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14<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting of the European and Mediterranean  
Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA)

**Building More Inclusive Societies through  
Better Disaster Risk Management**

By videoconference from  
Matosinhos, Portugal

24 November 2021

13:00 CET

Agenda

<p><b>Chairperson:</b></p>	<p><b>Mr Krzysztof Zyman</b>, Executive Secretary of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement, Council of Europe</p>
<p><b>13:00 – 13:30</b></p>	<p>Opening ceremony and adoption of the agenda (ref AP/CAT (2021) OJ 02)</p>
	<p><u>Welcome speeches by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Mr Eduardo Cabrita</b>, Minister for Home Affairs, Portugal</li> <li>▶ <b>Mr. Matjaz Gruden</b>, Director, Directorate of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe</li> <li>▶ <b>Ms. Shamila Nair-Bedouelle</b>, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)</li> <li>▶ <b>Ms. Paraskevi Michou</b>, Director-General at DG for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, European Commission</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:30 – 14:15</b></p>	<p><b>Inclusion of vulnerable groups in preparing for and responding to disasters</b></p>
	<p><i>Introduction by Mr Krzysztof Zyman</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Speaker 1: <b>Mr Christos Stylianides</b>, Minister of Climate Change and Civil Protection, Greece</li> <li>▶ Speaker 2: <b>Mr Roberto Ciavatta</b>, Minister Secretary of State for Health, San Marino</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Associated themes:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Protection of vulnerable groups in case of a pandemic</li> <li>2) New threats resulting from changing climate (pathogens released by melting permafrost, tropical diseases appearing in temperate climate zones; heatwaves and drought increasing malnutrition, etc.)</li> </ol> <p>Discussion and short interventions</p>
<p><b>14:15 – 14:30</b></p>	<p><i>Introduction by Mr Krzysztof Zyman</i></p> <p><b>Adoption of the Recommendation “enabling and protecting persons with disabilities before, during and after public health emergencies resulting from viral or other pathogenic pandemics” and the Recommendation “Inclusion of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in public health emergencies resulting from viral or other pathogenic pandemics”.</b></p>
<p><b>14:30 – 14:45</b></p>	<p><b><u>Coffee break</u></b></p>

14:45– 15:30

## Developing EUR-OPA's actions to meet the new challenges posed by natural, technological and biological hazards

*Introduction by Mr Krzysztof Zyman*

- ▶ Speaker 1: **Mr Damir Trut**, Director General of the Civil Protection Directorate, Ministry of the Interior, Croatia
- ▶ Speaker 2: **Mr Marián Dritomský**, General Director, Section of Crisis Management, Minister of Interior, Slovak Republic
- ▶ Speaker 3: **Mr Costas Constantinou**, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior, Cyprus
- ▶ Speaker 4: **Mr Vladimir Soloviev**, Director of the Department for International Cooperation of EMERCOM of Russia
- ▶ Speaker 5: **Mr Octavian Bivol**, Chief of the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

### **Associated theme:**

- 1) Priorities of the EUR-OPA Medium-Term Plan 2021-2025
- 2) EUR-OPA's contribution to the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

*Discussion and short interventions*

15:30 – 15:45

*Introduction by Mr Krzysztof Zyman*

### **ADOPTION OF THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION**

15:45 – 16:00

### **Closing ceremony**

*Speeches by Mr Eduardo Cabrita, Minister for Home Affairs, Portugal and Mr Krzysztof Zyman, Executive Secretary of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement, Council of Europe*