



MEDIA ADVISORY

EUROPEAN FORUM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

WHAT: The only forum that brings together representatives of the 55 Member States of Europe and Central Asia, as well as stakeholders and partners, to deliver new commitments for the region that will increase resilience to hazards, including climate change, disease outbreaks, food insecurity and forced migration.

The 2021 European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) will also allow Ministers from Europe and Central Asia to endorse the EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030 for reducing disaster risk and losses as part of the Global Agreement on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The Ministers will sign a Prevention Pledge to commit measurable political support for disaster prevention, as outlined in the Roadmap.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 24 to Friday, November 26, 2021

WHERE: The Forum will be hosted in Matosinhos, Portugal, and will take place in a largely virtual format. There will be a number of ministers on site, and the press conference on November 25 at approximately 11:10am local time will be in person with a hybrid format.

Media can register to follow proceedings remotely [here](#).

Journalists wanting to attend the Forum in person can send their name and publication to undrr-roeca@un.org before November 20.

WHO: The Forum is organised by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, in collaboration with the European Commission and Council of Europe, and hosted by the Government of Portugal.

WHY: The COVID-19 pandemic is the biggest challenge in living memory. Millions of lives have been lost, billions affected, and with a huge economic cost. In the EU alone, €3.7 trillion has been spent on response measures and €1.8 trillion planned in the recovery phase. This has been compounded by the deadly climate-related disasters over the summer of 2021, from the dramatic forest fires in Greece and the Mediterranean basin, to the devastating floods affecting Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

The number of extreme weather-related events are increasing in Europe, many of which are being exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. As the first event for the European region taking place after COP26, the EFDRR will provide the opportunity



to take forward the outcomes for building back a more sustainable future and put them in action.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 was the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda and with concrete actions to protect development gains from the risk of disaster. The EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030 supports the Sendai Framework's coordinated implementation for disaster risk reduction and related Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals. The Roadmap spotlights all-of-society, collaborative, system, and evidence-driven approaches for better governance and decision-making for a disaster-resilient European and Central Asian region in 2030.

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About

Covering 55 countries, UNDRR Europe and Central Asia supports the development of policies and actions towards a more resilient future. We assist countries to monitor and track achievements towards implementing the Sendai Framework, support the development of national and local DRR strategies, build greater engagement with the private sector, and provide policy advice, particularly around sustainable finance and climate security.

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