



Dear respectful members, esteem colleagues,

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to inform you all that our joint efforts on DRR activities are gaining more support and getting more concrete everyday and already started to fit in the frame work of Hyogo Action Plan. The workshop for the **National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction in South-Eastern Europe** will take place from 28 (traveling day) to 30 September 2009 in Pula, Republic of Croatia followed by the back to back seminar on **Training Workshop on Multi Hazard Early Warning Systems** on 1-3 October 2009. The same revenue will be used for both activities.

Please find out the kind invitation letter from our honorable colleague Mr. Trut as attached. Please also keep in mind that **three high level representatives** from each country are invited to the **National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction in South-Eastern Europe Workshop**. (Please see the PULA2 docs for details.)

The seminar is to be held by the **United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)** and the **Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI)** and organized by the **National Protection and Rescue Directorate of the Republic of Croatia** in the framework of Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative (DPPI) for South Eastern Europe.

The aim of the Workshop is to develop understanding on the nature, scope, relevance and the set up of a National Platform as a coordination mechanism to advance in disaster risk reduction at national and regional levels in the context of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities (HFA). Therefore, the attendance of the HFA Focal Point, a relevant line Minister representative and a member of academia/scientific institution (a.i. **hydromet services**) from your country would be highly appreciated.

Detailed information on the workshop (draft agenda, administrative arrangements and the registration form) is attached to this invitation.

Dear all please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat for any further questions and requests.

Yours Respectfully

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