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**“Host Countries perspective”
Romania**



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The educated differ from the uneducated as much as the living from the dead !!!

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

Experience is a good school, but the fees are high !!!

Nelson Mandela said:

“EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

In Romania, accessing the information is a constitutional right. According to the law regarding defence against disasters, people are informed through media about potential risk areas, imminence of occurring a disaster, its effects and defence measures. The media is invited to all conferences of every commission where ministers are presenting their activities.



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The Ministry of Education and Research have introduced:

- Analytical training programs
- Special materials provided by specific Commissions on every type of disaster
- Teachers or experts who are specialized in civil protection promote civil protection training courses
- Theoretical and practical activities regarding the behaviour in case of disasters are organized in schools
- The private training provides special training in mitigation and prevention of disasters
- Emphasis is on the importance of training of future teachers in disaster management
- The public are informed through media, printed materials, public debates about civil protection and the different types of 'practice drill' exercises (warning, evacuation, etc..)

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Training the population on prevention and mitigation of disasters is one of the most important tasks of the Civil Protection Department

THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY TWO TYPES OF EDUCATION – ONE SHOULD TEACH US HOW TO MAKE A LIVING, THE OTHER HOW TO LIVE.

- The County inspectorate for Civil Protection and the Fire Fighters County Group train the population according to the emergency plans
- There have been elaborated programs of anti-earthquake education, radiological or nuclear emergencies, in case of floods, chemical accidents, and epidemics
- The television, radio and press contributed substantially to the public information
- In medical field there are programs of academic education for medical students as well as post academic training programs for competency in “medical management of disasters”

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- Traditional local knowledge and practices integrated in risk disaster reduction training programs are popular in Romania
- In some national regions is maintained the tradition of preparing competitions during annual festivals with special topic regarding prevention and reduction of risk
- The National Program for public earthquake education is devised to minimise the life loss, excessive injuries, panic and disorganization of economic and social life and the emotional stress

Here in Davos, if you teach a yodeling class, probably the hardest thing to do is to keep the students from just trying to yodel right off.

In Romania we BUILD to that

The education is gradual, permanent and using reliable officially backed sources to ensure sustainability



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- Romania cooperated with specialized NATO bodies EADRCC (Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Center), GOEWDS (Group of Experts for Early Warning and Detection System) and European Union (General Environment Directorate and Monitoring and Informing Center) to resolve the disaster with cross boarder effects (forest fires from France, Portugal and Croatia, floods from Central Europe, earthquakes from Turkey).

HOWEVER

- The international scientific community has to be more involved in organizing international and regional networks for studying the knowledge about reducing and preventing disasters. Schools, academies and post academic courses have to involve training courses which have the main subject “disaster management”.

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**NEXT IN IMPORTANCE TO FREEDOM AND JUSTICE
IS POPULAR EDUCATION, WITHOUT WHICH NEITHER
FREEDOM NOR JUSTICE CAN BE PERMANENTLY
MAINTAINED.**

**SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION SHOULD EDUCATE US OUT
OF SELF INTO SOMETHING MUCH BROADER:
INTO SELFLESSNESS
WHICH LINKS US WITH ALL HUMANITY.**

Thank you