



Citizen lack of preparedness may be linked to perceived low probability to a disaster happening

Some Maltese participants linked preparedness, or lack thereof, specifically to local attitudes: “Malta is an island [...] and we are surrounded by so many beautiful things that we don't think of certain things [disasters]”; “we are so distracted in Malta”; “as a nation [...] we never think of negative things”; or “Malta is so small that the probability of an earthquake or these things hitting us is very remote. This is why we're a nation that doesn't worry”.

Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Worldviews](#), [Norms/values](#)

Disaster Phases: [Preparedness](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [National civil protection body](#), [Government](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#), [Man-made non-intentional hazards or emergency situations](#), [Man-made intentional hazards](#)

Recommendations:

- [Develop guidelines for disaster practitioners that take into consideration the different needs of and approaches to different ethnical groups](#)
- [Foster the adoption of a culture of disaster prevention and resilience by informing and motivating citizens to take action](#)

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