

European Union Cooperation to Enhance Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction



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Putting Policy in Practice:
Innovation and **community
preparedness**

Event Information

Monday 16 March, 14:00 - 17:00

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14:15- 15:45

Putting Policy into practice: key projects developed by the European Union and its partners

- Resilience Compendium by **Sylvie Montembault**, Global Disaster Risk Reduction expert, Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), European Commission
The compendium showcases a diversity of risk reduction and resilience investments from different parts of the world, with different organisations.
- The EU integrated approach to climate change adaptation, DRR and resilience by **Cristiana Pasca Palmer**, Head of Unit Environment, Climate Change, Natural Resources, Directorate-General for International Aid and Development, European Commission
Successful experiences from partner countries and sub-regional organisations in the framework of the Global Climate Change Alliance and the ACP EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction programmes, including initiatives from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, will be highlighted.
- EU cross-border project «BaltPrevResilience» by **Mette Lindahl Olsson**, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
The project Baltic everyday accidents, disaster prevention and resilience (BaltPrevResilience), coordinated by the Swedish Contingency Agency, addresses the prevention and reduction of the consequences of everyday accidents and disasters.
- JICA(Japan International Cooperation Agency)/ EU(ECHO) joint strategy to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable pastoralists communities living in the arid lands of Kenya by **Junichi Hanai**, Former Senior Representative of the JICA Kenya Office
The strategy aims at ensuring the communities increase their coping capacities to droughts while at the same time reducing their vulnerability through income generating activities.

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- Strategies and Tools for Real Time Earthquake Risk Reduction (Reakt) by **Mitsuyuki Hoshiba Dr.**, Sci., Seismology and Tsunami Research Department, Meteorological Research Institute
The European Union research project REAKT, implemented by a number of partners including Japan, aims at establishing the best practice on how to use jointly all the information coming from earthquake forecast, early warning and real time vulnerability assessment.
- INFORM – Index for Risk Management by **Tom De Groeve**, Senior Scientist, Unit Global Security and Crisis Management, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission
INFORM is a global, open-source risk assessment for humanitarian crises and disasters. It can support decisions about prevention, preparedness and response.
- Copernicus Emergency Management Service by **Delilah Al-Khudhairi**, Head of Unit Global Security and Crisis Management, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission
Copernicus Emergency Management Service provides geospatial information to aid emergency response to natural disasters, man-made and humanitarian crises, as well as prevention, preparedness, response and recovery activities. Copernicus Emergency Management Service consists of the Mapping Service and the Early Warning System.