

Global Platform for DRR, Geneva, 5-7th June 2007

**National coordination mechanisms –
national platforms for disaster risk
reduction**

**European network and contribution
from Switzerland**

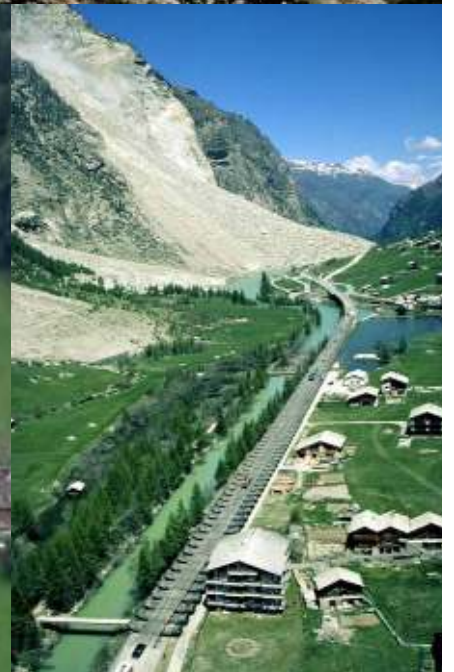


Wednesday, 6th of June 2007

PLANAT

Florian Widmer, Secretary

Past experiences



- Mean annual damage potential: 1.3 bn €
- Annual expenditures, investments for protection: 1.7 bn €

Why a PLANAT ?

1997: National Platform Natural Hazards =



- dealing with prevention on a **strategic level**
- composed of **20 representatives** of the
 - federal central government,
 - cantons,
 - research community,
 - professional associations,
 - private sector
 - insurance companies



Paradigm shift needed:

“From the defence against hazards
towards a culture of risks”!

PLANAT mission

- **Strategic work:** Protection of the means, the population and the environment;
- **Creation of awareness:** long term shift of paradigm. “From the defense against hazards towards a culture of risk”;
- **Coordination:** use of synergies, exchanges of knowledge and experience on a national as well as on an international level.



What can a EU-network bring to PLANAT?

Information & communication

- Similar problems and case studies
- Concept of communication
- Elaboration of specific laws

Know-how exchange

- Processes
- Vulnerabilities
- Protection goals
- One voice towards ISDR



What can PLANAT bring to the EU-network?

Expertise

- Institutional set-up of PLANAT
- Vision and Strategy
- System of twinning

Progress in implementation

- Plan for Action
- Problems faced
- Indicators of progress



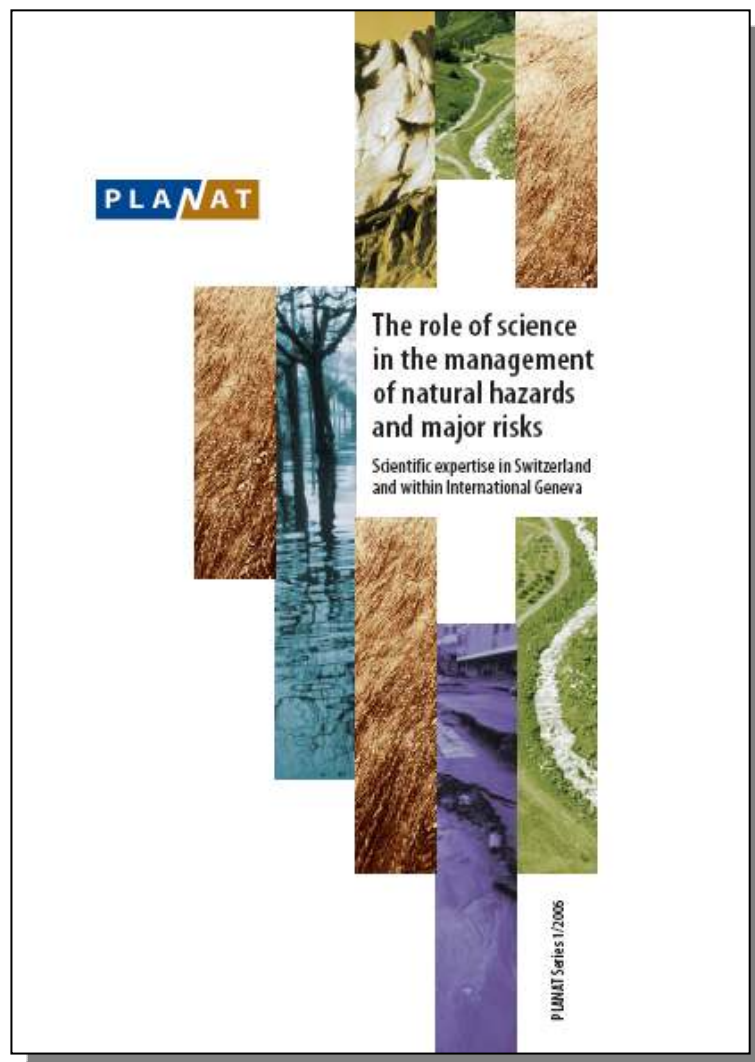
Main best practices

- 1) **First step (2000 – 2003):** Vision and Strategy (7 measures);
- 2) **Second step (2004):** synthesis report;
- 3) **Third step (2005 – 2008):** implementation of a **plan for action** (20 main projects).



In accordance with the HFA on a national level!

Example of international contribution



Contribution of the Swiss Confederation to the International Disaster Reduction Conference (IDRC) staged in Davos in summer 2006 and presented in the framework of the special session organised jointly by the Swiss National Platform for Natural Hazards (PLANAT) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

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**Side Event Switzerland, Thursday, 7th of June 2007
12:45 – 14:15, Room 4**



**How to create
and run
a platform?**

**PLANAT
Swiss National Platform
for Natural Hazards**

**1997 – 2007
Ten years of experience**

Thank you for your attention!

Action plan: examples of projects (1)

Integrated risk management

- General guidelines
- Case studies of best practices
- Efficiency of protection measures
- Pilot project

Basis instruments

- List of all current projects
- Assessment of vulnerabilities
- Evaluation of protection goals



Action plan: examples of projects (2)

Risk dialog

- Clarification of responsibilities
- Concept of communication

Controlling

- Comparison of risks and means
 - Strategic assessment
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- **Report on all projects**
 - **Identification of remaining gaps**
 - **Action plan 2008 - 2011**

