EU disaster risk management policies

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EU cooperation in on disaster management

- Cover the whole disaster cycle for all types of disasters
- Shift from response towards a more balanced and advanced system covering also preparedness and prevention actions

Disaster risk management – an increasing priority for the EU

- Need to improve policies to address the alarming disaster trends and reduce vulnerability and interdependencies
- Investing in Disaster Risk Management makes economic sense
- Enhancing Resilience in development policies
EU Disaster risk management framework

- Improving the Knowledge Base
- Promoting Risk Assessment
- Policy Integration and Investment
- Support to build a culture of disaster prevention
- International Cooperation
Disaster Data key challenges

- **Information gaps**
  - impacts especially economic losses
  - comparable definitions and terminology for damage and economic losses

- **Access**
  - Security concerns?
  - Role of new Commission open data policy

- **Comparability**
  - More comparable and harmonized methodologies and data models

- **International Cooperation**
  - assess gaps; propose an action plan – G20?
Risk Assessment increasingly important in EU policy making

Guidelines 2010 – focussing on process and methods – important research input

National risk assessments being developed (2012) by MS

EU overview of risks 2013 (i.e. common risks, cross border risks and emerging risks)

Rio+20 and G20 Commitments on risk assessment
Prevention conditionality in EU funding

Disaster proofing of EU supported investments

Increased use of disaster insurance policies
  - Green Paper on insurance and disasters (early 2013)
  - Global Index Insurance Facility (World Bank Group)

Coordination Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management

Integration in EU policies (i.e. Environmental Impact Assessment, Nuclear safety, Cross border health)
Support to help build a culture of prevention

- Advocacy, coordination, capacity-building and dissemination and scaling up of good practices

- Guidelines for governance, data, funding, technology transfer, planning

- EU support for good practice exchange including experts and peer reviews (UK ‘pilot’ project)
International co-operation

- International Disaster Risk Management/Resilience developments
  - follow up to Rio+20 and post 2015 development agenda
    Future Earth research programme
  - Post-HFA framework
  - G 20 work on risk assessment and financing

- Partnerships and Cooperation with strategic partners and organisations
More information: