

Major hazards and people with disabilities: A toolkit for good practice

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EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement

- Medium Term Programme 2013-2016:
- Vulnerable Groups-Disaster Risk Reduction:
 - People with disabilities;
 - Migrants, Refugees and Asylum seekers;
 - Children.



Initiative of the Council of Europe

- Aware of the new challenges to be faced, and with reference to the CoE Action Plan on Disability and article 11 of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD), the Major Hazards Agreement EUR-OPA of the Council of Europe decided in 2013 to organise a survey on the safety and security of people with disabilities in case of disasters.



CoE publication 2014

- The Council of Europe published the document *Major Hazards and People with Disabilities : Their involvement in Disaster Preparedness and Response*
- a) **Report**;
- b) **Guidelines** on how to undertake first steps towards improvement;
- c) A political **Recommendation** stressing the importance for action.



Awareness

The publication was largely publicised via multiple channels, including the Internet and international meetings or conferences:

- Conference on People with Disabilities in Disaster Preparedness and Response, 4-5 December 2014, Brussels
- Workshop on needs of persons with disability throughout disaster management cycle, organised by the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, 12-13 January 2015, Riga, Latvia
- Third United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, 14-18 March 2015.



Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 Sendai, Japan, 18 March 2015

- Stakeholders Group: Proactive Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Inclusive Disaster Risk reduction for All (UNISDR);
- The Third UN World Conference incorporated explicit actions toward a disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction framework and its implementation, organised in alignment with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for Social Policy and Development in collaboration with global partners.



Idea of a Toolkit

- The discussions revealed that there were already interesting initiatives here and there, but they were not known or not structured in a way allowing for sharing good practice.
- In 2014, the Council of Europe decided to organise a new survey with the aim of collecting good practice at international level and to compile these examples in an “easy to use”
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7 success factors

- 1: Commitment of decision makers.
- 2: Coordination and continuity.
- 3: Networking.
- 4: Strategic planning.
- 5: Knowledge management.
- 6: Optimising resources.
- 7: Communication and marketing.

Additionally to the 7 success factors the toolkit takes into consideration the

- 4 phases of the disaster risk management cycle and follows the
- “design for all” principle.



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- Challenge;
- Drivers behind:
 - Nothing without us;
 - Design for All;
 - Leave no one behind;
 - Human Rights Approach;
- Encounters.



Follow up to the Toolkit

- EUR-OPA Major Hazards Medium Term Plan of the Council of Europe;
- Participants contribution;
- Anti-discrimination and Social Cohesion Department of the Council of Europe: new Disability Action Plan 2016-2020.



- THANK YOU for
your attention and contribution!