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# TWINNING OF NATIONAL PLATFORMS – GOOD PRACTICES

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## Overview of the presentation

1. The concept of twinning
2. Good practices
3. UN/ISDR contribution



# The concept of twinning

Twinning – bilateral or multi-lateral exchange amongst national platforms that occur under the common cause of disaster risk reduction



# The concept of twinning

NP cooperation as the key tool to consolidate and strengthen efforts at national level and to reach out to influence regional and global developments with relevance for DRR

HFA priority 5:

b) Promote and support dialogue, exchange of information and coordination among early warning, disaster risk reduction, disaster response, development and other relevant agencies and institutions at all levels, with the aim of fostering a holistic approach towards disaster risk reduction.



# The concept of twinning

Twinning between national platforms, national platforms to be, HFA focal points and HFA focal points to be.

In the European context - between European countries and countries outside of Europe, as well as entirely within other regions of the world.



# The concept of twinning

## Objectives of “twinning”:

- Strengthen and promote cooperation between multi-stakeholder national coordination mechanisms
- Establish a mutually beneficial relationship between two or more national platforms, based on topics and/or needs and understandings, which will involve direct communication as an *interactive* process, which will enable both partners to *learn from each other’s experiences*



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## Activities under “twinning”:

- A - existing national platforms working together on selected issues (thematic collaboration), or
- B - exchanges between an existing national platform with a national platform to be (structural guidance).

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A - existing national platforms working together on selected issues (thematic collaboration)

- Thematic approach
- Similar types of hazards – similar strategies
- Combination of each other's knowledge and experiences

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**B - exchanges between an existing national platform with a national platform to be (structural guidance)**

## Structural approach

Three levels:

- 1. Interest from a country to learn more about how existing national platforms developed in order to advance on their own development of a national platform**
- 2. Interest from a country developing a national platform to build on other European national platforms' experiences related also *to activities and exchanges of technical nature***
- 3. *Concrete support envisaged and expressed between a national platform to be and an existing national platform***



# Good practices

## Central Asia:

- Kazakhstan - interest in establishing contact with the members of a European Network of NPs (Germany, France and Switzerland)
- Tajikistan - interest in learning of, and building on, Kazakhstan experience



# Good practices

Africa:

Burundi + Madagascar – UNDP + ISDR

Senegal: good decree NP, mainstreaming DRR in PRSP + Madagascar: training-education curriculum development + safe schools + successful cooperation among multi-stakeholders

Senegal + Madagascar successfully submitted proposal to WB south-south cooperation program



# Good practices

Italy and Albania – interest in learning of, and building on, Italian experience and support in restructuring its Civil Protection System (legislation and structures)



## Role of UN/ISDR secretariat - focus

### Coordination

Building the  
Enabling  
environment:

- Platforms -

  - Global

  - Regional

  - National

  - Thematic

- Joint planning



### Strategic information

Providing evidence  
base and policy  
advice on disaster  
risk reduction:

- Progress reporting
- Cost-benefit study
- Climate change & DRR



### Tools

Advocating and  
producing  
information tools:

- PreventionWeb
- Communication strategy
- Resource mobilization





# *Thank you*

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