

Role of simulation exercises in raising citizen disaster risk awareness

Being aware of simulation exercises may increase disaster risk awareness but, at the same time, this is appreciated by Romanian citizens.

Applicable to:

Stakeholders: Open-mindedness

Disaster Phases: Preparedness, Response

Types of Actors Concerned: National civil protection body, Local authorities, Government, UN and other international

<u>organisations</u>

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
- Develop culturally aware disaster preparedness and response training
- Training programmes for citizens of all ages should be developed. These are necessary to increase citizens' knowledge of and preparedness in case of disasters. The training activities should be organized on the basis of a training strategy and should take various forms, ranging from emergency drill to workshops

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<u>Deliverable D5.3 "Report on citizens' reactions and opinions: Citizen Summit 1 (Bucharest, Romania)" (page 10)</u>

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