EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement: main activities since MADRID 2014

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6th Annual Meeting of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (Paris, France, 7-9 October 2015)
Its participation to the Sendai Conference

- The Agreement has made several interventions in various sessions organised during the WCDRR:

1. Plenary session
   - Official statement on behalf of the Council of Europe to support the new Post-2015 Priorities on DRR

2. Session on people with disabilities and disaster
   - Presentation of the on-going work on People with Disabilities in Disaster Preparedness and Response

3. Session on human rights in disasters
   - Presentation of the work related to Ethical Principles on Disaster Risk Reduction and People’s Resilience

4. Session on Health and Human Rights: Questions About Nuclear Accidents
   - Presentation of the work associated to ex-ante nuclear hazard information for population

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The end of the Medium Term Plan 2011-15

Network of 27 centres develop activities. 2015: end of biannual programme and MTP
2016: new biannual programme based on future MTP

MTP 2011-15 based on three main pillars:

1. Using Information to Save Lives and Help Victims
   - Assess the magnitude of events to alert population
   - Promote communication between governments

2. Using Knowledge to Reduce Vulnerability
   - Evaluate and use information in spatial planning
   - Assess increased risk from climate change and improve environmental resilience

3. Placing People at the Heart of Disaster Risk Reduction
   - Promote efficient DRR policies and governance, taking also care of ethical aspects
   - Improve resilience and preparedness through education and awareness
Selected coordinated projects for 2014-2015

- Trigerring factors integration in landslides hazard mapping
- Fire management in natural and cultural heritage sites
- Drought recurrence assessment and forecasting
- Distance monitoring of buildings and structures
- Involvement of citizens in man-made disasters emergency planning
- Earthquake vulnerability assessment of historical centres
- Coupling terrestrial and marine datasets for coastal hazard assessment and risk reduction in changing environments
- Course on Global change and risks to cultural heritage
- Inform and involve the population in the prevention of seismic and tsunami risks in coastal areas

Final reports available at the end of 2015.
Including People with Disabilities in Disaster Preparedness and Response

- Conference on Including People with Disabilities in Disaster Preparedness and Response (Brussels, Belgium, 4-5 December 2014)
- Workshop of Presentation of the Toolkit on Disability and disaster preparedness (21 May 2015, Brussels, Belgium)
- Toolkit is a work in progress: all case studies are welcomed

Including Migrants and Refugees in Disaster Preparedness and Response

- Setting up of a Working group on the topic
- Preparation of a questionnaire on actual practices on the topic
- Contributions welcomed also from non member states of EUR-OPA

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Involvement in PEDRR activities

- Follow-up of the 2012 EUR-OPA Recommendation and the 2013 publication: ‘Ecosystem Approach to Disaster Risk Reduction’
- Support to the PEDRR Input to Post-2015 Global Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction
- Regional workshop on Nature-based solutions for disaster risk reduction (Belgrade, Serbia, 29-30 September 2015)
Resolution

- Resolution on the support to the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
  - Adopted by the Committee of Permanent Correspondents on the 28 November 2014
  - Commitment of the EUR-OPA Agreement to contribute through its future activities to the implementation and success of the Sendai Framework for DRR

Publications

- Booklet “Towards more disaster resilient societies: The EUR-OPA contribution”
  - Recalls the past contribution to HFA and reiterates the wish to contribute to the successful implementation of 4 priorities: risk assessment, risk governance, resilience to and preparedness for disasters.

- Major Hazards and People with Disabilities: a toolkit for good practice
  - Provides guidance and examples of good practice for civil protection professionals, decision-makers and people with disabilities to reduce their vulnerability to disasters.

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Towards a New Medium Term Plan 2016-19

MTP 2016-19 under discussion with member states.

Preliminary proposals:

1. **Reinforce the work oriented to authorities**
   - Mobilize the network of Centres for more policy oriented projects
   - Consider the governance issues both nationally and internationally

2. **Consolidate the work oriented to population**
   - Raise the risk awareness of the whole population
   - Promote the participation of population to prevention and preparedness

3. **Pursue the synergies with other partners**
   - Continue the international involvement for DRR
   - Develop innovative initiatives with other stakeholders

Final discussion on draft MTP 2016-19 at the next Committee of Permanent Correspondents (Strasbourg, 2-3 November)

Formal approval at the forthcoming Ministerial Session in 2016.

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