

PREVENTION PLEDGE: #PREVENTIONSAVESLIVES

Responding to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2021 report which UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned is a “Code Red for Humanity”;

Acknowledging increasingly frequent and severe disasters, including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate-related floods, fires and heatwaves which demonstrated the need for urgent and collaborative efforts;

Recognizing climate change, shifting demographics, new technologies, and the transition towards digital and green economies are transforming our approach to resilience;

Stressing the need for urgent, transformative, and collaborative action against existing, emerging, and future risks for a more disaster and climate-resilient Europe and Central Asian region;

And underlining that building resilience is an investment, not a cost.

We sign this Prevention Pledge,

Committing to making disaster prevention and resilience a priority and accelerating the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 according to the EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030.

- 1. We commit to promote greater investment in disaster resilience, as the greatest public good that can be delivered to protect the safety of our citizens.** This means to promote all-of-society approaches, laws and actions to address future climate and disaster risks, leaving no one behind.
- 2. We commit to investing in a green and disaster resilient recovery to develop policies, strategies, investments, and action plans** that integrate disaster resilience into sustainable development, climate adaptation, resilient infrastructure and environmental actions including with nature-based solutions. We promote resilient recovery considering accessible and inclusive multi-hazard early warning systems, encompassing existing, emerging, and future risks including future climate scenarios at all levels.
- 3. We commit to better understanding and communicating on existing, emerging, and future systemic risks.** We will improve knowledge, monitoring and evaluation to support greater prevention for all hazards considering future climate impacts and those disproportionately affected by disasters.
- 4. We commit to enhance our efforts in promoting inclusive and collaborative risk governance and decision-making,** strengthening collaborative regional and local action, and promoting multi-stakeholder approaches of vulnerable groups.
- 5. We pledge to collaborate, share knowledge and experience, and periodically review our progress at the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction.**

Matosinhos, Portugal, 25 November, 2021