WG 2 Information Sharing and Exchanges: EU Exchange of Experts

http://www.exchangeofexperts.eu/

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What are the benefits?

1. Increase knowledge and competence
2. Opportunity to participate in a training course, conference, exercise or other activity
3. Opportunity to see the issues in the field
4. New contacts
5. Increased opportunities for international cooperation
6. Better implementation of HFA
7. Better understanding of EU financial instruments
Who should participate?

- **Technical experts** (civil protection, planners, landslide, earthquake, infrastructure, water management, etc.)

- Decision-makers

- HFA focal points

- Scientists (geologist, hydrologists, meteorologists, physical geographers, etc.)
How do you get started?

1. Decide on the focus
2. Decide on the geographic area
3. Find contacts
4. Know the current themes that DG ECHO Civil Protection is financing
5. Talk to someone who has been granted funding
6. Look at the application forms
Exchange of Experts Programme
Registration Forms

Experts
To apply for participation as an expert in an exchange, click on
Expert Registration Form

Host Organisation
To apply to invite experts for an exchange as the host organization or institution, click on
Host Registration Form

• One-way versus two-way exchanges
• Direct contact with the EU Exchange of Experts Office
Keep in mind…

- The host has to fill out the application before an exchange can be granted.
- Each expert then fills out his/her own application to participate.
- There is a ceiling for how much the exchange can cost.
- Between 1-5 persons can participate.
- EU Exchange of Experts Office books the travel.
Planning the exchange

1. Link all details of the exchange to current problems/challenges

2. Focus on one of the HFA principles but include one or two others

3. Decide on what places to visit. Field trips should be prioritized.

4. Develop the agenda when you apply and discuss costs

5. Meet key people who deal with the problem/challenge

6. Include a session to talk about future goals for each city
Field Reports

2012 Field reports

EU Exchange of Experts Department of Civil Protection – Iceland visit to the Dipartimento Instituzionale e Territorio – Italy, 20 – 29 June 2012
Report

2011 Field reports

EU Exchange of Experts Landes Fire and Rescue Service - France visit to the Fire Service College – UK, 18 – 22 December 2011
Report
Website for EU Exchange of Experts

- A report is required.

- An excerpt from the report should be sent to UNISDR for PreventionWeb’s EFDRR site.

- Talk about your experiences to others
What makes a good exchange?

• Learning opportunity

• New ways of doing what you do

• It’s informal

• Example from Jönköping-Tyrol exchange 2012-2013 – *Dr Michiko Hama from alpS*
Thank you!

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