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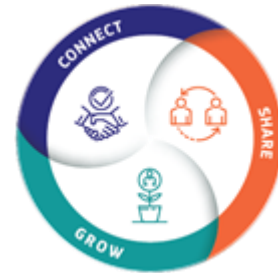
Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network



Knowledge Network Day

7 December 2021 – online event

Agenda



11:00-12:30 CET
High-level session

“Knowledge in the Time of Disasters: priorities and perspectives for the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network”

High-level session on knowledge in disaster prevention, preparedness, and response and the importance of cooperation in knowledge development and exchange

Keynote speakers

Janez Lenarčič, European Commissioner for Crisis Management

Panel members

Patricia Gaspar, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, Portugal

Kenny Meesters, Researcher and Lecturer, University of Tilburg, Netherlands

Matej Tonin, Minister of Defence, Slovenia

Edem Wosornu, Chief of Response Support Branch, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA)



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13:30-15:00 CET

Working-level session 1 – *Connect and share*

“Knowledge in the Management of Crises: skills, good practices, lessons learnt and evidence-based practices for a stronger Union Civil Protection Mechanism”

Working-level session on the use of knowledge gained during operations for improved preparedness and response - the 2021 forest fires in southeast Europe as a case study

Welcome remarks by **Paraskevi Michou**, Director-General, DG ECHO, European Commission

Panel members

Marc Castellnou, Catalan Fire and Rescue Service, Catalan Department of Interior, Spain

Frédéric Harrault, General Directorate for Civil Protection and Crisis Management, Ministry of Interior, France

Ingeborg Hasli, Grimstad Firefighting Department, Norway

Nebojša Medojević, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Regional Office for Europe in Budapest, Hungary

Daniela Pani, Department of Civil Protection, Autonomous Region of Sardinia, Italy

Marcin Pater, Emergency Response Coordination Centre, DG ECHO, European Commission

Jan Südmersen, @fire International Disaster Response, Germany

• Session moderated by **Hans Das**, Director, Directorate A – Emergency Management and rescEU, DG ECHO, European Commission



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15:15 – 16:45 CET

Working-level session 2 – *Connect and grow*

“Looking to the Future, Acting in the Present: science in support of prevention, preparedness and resilience in a changing risk landscape”

Working-level session on the use of research and innovation in prevention, preparedness and resilience against current crises and future risks

Welcome remarks by **TBC**

Panel members

Daniela Di Bucci, Civil Protection Department, Italy

Mo Hamza, Division of Risk Management and Societal Safety, University of Lund, Sweden

Carlos Mendes, National Authority for Emergency and Civil Protection, Portugal

Marios Polycarpou, KIOS Research and Innovation Centre of Excellence, University of Cyprus

Florian Roth, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, Germany

Alessandra Zampieri, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

• Session moderated by **Julia Stewart-David**, Acting Director, Directorate B, Disaster Preparedness and Prevention, DG ECHO, European Commission