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International Workshop

Governance of Climate-Related Risks in Europe: the Need for Policy Oriented Research

Venue : DG ENV/CLIMA/ECHO, av. Beaulieu, Brussels
08-09 September 2011

This international workshop follows the 2009 EC DG Research-UNISDR event on “Dialogue Between Scientists and Stakeholders” and the 2010 on “Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation: Reducing Water-related Risks in Europe” and aims to promote dialogue between the scientific and policy maker communities towards more effective measures to adapt to climate change through Disaster Risk Reduction.

The event will be structured in three sessions:

- 1) *Knowing Risks*: the most recent publications and studies relevant to DRR and climate change adaptation will be presented along updates on main European policies and interventions relevant to the subject.
- 2) *Making Scientific Research Policy Oriented*: the leading FP7 Research project supported by the EC will present their adaptation and DRR policy relevant scientific findings along with key European policy makers and regional organizations presentations on the recent implementation of interventions and policy dealing with climate change adaptation and risk reduction.
- 3) *Governance of Climate-Related Risks in Europe*: a focus on governance and the decision making process on DRR and Climate Adaptation policies in the Europe context and an active exchange between the policy makers and the FP7 Coordinators on effective partnerships for effective climate adaptation and risk reduction in Europe will take place.



Day 1
08 September 2011

Session 1 – Knowing Risks

Chair: Denis Peter & Philippe Quevauviller (DG Research)

- 14:00-14:30 **Opening**
European Commission, DG Environment – Peter Gammeltoft
European Commission, DG Research and Innovation – Andrea Tilche
Council of Europe – Eladio Fernandez-Galiano
United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Paola Albrito
- 14:30-14:45
Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Europe: a review of risk governance
Tom Downing (GCAP)
- 14:45-15:00 **DRR related issues in EU Civil Protection Policy**
Ian Clark (DG ECHO)
- 15:00 – 15:15 **Climate change and DRR: the Spanish experience**
(tbc)
- 15:15-15:30 **Improved assessment of climate change impacts and vulnerability**
Rob Thintch (CLIMSAVE project, FP7)
- 15:30-15:45 **Questions and Answers**
- 15:45-16:00 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00-16:15 **The international research agenda on disaster risk, the IRDR and the GEM programmes**
Salvano Briceno (GEM)
- 16:15-16:30 **Global Assessment Report 2011: emerging risks in Europe**
Andrew Maskrey (UNISDR)
- 16:30-17:00 **PLENARY DISCUSSION : Do we know enough yet ?**
Moderator: Francesc PLA (EUR-OPA)
- 17:00-17:10 **Conclusions of the Session by the Chair Person**



Day 2
09 September 2011

Session 2 – Making Scientific Research Policy Oriented

Chair: Damir Cemerin (EUR-OPA Vice-Chair)

Topic 1 : Towards concrete prevention measures

- 09:00-09:15 **Risk issues in EU Climate Policy**
Rosario Bento Pais (DG Climate Action)
- 09:15-09:30 **Evaluating the benefits of different risk prevention initiatives**
Giuliano di Baldassare (KULTURISK project, FP7)
- 09:30-09:45 **Climate adaptation strategy and risk reduction in practice**
Dag Olav Hogvold (Norway HFA Focal Point)
- 09:45-10:15 **Questions and Answers**
- 10:15 10:45 *Coffee Break*

Topic 2 : Taking into account societies and people

- 10:45-11:00 **Social capacity building for natural hazards: Toward more resilient societies**
Christian Kuhlicke (CAPHAZNet project, FP7)
- 11:00-11:15 **On ethical issues related to natural hazards and resilience**
Michel Prieur (Université de Limoges), tbc
- 11:15-11:30 **Building resilience to disasters amongst communities in Europe**
Debby Guha Sapid (emBRACE project, FP7)
- 11:30-11:45 **Economic of resilience of societies in a changing climate**
Kiran Sura (UK Committee on Climate Change)
- 11:45-12:15 **PLENARY DISCUSSION: How can scientific findings orient efficient policies in climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction?**
Moderator: Pande Lazarevski (EFDRR)
- 12:15-12:30 **Conclusions of the Session by the Chair Person**
- 12:30-13:30 *Lunch*



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Session 3 – Governance of Climate-Related Risks in Europe

Chair: Paola Albrito (UNISDR Europe)

Topic 1 : Mechanisms and Stakeholders in Risk Governance

- 13:45-14:00 **Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Resilience Index**
Pande Lazarevski (FYR of Macedonia NP / EFDRR)
- 14:00-14:15 **Effective decision-making on climate change impacts and adaptation**
Stefan Hochrain (MEDIATION project, FP7)
- 14:15-14:30 **Using scientific findings into national DRR planning**
Thierry Hubert (France)
- 14:30-14:45 **Questions and Answers**
- 14:45-15:00 *Coffee Break*

Topic 2 : New types of Science and Policy interactions

- 15:00-15:15 **Using scientific knowledge for integrated climate risk management at the local level**
Pierpaolo Campostrini (Venice Municipality)
- 15:15-15:30 **Bringing science to decision-making: example of flash flood management**
Daniel Sempere Torres (IMPRINTS project, FP7)
- 15:30-15:45 **Integrated approach between science and policy**
(Emercon, Russia), tbc
- 15:45-16:15 **PLENARY DISCUSSION: How to better cooperate between Policy Makers and Researchers?**
Moderator: Philippe Quevauviller (DG Research)
- 16:15-16:45 **Conclusions of the Workshop and Closure:**
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