

Early feedback from the UK about the Peer review

Some facts and figures

- Review team saw nearly 90 people in 7 days, and spoke to 45 organisations, government departments and Scottish and Welsh government representatives
- Worked from 0900 to 1730 on most days, some with 30 minute lunchbreaks, and then made further notes and write-ups in the evening. At least 100 hours of work
- Travelled over 500 km around the UK

Positive achievements	Areas to be worked on
1. Raised the profile of HFA in the UK.	1. It was too much. Great sympathy for peer reviewers in the UK
2. Thoroughly professional and well carried out review by an excellent team. Good to see 3 organisations working together so well.	2. We don't think that the HFA Monitor Template is fit for purpose.
3.It was the first time and a great learning experience for everyone. We didn't get it all right, but it will get better. Each time	3. Should you go to another country to use teleconference and videoconference. What happens in a review across some of the bigger countries in Europe?
4. It's much easier than we thought to get people to come and talk to others about what they are doing.	4. Language - Did we provide enough information for the reviewers before they came? Suppose all your written material is not in English?
5.They only saw who the UK wanted them to see????	5. Where do we go from here? How do we cope with all those who may put themselves forward. How do we follow –up?
6. Would I recommend you to put your country forward. Absolutely	

Comments from those interviewed

Thank you for inviting us along – it was certainly a very interesting meeting.

I think there are so many opportunities for sharing and learning on DRR between our sectors and we would love to explore this further.

It felt like having my homework marked

The review team visited us here in Bristol yesterday. The meeting went very well and I think that they found it useful – they certainly asked plenty of questions!

I felt so humble to be questioned so well in perfect English. I couldn't have done that in any of the countries of the peers

The questions were so good – I wish I had been better prepared

London riots – autumn 2012

