



Precautionary Flood Protection in Europe International Workshop

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KEY QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

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This document contains a list of questions to structure the discussions during the workshop. The sessions 1 – 4 are all structured in the following way:

- introduction by one (or two) 20 minute speech of a national expert,
- 2-3 five-minute co-presentations,
- 70-85 minutes discussion.

As **these discussions form an important** part of the workshop, please find the **key questions** for discussion during the different sessions. In session 5 the proposed further steps of the European initiative on flood protection shall be discussed.

Session 1 National flood action plans

- 1.1 Who is responsible and competent for:
 - Precautionary flood protection
 - Protection of population / goods
 - Decision making
- 1.2 What precautionary and mitigation measures are needed?
e.g: Is resettlement an adequate tool?
- 1.3 What are the costs and who pays?
- 1.4 What are major conflicts or constraints in setting up flood management plans?

Session 2 Interdisciplinary flood protection

- 2.1 How adequate are existing models on climate and weather forecasts?
- 2.2 Are currently used planning processes adequate?
Who is / should be involved?
- 2.3 How and where can co-operation be strengthened?
Sharing of - competencies
- responsibilities

Session 3 Civil protection, immediate actions and regulation of damages

- 3.1 Which civil protections are needed?
Could a European initiative lead to a better performance in disaster management?
- 3.2 What immediate actions are needed?
What is Europe's role in flood response? (e.g.: military task force, information system)
- 3.3 Who is paying in case of flood events:
 - State
 - Insurer
 - Private sector
 - Is the European solidarity fund an adequate tool?

Session 4 International and European co-operation on flood protection

- 4.1 What influence can and should European policy have on flood management plans?
 - Regional
 - National
 - International
- 4.2 How should flood prevention measures be integrated into RBMP?
What further requirements are needed?
- 4.3 How to strengthen co-operation between International River Commissions and National States?
- 4.4 How should information management in Europe look like?

Session 5 Final discussion and summary of results

- 5.1 Questions and comments on the European strategy on flood prevention.