Learning Labs @ GP 2019

From guidelines to measures: risk analysis and preparedness planning in the Canton of Geneva

1. Purpose and objectives:

In this lab, the participants learn how the national disaster risk assessment and a methodological guideline provide the basis for specific measures on the subnational, i.e. Cantonal level. In particular, this lab shows how the disaster risk and emergency management authorities of the Canton of Geneva use a regional risk analysis as a planning tool to implement specific measures for risk reduction.

2. Target participants:

Disaster risk and emergency management authorities, risk management practitioners and consultants.

3. Methodology and content:

The Federal Office for Civil Protection presents the guidelines and further instruments that support the Cantons in their risk analysis and preparedness planning processes and reflects the influence of the guidelines and the national risk assessment on the disaster management in Switzerland.

In a second presentation, the authorities of the Canton of Geneva show how they apply the guidelines in their analysis, what the main results are and what the benefits of the analysis are regarding their disaster and emergency management tasks. A specific measure to enhance resilience illustrates the transboundary collaboration. The learning lab addresses:

- the organization and the multi stakeholder approach of the analysis
- the methodology for risk analysis in a multi-level policy context.
- the use of the results in preparedness planning
- the role of the federal and subnational authorities

After the presentations, participants share experiences with similar approaches in an open discussion. The framework requirements, strengths and weaknesses of the presented approaches are discussed from a country-specific perspective.

4. Logistics and resources:

The organizers need a projector/screen connected with laptop
5. Name and contact details of the session focal points:

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