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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN ITALY: NATIONAL PLATFORM AND LOCAL-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION OF HFA

Building cities resilience to disasters: protecting cultural heritage and adapting to climate change
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INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE MITIGATION OF RISKS (UN RES. N° 1999/63)

HYOGO FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION (GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON DISASTER REDUCTION - KOBE, JAPAN, 2005)

REFERS TO AN ARTICULATED SET OF ELEMENTS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE VULNERABILITY SO AS TO PREVENT AND TO LIMIT THE IMPACT OF DISASTERS

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULTS, THE PREVENTION PROCESS MUST INVOLVE GOVERNMENT BODIES, CIVIL SOCIETY, MEDIA, SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTORS

The Hyogo Declaration calls on the signatory countries to set up multi-sectoral national platforms for disaster risk reduction. In some countries, the platform had already been set up under the International Decade for Disaster Reduction.
THE TARGET OF THE ANALYSIS CONCERNS DISASTERS LINKED TO THE RISKS AFFECTING THE COUNTRY (EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS, LANDSLIDES, VOLCANOES, FOREST FIRES, TECHNOLOGICAL RISKS, RISKS RELATED TO TRANSPORTS, ENVIRONMENTAL RISK, SANITARY RISKS)
BACKGROUND

PRIME MINISTER’S DECREE N. 66/2008

BY WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, ENTRUSTING THE NATIONAL CIVIL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (IDCP) WITH THE DUTY OF CHAIRING A COORDINATION PANEL CONSISTING OF THE VARIOUS MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN CHARGE OF DEFINING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE PLATFORM AND THE PLATFORM CHARTER
RATIONALE – Why the IDCP

TO IDENTIFY AND INVOLVE ALL THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE STRUCTURES NECESSARY TO COPE WITH DISASTERS

TO ENSURE UNIFIED COORDINATION AND DIRECTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

TO SUPPORT ALL THE OPERATIONAL STRUCTURES INVOLVED BY COLLECTING AND SHARING DATA AND INFORMATION
RATIONALE - IDCP Structure

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Department of Civil Protection

Interior

Foreign Affairs

Environment

Health

Economy and Finance

Defence

Economic Development

Transport and Infrastructures

Cultural Heritage and Activities

Education, University and Research

Communications

Agricultural Policy and Forestry

Regions

Provinces

Municipalities

National Fire-fighters Corp

Police

Prefectures

ANPA

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Financial Police

Army

Navy

Air Force

Carabinieri

G.R.T.N.

Coast Guard

ANAS

Highways company

National railways

I.N.G.V.

C.N.R.

National Institutes

National Forest Service

Local Police
RATIONALE – Civil Protection Operational Committee
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

The National Platform’s strategic decisional body is coordinated by the Head of the National Civil Protection Department.

Its members are authorized to act autonomously in terms of decisional power.

Approves the Platform governance, sets Thematic Work Groups and issues guidelines for the activity of the Platform.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The National Platform ordinary technical coordination body monitors the operability of technical work groups, promotes synergy and ensures results sharing.

Represents the National Platform in the framework of international fora and relates with foreign organizations and platforms.

**THEMATIC WORK GROUPS**

The seats where sector-specific comparisons are made in order to define the state of risk reduction at a national and territorial level.

Operate by interconnecting and interacting among each other.

Elaborate reports on the main risk reduction activities.
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

STEERING COMMITTEE

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM’S STRATEGIC DECISIONAL BODY IS COORDINATED BY THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL CIVIL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.
ITS MEMBERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACT AUTONOMOUSLY IN TERMS OF DECISIONAL POWER
APPROVES THE PLATFORM GOVERNANCE, SETS THEMATIC WORK GROUPS AND ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR THE ACTIVITY OF THE PLATFORM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM ORDINARY TECHNICAL COORDINATION BODY
MONITORS THE OPERABILITY OF TECHNICAL WORK GROUPS, PROMOTES SYNERGY AND ENSURES RESULTS SHARING
REPRESENTS THE NATIONAL PLATFORM IN THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL FORA AND RELATES WITH FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS AND PLATFORMS

THEMATIC WORK GROUPS

RISK ANALYSIS AND MAPPING
MONITORING AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS
LEGAL FRAMEWORK
EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION
TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION
DISASTER FINANCING AND INSURANCE SYSTEMS
STRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR RISK MITIGATION
LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF HFA IN ITALY

THE MAKING CITIES RESILIENT (MCR) CAMPAIGN

HFA & MCR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE - Involvement of local administrations

WHAT IS BEING DONE - Reinforcing the system

FURTHER STEPS

THE NATIONAL CIVIL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT IS THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HYOGO FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION AT BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS. THE CURRENT STRATEGY BUILDS ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES, INTERMUNICIPAL ASSOCIATIONS, VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES AND THE WHOLE CIVIL SOCIETY.
THE MAKING CITIES RESILIENT (MCR) CAMPAIGN

"I CALL FOR THE NEED OF WORLD LEADERS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND REDUCE THE INCREASING RISK OF DISASTERS- AND WORLD LEADERS MUST INCLUDE MAYORS, TOWNSHIPS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS“
UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON AT THE OPENING OF THE INCHEON CONFERENCE "BUILDING AN ALLIANCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION", AUGUST 2009

THE 2010-2011 WORLD DISASTER REDUCTION CAMPAIGN "MAKING CITIES RESILIENT" ADDRESSES ISSUES OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND URBAN RISK WHILE DRAWING UPON PREVIOUS ISDR CAMPAIGNS ON SAFER SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS, AS WELL AS ON THE SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATIONS PRINCIPLES DEVELOPED IN THE UN-HABITAT WORLD URBAN CAMPAIGN 2009-2013
HFA & MCR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

AT NATIONAL LEVEL
• INVOLVING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS IN A PERMANENT DIALOGUE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
• COORDINATING THE ITALIAN PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
• PROMOTING CROSS-SECTORAL PROGRAMMES, PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES
• STIMULATING LEGISLATIVE INNOVATION

AT LOCAL LEVEL
• SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES, INTERMUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVINCES IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN RISK KNOWLEDGE BASE, FORECASTING AND PREVENTION SYSTEMS, CONTINGENCY AND EMERGENCY PLANS.
• PROMOTING DISASTER RISK TRAINING, EDUCATION, AWARENESS
• FACILITATING LOCAL CAMPAIGNS, EVENTS, FORUMS
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE - Involvement of local administrations

• ACTIVATION OF THE ITALIAN NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, INVOLVEMENT OF NATIONAL-LEVEL ADMINISTRATIONS AND REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS;
• DISASTER RISK AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS AT LOCAL LEVEL, WITH PARTICULAR REGARDS TO SCHOLARS AND VOLUNTEERS;
• PROMOTION OF THE MAKING CITIES RESILIENT CAMPAIGN INITIATIVE AND OBJECTIVES;
• ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION;
• SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

ROLE MODEL CITIES: VENICE

THE CITY OF VENICE, LOCATED INTO A LAGOON WITH A FRAGILE BALANCE AMONG LAND AND SEA, HAS EVOLVED DURING ITS LONG HISTORY MANAGING TO PRESERVE ITS APPEARANCE OVER TIME AND ITS CHARACTERISTICS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC RISK PREVENTION AND ADAPTATION SKILLS. VENICE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A ROLE MODEL CITY BECAUSE OF ITS EFFORTS TOWARDS THE PROTECTION OF ITS IMMENSE CULTURAL HERITAGE.
WHAT IS BEING DONE: - reinforcing the system

• FURTHER REINFORCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION: STRONG INVOLVEMENT OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS, INCLUSION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY;
• CAPACITY BUILDING AT LOCAL LEVEL (TRAINING COURSES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS AND VOLUNTEERS, PROMOTION OF INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS);
• SUPPORT TO INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS AIMED AT ENSURING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND DISASTER RESPONSE AT LOCAL LEVEL.

• NEW INITIATIVES FOR PROMOTING THE INVOLVEMENT OF REGIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND NETWORKS, INCLUDING THE MAKING CITIES RESILIENT CAMPAIGN;
• MORE DIALOGUE ON DISASTER RISK PREVENTION WITH POLICYMAKERS;
FURTHER STEPS

AT NATIONAL LEVEL
• STEADILY INVOLVING THE POLITICAL LEVEL
• REINFORCING POLICY COOPERATION AMONG ADMINISTRATIONS ON CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES
• ESTABLISHING A PLATFORM WEBSITE AND RESERVED AREA FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
• STRENGTHENING THE INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE PARTNERS
• PROMOTING COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN PLATFORMS

AT LOCAL LEVEL
• PROMOTING FURTHER EFFORTS IN THE AREAS OF PLANNING AND EARLY WARNING
• FURTHER TRAINING OF MAYORS AND ADMINISTRATORS
• FACILITATING MATCHING BETWEEN NEEDS AND RESOURCES
• FURTHER REINFORCING THE ROLE PLAYED BY VOLUNTEERS
• PROMOTING TWINNINGS AMONG CITIES, INCLUDING WITH FOREIGN PARTNERS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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Resilience in Lucania

A network of small resources to build a large resilience to disasters

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The Lucania

- Interregional South Italian geographical area of 220 small towns sharing the same cultural heritage (population of 1,000,000, area of 15,000 km²)

- Characterized by a very high density of natural resources
  - energy (> 1 billion gallons of proved oil reserves)
  - water (> 1 billion m³ of water reservoirs)
  - environment (3 National Parks)

- Affected by three major risks
  - Seismic
  - Hydrogeological
  - Wildland fires

- The most economically depressed area of Italy (very few resources available to resilience)
The Gruppo Lucano

An Association of Civil Protection Volunteers operating in 102 municipalities with 4,200 volunteers

- Operational structure
  - 135 lorries for firefighting, supporting tent cities and snow emergencies
  - Sea rescue equipment

- Risk reduction structure
  - Scientific Division with a network of monitoring stations (seismic, meteorological, satellite based, optical)
  - Division to manage campaigns aimed at propagating emergency preparedness in schools and throughout the population
The philosophy of resilience adopted

A network of small resources to build a large resilience to disasters

In Lucania it is paramount to link together the three major components of resilience:

- Communities
- Local institutions
- Sense of solidarity (volunteering)

We have achieved this through the following actions:

- The volunteers act as a bridge between the community and the local institutions (creating social cohesion)
- Local institutions and volunteers plan campaigns together aimed at spreading the culture of resilience among the population and in the schools
CITIES WITH GRUPPO LUCANO
CITIES WITH GRUPPO LUCANO WHICH HAVE JOINED THE CAMPAIGN
CITIES WITH GRUPPO LUCANO WHICH ARE JOINING THE CAMPAIGN
The results
The results
Good practices adopted for the Campaign

- Building trust
- Building support
- Always maintaining roles clearly distinguished
  - institution (establishing and enforcing rules)
  - community (control over the adopted policies)
  - volunteers (creating vision and social cohesion)
The future
(how to increase resilience in Lucania)

- By the end of 2012: 50 municipalities will have joined the Campaign
- By the end of 2012: 50% of the schools will be involved in the educational campaign for resilience
- We are launching the campaign “One volunteer of Civil Protection in each family”
- We have proposed an international event to test the resilience network in case of a major seismic event in the region (Val D’Agri).
April-September 2009
Tent City ex-Italtel1 Aquila Ovest

October 2010
Chiaromonte – elementary school

Thank You