, especially spatial planning

Platform Development

- How to build and maintain a platform
- Action plans and specific activities for the platform

Training, Exercises and Operations

- Basic training and follow-up training of rescue services personnel
- Trans-boundary emergency response exercises
- Rescue systems

Education and Conferences

- Lessons learned from disasters/ emergencies and associated databases
- Education programmes for risk management
- Successful organization of the conferences on DRR

Winning the interests of the experts and scientists





Recommendations for Information Sharing and HFA Exchanges in Europe

Proposed measures for promoting exchanges in Europe

1. Share the compiled answers to the questionnaire on the EFDRR-web page so everyone can see the good examples.
2. Continue to provide information on exchanges in the EFDRR bulletin and on the EFDRR web page
3. EFDRR should actively promote with support from UNISDR, EC, Council of Europe EUR-OPA, DPPI, exchanges on a few current themes such as:
 - building platforms
 - risk mapping and risk assessments
 - data exchanges
 - lessons learnt
 - public awareness and media
 - HFA at the local level



NORWAY

Recommendations for Information Sharing and HFA Exchanges in Europe (continued)

4. Exchanges should take place between actors from different sectors working with DRR including scientists, local experts
5. Encourage twinning of National Platforms, HFA focal points and municipality to municipality
6. Keep the exchanges reasonable (number of issues, field trips, time and costs).
7. Continue to explore ways to encourage the use of EU financial instruments.
8. Explore the value of peer review. Test the use of peer reviews at the national level.