

2010 EFDRR in Sweden - Summary



24 Countries

53 participants

First meeting of the
European Forum for
Disaster Risk Reduction

16 National Platforms in
the region + 20 countries
with HFA Focal point

Information Sharing 2010

- Slovenia presented the results of info sharing and exchange survey
- Participation at seminars/workshops and information sharing via websites were the most common forms of exchanges
- A clear yes for more exchanges
- Seminars/conferences is seen as a most needed form of exchanges, followed by projects and exchange of experts and twinning
- Topics - capacity development, building a national platform, risk mapping and assessment
- Prevention Web can create a space for EFDRR
- UNISDR will send out the latest info from European countries as a digital bulletin with info on conferences, projects, reports etc



Information Sharing 2010

- Face to face exchanges are desired as well as more workshops and conference
- More exchanges are needed for building national platforms. UNISDR can offer workshops and invite European countries
- Twinning efforts were suggested to assist countries that have not yet built their platform
- Work according to specific themes. This generates exchanges between the EFDRR meetings. Can develop into networks.
- There is a need for scientists and experts to also exchange not just the HFA fp and NP representatives.
- Financial assistance is needed for exchanges



WG 2 tasks 2011

1. Describe how the EFDRR is addressing the needs for information sharing and exchanges
2. Describe the exchanges that has taken place and the results
3. Describe used financial instruments and opportunities to seek financial support
4. Status on UNISDR information sharing system with events, documents and publications
5. Complete an analysis and make recommendations for future information sharing



Information sharing –examples from Armenia

- Build resilience on public information and awareness
- School children
- Creative solutions



Peer review - conclusion

- Evaluate progress in HFA
- Explore the value of peer review - test the use of peer reviews at the national level
- National policy developments within EU prevention framework national risk assessment and disaster risk management plans)
- DRR policies and practice
- Knowledge base and comparability of disaster data
- Awareness through involvement and the spread of results



WG 2 Recommendations for information sharing:

- ✓ Continue to provide information to PreventionWeb in order to be included in the EFDRR bulletin**
- ✓ Start using the EFDRR-Listserv to exchange among European HFA and National Platform Members**
- ✓ Upload any documents for discussion to the EFDRR work space**

Recommendations for HFA exchanges in Europe 1

1. Share good examples and answers from questionnaire on the EFDRR- web page
2. Continue to provide information on exchanges in the EFDRR bulletin and on the EFDRR web page
3. EFDRR with support from UNISDR, EC, Council of Europe EUROPA, DPPI promote 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



Recommendations for HFA Exchanges in Europe 2

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. Information exchange with other regions



Other issues to discuss

- Next step for supporting exchange?
- The benefits of peer reviews?
- Channels for distribution of information?
- Use of EU financial instruments?
- HFA follow up in 2012? (To be reported at the Global Platform meeting in 2013)

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