

“IMPROVING PREPAREDNESS IN EUROPE THROUGH RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES”

Final Conference of the two EU-projects

POP-ALERT and TACTIC

Brussels, 15 – 16 March 2016

**FEB conference centre, Rue Ravenstein 4, B - 1000 Brussels
(Belgium)**

The conference addresses the following topics/questions:

- Getting communities ready to prepare: is preparedness possible for all types of hazard and what shapes communities' preparedness?
- Using and evaluating risk communication to influence preparedness: what works and what not (under what kind of contexts)?
- Perspectives of preparedness: views from the field
- Using novel tools to improve preparedness, alerting and risk communication
- Collaborating for preparedness: bringing scientific and practical perspectives of preparedness together

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 15 March		
10:30-11.00am	Reception/registration	
11:00-11:30am	Welcome to participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening speech (Philippe Quevauviller, European Commision) • Welcome (Guillaume Lapeyre, European Commision) • Presentation of agenda and aims of conference
11:30-12:30pm	Introduction to the POP-ALERT and TACTIC-Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short introduction: relevance of topic, attention of the FP7 call and its transference into both projects • Presentation of projects, their scope, objectives and most relevant results
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch	
1:30-3:30pm	Risk preparedness and response using innovative tools POP-ALERT session part I *open to all participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the POP-ALERT Dashboard, its functionalities and the concept for the future (Hara Caracostas, European Organisation for Security) • Description of the POP-ALERT Pilot Project in Lisbon (Maria Telhado, Civil Protection Department, Municipality of Lisbon) • FP7 ATHENA project: using new media in crisis situations (speaker tbc) • Novel technologies in Corsica, the SDIS mobile app (Jean-Cristophe Bourdin, Northern Corsica Fire Department) • Presentation of the Dutch Population Dashboard for Environmental hazards and potential synergies with POP-ALERT (Koos van der Helm, Centric) <p>Panel and Q&A – Moderator Dennis Davis (International Association of Fire and Rescue Services)</p>
3:30-4:00pm	Coffee Break	

<p>4:00-5:30pm</p>	<p>Improving response by integrating multiculturalism in crisis communication POP-ALERT session part II *open to all participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of the intercultural communication analysis and recommendations (Nikos Moustakidis, Greek Centre for Security Studies) • Description of the use and value of such a platform in Portugal’s multicultural context (speaker tbc) • The role of standardisation in improving crisis communication at EU level (speaker tbc) • The potential role of the European Commission in improving preparedness and resilience (speaker tbc) <p>Panel and Q&A – Moderator Dennis Davis (International Association of Fire and Rescue Services)</p>
<p>5:30-6:30pm</p>	<p>Snacks & drinks</p>	

<p>WEDNESDAY, 16 March</p>		
<p>8:30-9:00am</p>	<p>Arrival and coffee</p>	
<p>9:00-10:45am</p>	<p>TACTIC session part I *open to all participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short introduction to the aims of the second day of the conference and the TACTIC project (Christian Kuhlicke (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Germany) • On the interrelation of risk perception and preparedness for different kinds of hazards (Maureen Fordham, Cheney Shreve Liu, Northumbria University, UK) • Community resilience and preparedness for earthquakes (Nuray Karanci, Middle East Technical University, Turkey) • Building resilience amongst communities in Europe: Insights from the emBRACE-project (Hugh Deeming, Northumbria University, UK) <p>Discussion</p>
<p>10:45-11:15am</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	

11:15-1:00pm	TACTIC session part II *open to all participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TACTIC learning platform and feedback from practical case study partners (Tomasz Walczykiewicz, Roman Konieczny, Institute of Meteorology and Water Management, Poland) • Lessons learned from the 2013 flood in Bavaria and outline of a new flood risk communication strategy (Christoph Oberacker, Bavarian Environment Agency, Germany) • A global perspective on preparedness (Karin Metz, Sawyer Baker, Global Disaster Preparedness Centre, United States) • November 2015 - Terrorist threat in Belgium: between risk- and crisis communication (Benoît Ramacker, Belgium National Crisis Centre) • Children and young people as co-researchers and policy advisors in flood risk management (Maggie Mort, Lancaster University) <p>Discussion</p>
1:00-1:15pm	Summary and Farewell	
1:15-2:15pm	Lunch	
2:15-4:00pm	Final project meeting (* for project members only)	

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