



## **Trust in authorities becomes particularly important when it comes to risk preparedness**

Trust in authorities becomes particularly important when it comes to risk preparedness. For example, the study of Terpstra (2010 - see source document for full reference) in Netherlands showed that people who report high trust in flood protection have lower perceptions of the likelihood and magnitude of floods. Lower perception of risk, in turn, reduces the willingness to engage in protective activities. The same pattern of results has been found in the study of Grothmann and Reusswig (2006) in Germany faith in flood protection measures lowers both risk perception and the frequency of taking precautionary measures.

Note: See source document for full reference.

### **Applicable to:**

Stakeholders: [Attitudes toward authorities](#)

Disaster Phases: [Prevention](#), [Preparedness](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [Non-active citizens](#), [Active citizens](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#)

### **Recommendations:**

- [Engage in activities and develop strategies aiming to improve trust between citizens and authorities](#)

## **Source**

[Deliverable D4.2 "Report on 'risk cultures' in the context of disasters" \(page 39\)](#)

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