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Disaster Risk Reduction in South Eastern Europe

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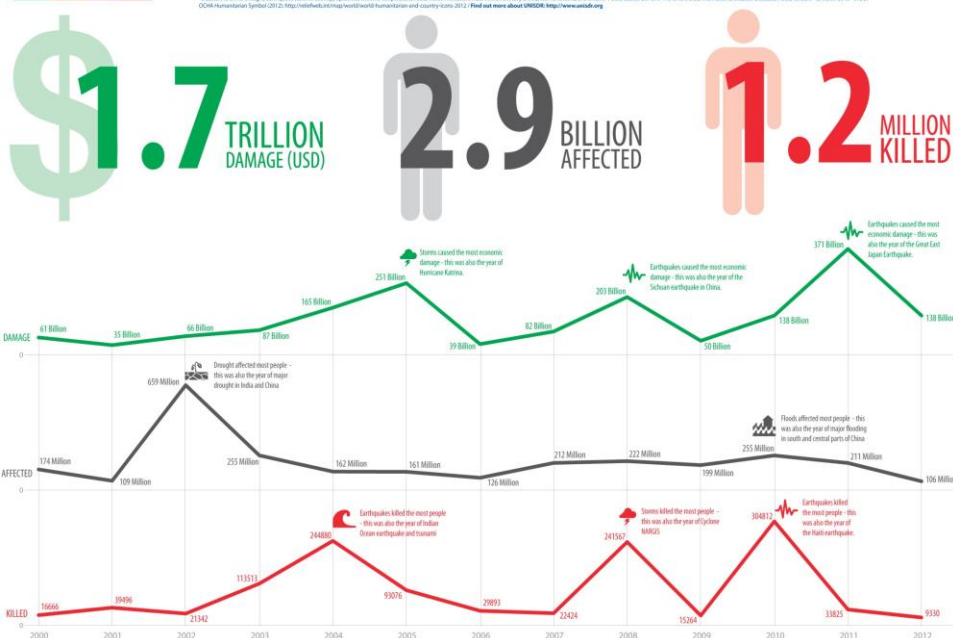


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DISASTER IMPACTS / 2000-2012

*Figures reflect drought, earthquake, extreme weather, severe temperature, flood, insect infestation, major movement (e.g. landslides, volcanic and wildfire) (Data source: EM-DAT: The OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database (Data version: 12 March 2013 - v12.07) OCHA Humanitarian Symbol (2012): <http://reliefweb.int/map/world/world-humanitarian-and-country-codes-2012> Find out more about UNISDR: <http://www.unisdr.org>

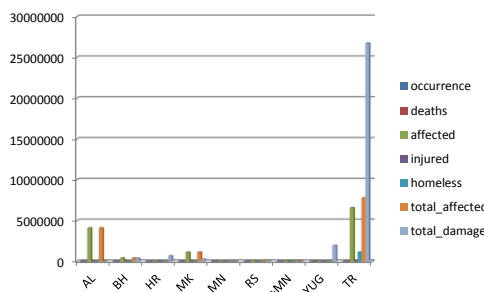




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Disasters in South Eastern Europe

- In SEE the impact of disasters appears upwards
- According to EM-DAT database SEE experienced 23,639 deaths over US\$ 30 Billion of economic damages in the period 1980-2014; Turkey accounts for the highest share
- Recent establishment of national database in Albania, Serbia and Turkey, using Desinventar as common accounting methodology, reveals that these losses are very likely to be significantly higher



Source: EM-DAT (2014)



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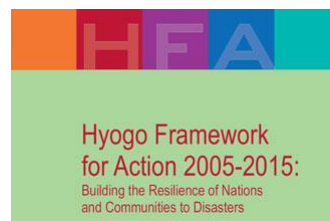
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Natural Disasters or Disasters caused by Natural Hazards?

- **Vulnerability – Exposure - Coping Capacity**
 - **International – National – Local level of Actions**
 - **Multi-dimensional and multi-stakeholders**
- } RESILIENCE

Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 - 2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters

1. Make disaster risk reduction (DRR) a priority
2. Know the risks and take action
3. Build understanding and awareness
4. Reduce risk
5. Be prepared and ready to act



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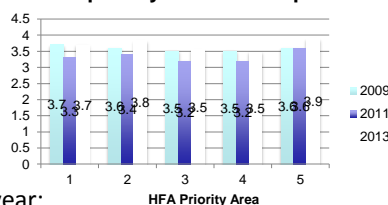


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Are we building disaster resilience in South Eastern Europe?

- Albania, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey are the SEE countries that reported in the last HFA reporting cycle 2011 and 2013
- The national HFA reports suggest meaningful progress in DRR
- However, challenges become greater every year:
 - emerging threats that had not previously been identified (climate change)
 - changes in technology that render state-of-the-art systems obsolete or less effective
 - migration patterns that shift populations to hazard-prone areas and climate change – all these factors conspire to make progress challenging

Average Progress in Each HFA priority Area in Europe



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Based on the HFA reports and their DRR and CCA gap analysis, consultation with the beneficiaries and relevant regional organisations (such as DPPI SEE, EUMETSAT, Europa Re, etc.), UNISDR and WMO designed in 2011 the DRR regional project “Building Resilience to Disasters in Western Balkans and Turkey” co-financed by the European Commission (DG Enlargement – IPA).



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“Building Resilience to Disasters in Western Balkans and Turkey”

- **Overall Objective:** To reduce vulnerability of IPA Beneficiaries to natural disasters, in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), and increase their resilience to climate change
- **Project purpose:** To enhance the capacity of IPA Beneficiaries to address disaster risk reduction in both today's and the future predicted climate
- **Beneficiaries:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244/99) the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey
- **Implementing agencies:** UNISDR (4 tasks) WMO (4 tasks)
- **Contributions:** €2,200,000 (IPA); €390,000 (UNISDR and WMO) contributions. Total budget €2,590,000
- **Implementation timeframe:** 21 May 2012 – 20 October 2014



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UNISDR Focus areas



1. Enhance the regional institutional capacity and coordination on to disaster risk reduction and adaptation to climate change.



2. Strengthen the regional capacity and cooperation towards data and knowledge sharing on risks.



3. Promote disaster risk transfer through insurance and reinsurance products.



4. Increase public awareness in disaster risk reduction



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DRR in South Eastern Europe, achievements and challenges (1)

- National institutions have over the years progressively shifted their attention and risk management approach towards prevention, risk reduction and preparedness
- Trans-boundary cooperation and coordination in DRM and DRR have progressed within the region and with the EU
- Capacity of DRR investment planning, risk recognition and political awareness of the economic benefits of investing in prevention and risk reduction can still improve



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DRR in South Eastern Europe, achievements and challenges (2)

- The capacity of local level actors and population awareness of the benefits of DRR at the community level is increasing and further efforts shall be made to build local level engagement in DRR
- The DRR and CCA agenda still need further convergence
- Private-public partnerships in DRR needs to be further developed; sector such as (re-)insurance has potential to support disaster resilience building in SEE



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Areas of work to build disaster resilience in SEE

Governance: establishment and strengthening of existing National Platforms for DRR, to provide a venue for DRR and CCA practitioners to work hand-in-hand towards integrated national CCA strategy and national DRR plan of action.

Risk knowledge: building national databases accounting disaster losses is a major step ahead to develop more accurate risk assessments and inform public and private decision makers on DRR investment options.

Local level engagement in DRR through advocacy and awareness is key to effective disaster resilience. The UNISDR Making City Resilient can further support this process.

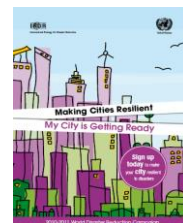
Public-private partnerships are still underdeveloped in SEE. These partnerships are at the center of climate and disaster resilience. Most of infrastructural investments are driven by the private sector, avoiding future risk accumulation depends on the capacity to build a system of shared values between public and private actors.



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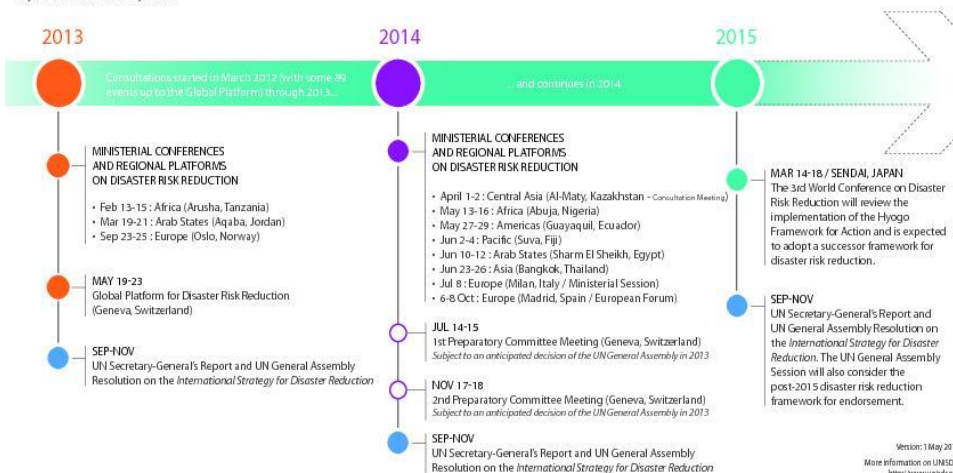
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More information on the post-2015 process:
<http://www.preventionweb.net/post15/>

Towards a post-2015 DRR Framework

- Requested by the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/66/199 - Modalities agreed in A/RES/68/211
- UNISDR is facilitating consultations that engage a full range of actors from Member States to civil society.
- Consultation events include the Global and Regional Platforms, national and local events, and targeted events of stakeholders, partners and networks.
- Builds on the International Framework for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction of 1989, the Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action of 1994, the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction of 1999, the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters (HFA), and the Mid-Term Review of the HFA (2010-2011).
- Expected to be adopted at the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and endorsed by the UN General Assembly in 2015.





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