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in Disaster Preparedness and Response

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concepts:

accessibility, visitability, usability, reachability, habitability, adaptability



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- proposed solutions: training of decision-makers, raising awareness, changing attitudes



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- concepts: “integrated accessibility / design“, “building for everyone”
- tools: “accessibility chart”, “accessibility chain”, training of architects



Resolution ResAP(2001)1

Resolution ResAP(2001) 1 on the introduction of the principles of universal design into the curricula of all occupations working on the built environment (“Tomar Resolution”) (15 Febr. 2001)

- aim: improve knowledge of professionals
- fields: higher education + vocational training
- proposed solution: compulsory learning modules



Resolution ResAP(2001)1

new concepts:

- universal design principles
- “egressibility” (in background information)

method:

- user participation



Council of Europe Disability Action Plan 2006-2015

Recommendation Rec(2006)5 on the Council of Europe Action Plan to promote the rights and full participation of people with disabilities in society: improving the quality of life of people with disabilities in Europe 2006-2015 (5 Apr. 2006)

15 key action lines

41 objectives

163 specific actions



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Action Line No. 6 The built environment
specific action no. vi

- “to ensure that due attention is paid to the safety of people with disabilities when designing emergency and evacuation procedures”



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Action Line No. 7 Transport
specific action no. xiii

- “to ensure that transport safety and emergency procedures do not create additional inequalities for people with disabilities”



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31 languages

Braille

easy-to-read



UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

CoE MS	Convention	Protocol
signed	45	35
ratified	38	27

(state: 21/10/2012)



UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Art. 11

Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

States Parties shall take, in accordance with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters.