

## **5<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN FORUM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

### **Madrid Outcomes**

6-8 October 2014

We, the participants of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR), present at the Madrid Session hosted and Chaired by Spain and Co-Chaired by France;

1. Recognize the importance of the upcoming Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) (14-18 March 2015, Sendai, Japan). Acknowledge the European Union Council conclusions of 5 June 2014 on the post 2015 Hyogo framework for action: managing risks to achieve resilience, and the Outcome Document of the European Ministerial Meeting on disaster risk reduction held in Milan, Italy, on 8 July 2014. Contribute to the ongoing consultations on the pre-zero draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction by sharing the following considerations:
  - Recognize the need for joint actions and synergies between disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, sustainable development and small-scale disasters.
  - Emphasize the need for effective coordination and communication mechanisms such as National Platforms on disaster risk reduction to bring together governments and different stakeholders at all levels towards resilience efforts and support the post-2015 framework implementation in particular by
    - i. *Improving the coordination of work and knowledge on prevention and mitigation of hazards and disasters*
    - ii. *Better understanding for the protection of critical infrastructure and societal vital functions.*
    - iii. *Increasing understanding of other stakeholders operating in the field.*
    - iv. *Better coordinated development and dissemination of knowledge, data, methods and experience*
    - v. *More effective use of resources within society, civilians, private business and government*
    - vi. *Increased collaboration locally, nationally and internationally.*
    - vii. *Support local level implementation and collaboration to prevent and mitigate disaster consequences.*
  - Reinforce the pivotal role of a designated National Focal Point in Governance for implementing of the Post-2015 framework.

- Champion, reinforce and better connect existing and future initiatives for integrated research and the scientific assessment of disaster risk through an adequate international scientific advisory mechanism, in order to strengthen the evidence base to inform decision-making under the post-2014 framework.
2. Promote local level engagement in building resilience to disasters through innovative tools (such as video and internet messages) as a way to raise public awareness on risks. Call upon UNISDR, the Council of Europe and the European Commission to share such awareness materials. Highlight the essential role of local awareness action through national networking and international exchanges.
  3. Value the respective contributions of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation to deal with the growing challenges associated to climate change. Agreed to contribute to the 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties on Climate Change 2015 (COP21) debates through the support of EFDRR Working Group on DRR and CCA.
  4. Ensure risk governance at all levels and highlight the added value of country peer review contribution to such objective.
  5. Acknowledge the reduction of flood losses in Europe. EFDRR will further exchange lessons learnt across different scales including the implementation of the flood directive, link with the science community and private sector.
  6. Work with the Council of Europe (EUR-OPA Partial Agreement) and the European Union (through its upcoming Latvian Presidency) in addressing the rights of People with Disabilities and Preparedness to disasters.
  7. UNISDR will integrate the outcomes of European events dedicated to People with Disabilities and Disaster Risk Reduction as a contribution to the featuring of this relevant topic at the WCDDRR.
  8. Hold an open forum meeting biennially hosted by the European Commission to allow for the participation of multi-stakeholder actors and major groups in order to increase the sharing of the knowledge, experiences and best practices among all disaster risk reduction actors.
  9. Develop a road map along common areas of engagement in addressing the disaster risk reduction agenda through the support of a working group.
  10. Nominate Finland and Turkey as the future Chair and Co-Chair, respectively, following the Chairmanship of France.

Acknowledge the excellent work of Francisco Jódar Alonso, Mayor of the Municipality of Lorca, in building resilience to disasters at the local level as awardee of the Damir Čemerin Award of Local Change.

Express gratitude and appreciation to Spain for its cordial hospitality in hosting this 5<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.