

## Workshop Rationale and draft Agenda

### **PLACARD Workshop – Joining forces to improve DRR-CCA interaction**

**Strengthening integration, coordination and cooperation between Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in Europe**

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**Date: 24 October 2017**

**Venue: Red Cross EU Office,**

***Rue de Treves 59-61, 1040 Brussels, Belgium***



## Why this workshop?

Integration, cooperation and collaboration between actors and organisations working on CCA and DRR is crucial in order to build integrated approaches by linking efforts under the Paris Agreement, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework. Collaboration between European and national actors is beneficial for these integrations.

This workshop aims to support and boost these institutional strengthening efforts in Europe by collaboration and exchange between European and national actors in these two fields. The workshop is a joint collaboration between the PLACARD<sup>1</sup> Team and European actors like DG CLIMA, DG ECHO, DG JRC and EEA and members from the RESPECT project. This workshop will allow the two communities to take stock, agree criteria for measuring progress and agree future actions.

## Workshop objectives

Identifying and implementing mechanisms to support and increase integration, coordination and cooperation in DRR&CCA are key elements, and essential to strengthen institutional capacities and synergies. The workshop aims to use existing synergies between European and national policies focusing on CCA&DRR. It also aims to link up actors at the EU and national level by offering an exchange platform for the CCA&DRR communities.

This PLACARD workshop will focus on the three areas of cooperation:

- Provide an overview of existing information on institutional capacity to address CCA&DRR at (trans)national and partly sub-national scales – **where is collaboration between DRR&CCA incl. cross-boarder useful;**
- Provide opportunities for discussion on the added value of institutions working on CCA&DRR that should enhance their cooperation and collaboration and means of doing so – **why to collaborate;**
- Present examples of good practice of integrating and mainstreaming CCA&DRR into policies, institutional arrangements and practices – **what can and has been done.**

The workshop results – Vision 2030 and way forward – will be used to support integration and mainstreaming of CCA&DRR into policy, institutional arrangements and practice and will be followed by a second workshop in late 2018/early 2019. Results will feed into the development of guidance on ways and approaches to increase integration, collaboration and cooperation between institutions/organisations working on CCA&DRR towards a more integrated approach in the short-, mid- to long-term.

## Background

Based on a recent JRC study, weather-related disasters could affect around two-thirds of the European population annually by the end of this century and could result in a 50-fold increase in fatalities compared to today if no measures are taken (Forzieri G., et al., 2017, JRC).

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<sup>1</sup> PLACARD (PLAtform for Climate Adaptation and Risk reDuction) is a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue, knowledge exchange and collaboration between CCA and DRR communities. For more information on PLACARD, please visit <http://www.placard-network.eu/>

This PLACARD workshop builds upon the outcome of the first PLACARD workshop: Connecting CCA & DRR – priorities & opportunities in Europe - see <http://www.placard-network.eu/placard-workshop-connecting-cca-drr-priorities-opportunities-in-europe/>, held on 19 April 2016 in Brussels, which resulted in a list of actions to improve the effectiveness of DRR&CCA.

The Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) communities have similar objectives and are going to benefit from a number of detected synergies in their mandate, scope and activities. However, risks, vulnerabilities and solutions are framed differently, resulting in diverging policy, planning processes and practice in Europe. The relevant international agreements (Paris, Sendai and Agenda 2030) aim at strengthening coherence and reinforcing development and climate action. This being acknowledged, the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework and the Agenda 2030 are depending on each other's successful implementation – and they explicitly refer to each other.

### **Who should attend**

Experts in climate change adaptation and/or disaster risk reduction who are:

- Responsible for national disaster risk management, national risk assessment planning or risk management capacity assessments and/or
- Responsible for developing National Adaptation Strategies or Action Plans and are
- Interested in new ways of collaboration and coordination in order to enhance resilience, against short-, medium- and long-term climate-related hazards.

**Number of participants:** max. 30

**Admission:** no fees

### **Link to other events**

On 25 October the Disaster Prevention expert group meeting will take place at DG ECHO and the Working Group 6 Meeting on Adaptation will take place at DG CLIMA. Also from 25-26 of October the PLACARD Workshop on “Using strategic narratives to help integrate CCA&DRR”<sup>2</sup> will take place in Brussels.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.placard-network.eu/using-narratives-to-help-integrate-cca-drr/>

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<i>Approx. timing</i>	<i>Session</i>
09:00 – 09:30	Registration, tea, coffee
09:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Session 1: Setting the scene</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Introduction (Markus Leitner, EEA and Mario Pulquerio, cE3c/University of Lisbon)</li> <li>• Getting to know each other (Margot Steenbergen, RCCC)</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:15	<p><b>Session 2: DRR &amp; CCA nexus, good practice and success factors</b></p> <p>This session showcases current state of play on CCA&amp;DRR interaction. Three short presentations on the current CCA&amp;DRR context will kick-off the discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key findings and needs from the recent EEA report on CCA&amp;DRR and case studies (Sergio Castellari, EEA)</li> <li>• Linking DRR&amp;CCA – a policy perspective (Laura Schmidt, DG ECHO)</li> <li>• Good practices and success factors in linking DRR&amp;CCA and the way forward (Marin Ferrer Montserrat, JRC and Sergio Castellari, EEA)</li> </ul> <p>During the following group work we will jointly collect experiences from the European, national and partly sub-national level based on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why collaborate – the rationale and added value of integration?</li> <li>• What are challenges and barriers in collaboration?</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:45	Tea/Coffee break and light snacks available
11:45 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 3: CCA&amp;DRR – A vision for 2030</b></p> <p>This session will start with a brief presentation on how CCA&amp;DRR as well as SDGs can be jointly tackled by Margot Steenbergen, RCCC. A joint visioning exercise on the CCA&amp;DRR vision for 2030 will follow, allowing for creative input, based on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How should CCA&amp;DRR integration and collaboration look like at the policy and institutional level?</li> <li>• What reflection do we have already yet from current activities?</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch

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14:15 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 4a: CCA&amp;DRR – Way forward towards realizing the vision</b></p> <p>This session will draw on the results of the previous two sessions to elaborate on potential pathways towards realising the vision.</p> <p>A pitch on “Collaboration in DRR&amp;CCA, who is doing what” will be provided by Sukaina Bharwani, Stockholm Environment Insititute.</p> <p>This is followed by a short presentation on exploring the concept of Iterative Climate Risk Management (ICRM) to operationalize the linking of DRR&amp;CCA in practice, based on experience from the RESPECT project<sup>3</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Iterative Climate Risk Management (Thomas Schinko, IIASA and Markus Leitner, EAA)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion will be around the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are short, medium and long-term critical elements and comprise a successful pathway to realising the 2030 vision?</li> </ul>
15:30 - 16:00	Tea/Coffee break
16:00 – 17:15	<p><b>Session 4b: CCA&amp;DRR – Way forward towards realizing the vision</b></p> <p>Discussion in working groups on the main critical elements and next steps to make them happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to develop these critical elements?</li> <li>- What specific mechanisms, tools or activities would be necessary to progress the 2030 vision?</li> <li>- What are the key actors, their roles and responsibilities?</li> <li>- What opportunities did you already identify/make user of/started to integrate?</li> <li>- What is the best way to share good practice and success factors on CCA&amp;DRR and with whom should we do this?</li> </ul>
17:15 – 17:45	Reflections from key actors and next steps
18:00	Reception at the Thon Hotel EU, , Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

<sup>3</sup> RESPECT – Responsibility and Risk: Operationalizing comprehensive climate risk layering in Austria among multiple actors, for details see <https://respectproject.net/>