



EFDRR
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Outcome European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction :

Updates of progress made since 2012



Purpose

- * Summary on the advances emerging from the recommendations and follow-up actions identified at the 3rd Annual Meeting of the EFDRR in 2012

Countries

- * Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Rumania, Sweden, Turkey, The United Kingdom (*14 out of 27 countries who had participated in 2012 EFDRR meeting*)



Progress

1. Promote high-level engagement in building resilience to disasters at national level by using the outcome of Rio+20 and the specific language related to DRR

- A national Platform for DRR has been established (Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia) - *3 new National Platforms have been formed totaling to 25 National Platforms in Europe.*
- A National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy has been developed (Bulgaria, France); Regional Development Plans include DRR (Georgia)
- Inclusion of DRR in development plan (Turkey)
- Promotion and discussion on the implementation of DRR into the legislation (Croatia, Portugal, Rumania, Sweden) and the completion of the institutional framework (Italy)
- Part of national consultation on post 2015 (Hungary)
- HFA Peer review in United Kingdom was a real catalyst for raising high-level engagement; *Finland has agreed to undergo the next Peer Review, which will take place 5-12 October 2013*



2. Encouraged National Platform and HFA Focal Points to continue their work with their respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs to ensure DRR reflection in their on-going sustainable processes

- * Exchange of information between the HFA Focal Points and the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs following the meetings and conferences related to DRR (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Hungary, Norway, Sweden)
- * Development of an international strategy for DRR (France)
- * MoFa involved in sustainable development strategy (Turkey)
- * Collaboration with MoFa for signing off bilateral and multilateral agreements on prevention (Belarus)
- * Involvement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the work of the National Platform (Croatia)
- * Collaboration on national consultations on HFA2 (UK)



3. Recommended for National Platforms to hold national discussions on Post-2015, Post-MDGs, Rio+20 outcomes and ensure that national stakeholders dealing with the different processes participate

- *Eight* countries held national discussions on Post-2015, Post-MDGs and Rio+20 outcomes by inviting different national stakeholders (Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Hungary, Norway, Sweden, Turkey)
- Cooperation with the local authorities in order to identify the needs and challenges for Post-2015 Framework for Action (Portugal, Sweden, Italy)
- Organization of a multi-stakeholder Post-2015 National consultation in 2013/2014 (Bulgaria, France, Italy, United Kingdom)
- Sharing of UNISDR on-line dialogue at national level (Rumania)



4. Encouraged EFDRR members to participate at the EU Exchange of Experts Programme

- Many EU Exchanges of Experts took place or will take place soon:
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina >< Netherlands (October 2013)
 - Croatia >< Austria, Hungary, Malta, Poland and United Kingdom
 - Portugal >< Montenegro
 - Sweden >< Austria, Italy, DG ECHO
 - Turkey >< Spain
- Other exchange programmes:
 - Norway: bilateral cooperation and exchange on CCA through the EEA Grants Scheme
 - Rumania: exchanges related to emergency situations.
- Countries interested in participating in an Exchange: Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia



5. Recommended the need to integrate cultural heritage protection into multi-risk assessment

- Many countries have already integrated cultural heritage protection into multi-risk assessment (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Italy, Norway)
- Promotion of the protection of cultural heritage by developing a handbook for cities on cultural preservation including how to preserve valuable cultural assets from natural disasters (Sweden)
- Discussions are lead in order to integrate cultural heritage protection into multi-risk assessment (Croatia, Rumania)
- National policies include cultural heritage protection (France, Georgia)
- National policies include cultural heritage protection but not multi-risk assessment reference (Belarus, Portugal)
- Cultural heritage is included in the national strategy of a single risk (Turkey)



6. Recommended the need to integrate the scientific partners at local level acting as glue between the public and private sector

- Discussions are led in order to integrate the scientific partners acting as glue between the public and private sector (Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia)
- Scientific partners deal with local communities mainly through national and regional DRR stakeholders (Italy, France, Sweden, Turkey)
- A relevant work has been developed on local level in order to bring together public authorities, private stakeholders, research institutions, social and local organizations as well as volunteer groups of volunteers (Portugal)
- Strong cooperation with scientific partners and the National Platform (Norway)



7. More European countries to initiate the development of a national disaster loss database

- Some countries already have a disaster loss database (Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sweden)
- Several databases based on hazards (Norway, Rumania, Portugal)
- Pilot country to UNISDR and the EU joint Research Centre towards development of guidelines for disaster loss databases in Europe (Italy)
- Working towards the establishment of a national disaster loss database (Albania, Croatia, France, Serbia, Turkey, UK)

*EC-Joint Research Center Publication - “Recording Disaster Losses: Recommendations for a European approach” -
<http://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/11111/29296>*