



DRR policies and practices on the basis of UNECE EPR

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***SESSION 4 - Cross-cutting DRR and SDGs: Opportunities and challenges
for developing DRR policies***



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Issue 1: Cooperation and coordination between stakeholders

- strong **network at central level** between central authorities, between authorities and research institutes/academia (strengthened by the active role of technical working groups in DRM/DRR decisions) and between GIES/DES and some NGOs (built through cooperation protocols and joint projects)
- fragmented network at county and local level, in the context of **top-down approach** and lack of experience on working with the civil society
- an integrated whole-of-society approach is promoted by the NS for DRR, the implementation of NS for DRR at all levels will be supported by the development and monitoring of **sectorial and local DRR strategies** and plans
- GIES and county inspectorates will be responsible with monitoring and coordinate the development of sectorial and local DRR strategies and plans



Issue 2: DRR awareness and education

- current legislation gives the **main responsibility** for DRR awareness and education to the GIES/DES (the principle of “one voice”)
- also, central authorities with responsibilities in management of specific risks implement **some DRM awareness initiatives**, but there is no permanent communication with GIES and no joint projects
- the NP for DRR will have a **working group on risk communication** to ensure cooperation and synergies



Issue 3: Private sector involvement

- most involvement of private sector is **linked to response** (cooperation protocols and requisition system)

Exception:

- ✓ the Mandatory Insurance Pool for Disasters – platform of main insurance companies addressing the mandatory insurance of houses (cooperation include joint DRR activities and campaigns)
- ✓ GIES – E.ON (national gas and electricity company) – DRR awareness campaigns financed by E.ON

- private sector has a dedicated chapter in NS for DRR – mainly measures to raise DRR awareness of private sector and to promote the development of **business continuity plans**



Issue 4: Protection and involvement of vulnerable groups

- no specific legal provisions in **DRM legislation** concerning the protection of vulnerable groups during a disaster
- **social protection legislation** covers only the improved access to emergencies services and the post-disaster financial support
- some NGOs implement **dedicated projects** on improving preparedness of these groups
- resilience of vulnerable groups has a **dedicated chapter** in NS for DRR, to include all relevant stakeholders (also the Ministry of Work and Social Protection and social services)
- the NP for DRR will have a **working group on resilience of vulnerable groups** to ensure cooperation between different stakeholders and synergies



Issue 5: International cooperation and exchange of best practices

- most initiatives and projects are linked to the **preparedness and response** phases

Relevant DRR projects:

- as a member of the **DPPI SEE**

- ✓ activities on DRR capacity building, especially workshops and seminars (since 2010).
- ✓ 2022 - „INFORM Subnational Risk Index for South Easter Europe” project.

- as an **EU Member State**

- ✓ 2020 - the JASPERS technical assistance project on the development of the NPDRM
- ✓ the peer review mission (2022) focused upon four main areas: Governance of DRR, Risk management planning, Risk prevention and Risk preparedness.

- **UNDRR**

- ✓ technical assistance in the implementation of the DesInventar database
- ✓ an independent multi-stakeholder assessment of NS for DRR

- **EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement** - aims to improve the awareness and resilience to seismic risk within the population;

- **Blue Deal partnership** - Dutch Water Authorities and „Apele Române” work together in various projects on water management.



Thank you for your attention! Any questions?



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