

Concept Note

EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030 & Sendai Framework implementation

26 November 2021, 9.00-10.30h CET

State of play

As Europe and Central Asia continue to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for a better structured, concerted and inclusive approach for disaster risk reduction becomes even more fundamental.

The socio-economic recovery plans and the first lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis also offer unprecedented opportunities for national and local authorities to build a green and resilient future, in line with the priorities of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

In order to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework and to identify the core specificities of the European and Central Asia Region, Member States plan to adopt the EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030 during the next European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Influenced by the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID-19 crisis and the increasing effects of the climate emergency, the EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030 and the next phase of implementation of the Sendai Framework should aim to address several key priorities:

1. Progresses in policies and investments for better understanding and preparedness to systemic existing, emerging and new risks.
2. Acceleration of Sendai Framework implementation through concrete measures and actions which improve resilience and reduce disaster risks at regional, national and local levels.
3. Improvement of an all of society DRR approach and risk governance which integrates all administrative levels, stakeholders, communities and most at-risk groups, both as actors and beneficiaries of the decisions and investments taken to reduce socio economic impacts of disasters.

Session objectives

- Raise awareness of participants about successes, gaps and challenges faced during the first five years of implementation of the Sendai Framework in Europe and Central Asia.
- Present the core priorities and accelerators identified by the EFDRR Roadmap in order to improve and strengthen the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Europe and Central Asia. Put focus on the impact of transboundary risks and the importance of cross border and regional cooperation for achieving the priorities of the Sendai Framework.
- Exchange experiences and lessons learned by National Authorities in addressing disaster risk reduction in order to present DRR efforts as an investment and not a cost. Put focus on DRR agendas as pushed and implemented by regional, national and local authorities.
- Identify innovative and powerful mechanisms to improve and accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Europe and Central Asia, in a way that involves and reaches everyone as it is intended.

Questions to be addressed

- What are the main gaps and challenges faced by stakeholders in charge of implementing Sendai Framework?
- What are the elements identified by the EFDRR Roadmap for improving and accelerating the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Europe and Central Asia and how can this implementation be improved and strengthened?
- How the COVID-19 crisis and the regional and national recovery plans can help to better mainstream DRR into climate change adaptation efforts and to shift from hazard by hazard to systemic approach of disaster risks
- What are the key elements to embrace that will ensure the Sendai Framework is implemented through an all of society approach, leaving no one behind.

Expected outcomes

- Participants are aware of the endorsement of the EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030 and can build on it for pushing the DRR agenda at regional, national and local levels.
- Participants are aware of the opportunities offered by the recovery plans for increasing DRR investments and ensuring that all investments and public efforts are risk-informed.

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