

6th EUROPEAN FORUM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Paris Outcomes

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We, the participants of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR), present at the Paris Session hosted and Chaired by France and Co-Chaired by Finland;

1. Recall the painful consequences of the recent violent storm and flooding in the south of France.
2. Underline the achievement of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction towards building a sustainable future and recognise the shift from a disaster management towards the management of risks for a development path that prevent new risks to be introduced, minimises risk accumulation, reduces existing risks and promotes resilience. Emphasise the importance of the Sendai Framework's seven global targets and welcome the ongoing process that aims to develop indicators that measure advances in the implementation of the Sendai Framework.
3. Welcome the strong focus on disaster risk reduction within the Sustainable Development Goals and call for the upcoming COP21 to reinforce synergies in addressing climate change adaptation in particular when developing national and local disaster risk reduction strategies.
4. Recognise that a disaster resilient future depends on a whole-of-society approach that includes the private and public sector in all its diversity.
5. Highlight the need to further develop a European private-public sector approach to disaster risk reduction, allowing for the creation of knowledge and incentives for risk informed investments in prevention.
6. Call for a stronger focus on the economic management of risks, in particular through the development of a group involving private sector and other economic actors that will help to concretize the Sendai Framework and review the relevance of focusing on resilient infrastructure safety and development.
7. Consider the value in developing appropriate metrics that will correctly reflect the sharing of risk and the pricing of future losses, and emphasise the value in applying a bottom-up approach in this process.
8. Endorse the Road Map for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework with a view to its adoption by the EFDRR ministerial session expected to take place under the presidency of Finland. Call upon the established working group to elaborate the list of activities in the Road Map by February 2016.
9. Call for stronger awareness on people-centred risk assessments, where appropriate, and the capacity to cope with risk and recognise the importance of risk-informed citizens and the need to develop a knowledge-based risk culture.
10. Commit to move forward the Road Map areas of focus: the development of review of national and local-level strategies for disaster risk reduction and the integration of disaster risk reduction in related areas such as climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource management in land use planning, economic management of risks.

11. Agree to organise the EFDRR Open Forum in 2017, to be held before and serve as a means to prepare for the Global Platform, review the advances and challenges in implementing the Sendai Framework and related voluntary commitments in Europe, and trigger the sharing of risk knowledge. Task the EFDRR Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair and the Co-Chair, to develop a concept note by April 2016.
12. Stress the importance of interconnecting disaster risk reduction efforts and the adaptation actions that will result from the forthcoming COP21 agreement mobilizing non-state stakeholders, and the contribution of disaster risk reduction to the Lima-Paris Action Agenda to disaster risk reduction.
13. Praise the results and contributions of the EFDRR Working Group on CCA & DRR to foster the development of the Sendai Framework. While the working group has ended its work it was acknowledge that the implementation of the roadmap will require further work on this topic.
14. Encourage the strengthening of national platforms for disaster risk reduction for an effective implementation of the Sendai Framework new elements.
15. Stress the importance of increasing awareness of disaster risk reduction in the media community, inter alia through the conference on Mass Media and Disaster Risk Reduction in Armenia, December 2015.
16. Acknowledge the ongoing preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit to be held in Turkey, May 2016, and encourage synergies between the humanitarian, development and climate change communities in supporting countries managing disaster risk (for example through joint risk assessment and analysis, planning and programming).
17. Emphasize that prevention of damage to cultural heritage contributes significantly to economic development, innovation and jobs creation and should be addressed duly considered by national platforms. Encourage disaster risk reduction analysis priorities of cultural assets and agree to encourage preparedness for disaster risk for cultural heritage, notably at World Heritage Sites, drawing on past experience, when relevant, in combination with innovation.
18. Recommend that risk perception analysis is the first step in understanding how local cultures identify and manage risk. Risk perception drives how people will behave and manage a particular risk. The inclusion of social sciences and their analytical tools in the national platforms is crucial to have a complete vision of the understanding of risk.
19. Praise the actions of European Union contributing to Sendai implementation and the announcement of an EU action plan early next year on Sendai implementation and its implications for all EU policies. Value the initiatives of the Council of Europe, through its EUR-OPA Agreement to contribute to the Sendai implementation and the future adoption at ministerial level of its Medium Term Action 2016-19. Welcome the continued disaster risk management capacity building actions by DPPI SEE.

Acknowledge the excellent and innovative work of TENEVIA as the laureate of the Damir Čemerin Award of Local Change.

Express gratitude and appreciation to France for its cordial hospitality in hosting this 6th Annual Meeting of the EFDRR. Confirm Finland and Turkey as the future Chair and Co-Chair, respectively, following the Chairmanship of France.