



DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE CENTRE
3rd Annual Scientific Seminar
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DRAFT Agenda



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About the Seminar

The Disaster Risk Management Knowledge (DRMKC) aims at enhancing the EU and the Member States resilience to disasters and their capacity to prevent, prepare and respond to emergencies through the joint work of scientific groups, policy makers, practitioners and other relevant stakeholders. The principal activities of the DRMKC are to improve the science-based services and analysis; to enhance the use and uptake of research and operational knowledge; and to advance science and technology in Disaster Risk Management (DRM).

Following the previous seminars in London and Rome, the 3rd DRMKC Seminar is an opportunity to meet actors engaged in DRM to jointly discuss about the progress made in up to now and which new areas could be explored in the next year, and in particular regarding:

- Strengthening the science policy interfaces, as the spaces where scientists and policy makers create new initiatives, to support the inclusion of DRR in education.
- Arranging the processes for using evidence for DRM policy-making, such as the collection of loss and damage data or assessing disaster risk management capabilities.
- Stimulating new mechanisms and technologies for responding emergencies together with the operational teams in the field.

Day 1 Thursday 26th April

08:15 - 09:15 **Arrival // Registration // Welcome coffee**

Venue: Bulgarian Academy of Science

09:15 - 10:10 **Opening ceremony**

Venue: Bulgarian Academy of Science

Bulgarian Presidency, JRC, Ministry of Interior, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

10:15 - 12:15 **Plenary session: Policy context and Progress**

Venue: Bulgarian Academy of Science

The morning of the first day will be dedicated to reviewing the status and progress of the DRMKC. The Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre (DRMKC) provides a networked approach to the science-policy interface in DRM, across the Commission, EU Member States and the DRM community within and beyond the EU. The session will illustrate some of the policies that strengthen their links towards a more coherent implementation. From the recently revised EU legislations to the latest developments done in the scientific field. The objective is to show the added value of the DRMKC for Member States and Commission services: EUCPM new legislation, CCA review, Copernicus, SMART Cities, and Science4Policy.

12:15 - 12:30 **Q&A Session**

12:30 - 13:30 **Working lunch – Poster/Feedback session**

Venue: Bulgarian Academy of Science

Expectations, feedback and contributions of the participants to the DRMKC will be collected in an interactive session. Participants will be challenged to share their thoughts in moderated discussions in small groups.

13:30 - 14:30 **Session 2: Posters and Feedback Session**

Venue: Bulgarian Academy of Science

14:30 **Transfer to National Archeological Museum (for Session 3B)**

15:00 - 18:00 **Session 3A: Science-Policy Interface - Education 4 DRM**

Venue: Bulgarian Academy of Science

One of the key objectives of the DRMKC is to consolidate a strong Science-Policy interface and to enhance the disaster risk culture. The integration of disaster risk management in the education sector is crucial in order to increase awareness of the effects and causes of disasters. Schools that take action to manage risks contribute to a culture of prevention, which is essential in the sustainable development process of countries.

Session 3B: Policy 4 Resilience

Venue: National Archeological Museum

Resilience – understood as the capacity of different layers of society to withstand, to adapt to, and to recover quickly from stresses and shocks – has gradually emerged as an answer to the growing complexity of the international security environment. In the EU context, the concept of resilience combines different policy areas: humanitarian aid, development assistance, disaster-risk reduction, climate-change adaptation, conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

19:00

Social Event

Venue: National Archeological Museum

Day 2 Friday 27th April

09:00 - 12:00 **Session 4A: Advancing Innovation for First Responders**

Venue: Bulgarian Academy of Science

First responders will be better prepared for their tasks if they have a mechanism by which they can share experiences and knowledge on a national, and international level, and by conducting research together. To stimulate innovation focused on the specific need, to capitalise on the already existing technology, to promote and to support transfer of technology, to improve interoperability, to have opportunity to test and benchmark, we have to involve practitioners into the research cycle.

Session 4B: Data 4 Resilience

Venue: National Archeological Museum

This session will address challenges with implementation of EU and international policy and agreements. Under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, Member States are required to prepare an assessment of disaster risk management capabilities by 2018. The session will explore common challenges, and ways science can be used to meet the expectations.

12:10 - 14:00 **Transfer to the Bulgarian Academy of Science (from session 4B) and Lunch**

14:00 - 17:00 **Session 5: The way forward**

Venue: Bulgarian Academy of Science

The activities that DRMKC will undertake in the next future will be presented: strengthen partnership (E-STAG and National platforms for DRR), Knowledge - Science for DRM 2020 and other global initiatives to summarize science, innovation - open labs policy of EC.

17:00 - 17:40 **Q&A, Seminar wrap-up and Conclusions**

Venue: Bulgarian Academy of Science



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