

Annex II

Nomination form for cities and local governments to participate in the campaign

Please send the nomination form and the mayor's letter to isdrcampaign@un.org. Nominations will be accepted on an ongoing basis throughout 2010-11.

City / Local Government (Please indicate the year the numbers were provided.)	
City name	Lienz
Location (short description)	Lienz is the district capital of East Tyrol in the state Tyrol in Austria in the Central Eastern Alps. Its location (46° 50' N, 12° 46' E) is dominated by the ranges Hohen Tauern and Karnische Alpen and by the confluence of the Puster-, Isle- and Drau valley. The combination of high relief energy and catchments node makes this location particularly prone to various natural hazards.
Size (year)	15,94 km ² (1 January 2010)
Population (year)	11.961 (1 January 2010)
GDP	
Hazard type(s)	flood, land-slide, avalanche
Name of Mayor / Commissioner / Governor / Community leader	
Johannes Hibler	
Which part of the city administration will be the focal point for the Campaign?	
Abteilung Umwelt- und Zivilschutz (Department for the Environment and Civil Defence)	
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Which local institutions will be engaged in the Campaign? (In addition to the local government.)	
Fire Brigade, Mountain Rescue Services, Water Rescue Service, Red Cross	
Major Disaster Risks (Please indicate major disasters that have occurred, prevailing hazards and vulnerable conditions.)	

Over centuries recurrent devastating floods destroying buildings, bridges and other infrastructure. A series of floods between August 1965 and November 1966 mark the high point of flood disasters in Lienz and constitute a hydrological phenomenon world wide, when more than 200 mm precipitation were recorded within three days of heavy rainfall.

Achievements and plans in relation to the ten essentials areas

A - Make an estimation of the **status** per essential as follows:

1 - poor/nothing in place, 2 - some progress in place, 3 - in place, well functioning, or N/A

B - Please describe main areas of **progress** and **achievements**.

C - Please identify **activities** and **plans** your city will pay special attention **to improve the current situation** during the campaign and beyond. Additionally, feel free to propose special events or activities your city would like undertake to raise awareness on disaster resilience. Please select the respective Essential(s).

Essential 1 – Risk reducing organization and coordination in place

Status - 3

Progress and achievements – The organisation and coordination of disaster reduction in Lienz is handled by the especially for this purpose installed Environment Department of the city of Lienz. This department takes on environmental and disaster reduction agendas in equal parts. It coordinates the fire brigade, the mountain rescue service, the water rescue service and the Red Cross service of Lienz. All these organisations work on a voluntary basis. The city of Lienz has engaged in a very thorough process of participatory action and awareness building that has lead to a strong sense of citizenship among its residents and hence created the base for exceptionally strong voluntary action.

Furthermore, the Environment Department coordinates the exchange between these voluntary organisations and governmental offices, health authorities and businesses throughout the region, organises workshops and meetings for all involved stakeholders and identifies action points for further disaster risk management. Its mayor achievement lies in the promotion of a strong sense of citizenship and the consequential mobilisation and coordination of volunteers, which takes disaster reduction beyond the responsibilities of state or nation wide bodies such as the police and emergency services.

Plans - A formalisation of informal cooperation among respective disaster relief organisations across the region is planned to further exchange of experience and expertise and pool resources where needed and appropriate.

Essential 2 – Budget assigned

Status - 2

Progress and achievements – The budget of the Environment Department covers 1.) the administration of civil protection, 2.) implementation of appropriate measures and 3.) environmental protection. It is a fix point within the city budget.

Plans – An incentive scheme for homeowners to upgrade to landslide resistant outer walls is desirable

Essential 3 – Risk assessment prepared

Status - 3

Progress and achievements – The district and city of Lienz has undergone a very thorough risk assessment. This comprises hazard zone maps, spatial development (land-use) and building development plans, as well as a dedicated risk analysis that describes 73 individually recognised risks. The risk analysis is based on a participatory approach and specialised risk management software tool. The building plan is publicly accessible and the public has a right to objection.

Plans - -

Essential 4 – Investment in risk reducing infrastructure

Status - 2

Progress and achievements – Substantial investments have been made in risk reducing infrastructure. Torrent control measures have been implemented where necessary and the main rivers of Isel, Drau and Wartschenbach have been equipped with flood retention basins. The sewage system is equipped with retention basins for extrem precipitation events. Avalanche barriers have been erected where necessary.

Plans - -

Essential 5 – Safe schools and health facilities	Status - 3
Progress and achievements – All schools and health facilities are equipped with evacuation plans and perform regular evacuation drills. All school and health facilities are checked for appropriate fire exits etc. Regulations are enforced by Austrian national law.	
Plans - -	
Essential 6 – Risk-compliant building regulation and land use applied	Status - 3
Progress and achievements – Risk compliant building regulation and land-use are in place. These comprise flood risk zones in urban development plans as well as fire protection measures and roof snow load estimates for individual buildings.	
Plans - -	
Essential 7 – Education programmes and training in place	Status - 2
Progress and achievements – Drills and trainings are held on a regular basis for all risk mitigating volunteer organisations in Lienz. Fire and flood drills are performed on a regular basis in all schools and kindergardens.	
Plans – The integration of a more general risk awareness education in schools, Kindergardens and for the general public is desirable.	
Essential 8 – Ecosystems and natural buffers protected	Status - 3
Progress and achievements – The fact that environmental concerns and disaster reduction issues are dealt with within the same department at the city and district government in Lienz ensures an optimal integration. For example river beds of all major streams have been re-naturalized to reinstall full ecosystem service functionality serving flood retention by reducing flow velocities as well as ecological rehabilitation.	
Plans – It is currently planned to deepen the river bed of the Isel	
Essential 9 – Early warning systems installed	Status - 2
Progress and achievements – A flood risk early warning system is implemented through water gauges and retention basin monitoring and subsequent alarming of the necessary agencies as well as siren sounding for the general public and voluntary organisations. Apart from the procedurally formalised and technologically based early warning, the high sense of citizens responsibility that was achieved by participatory actions within the communities of Lienz has lead to an informal early warning system whereby for example an upstream farmer would check and inform appropriately in case of flood risk for downstream areas.	
Plans – It is planned to reap full potential of this informal citizenship based early warning capacity within the communities of Lienz by introducing a measure of formalisation and institutionalisation thereof.	
Essential 10 – Needs-based (survivors) reconstruction	Status - 2
Progress and achievements – Evacuation facilities including plans, emergency dormitories and bedding, field-kitchen and mobile ambulance exist in schools and other public buildings in adequate size and numbers.	
Plans - -	