

General objective of homework assignments for e-LES 1

The first e-LES is a follow-up on LES 1. The purpose is to apply the lessons learnt during the “introduction on DRM” to your local situation. There are four homework assignments, that are described below.

Essay on national legal framework	
Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding the general terminology and philosophy of your own national legal framework ▪ Understanding concrete tasks and responsibilities of each city according to national law ▪ Understanding how the tasks and responsibilities of local governments relate to other government levels and sectors ▪ Summarizing the main elements for communication with local stakeholders
Assignment description	Summarize the DRM tasks and responsibilities of local governments according to your national legal framework for DRM.
Length	2 or 3 pages summary in your own language 1 page in English (summary of the summary)
Guidelines	<p>The structure for the essay is free (up to you), but try to use the following questions as a guideline:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the main national legislation on DRM (and emergency management)? 2. What are the main definitions of terminology in this legislation? 3. Does this legislation cover the DRM cycle: prevention, preparedness, response and recovery? 4. Does this legislation on DRM have explicit links to other legislation, for example on spatial planning, economic development, infrastructure, health? 5. What are the concrete legal tasks and responsibilities of local governments on DRM? 6. How do these tasks and responsibilities relate to those of other governments (regional and national) and to sectors or sectoral agencies? 7. What are the financial provisions in the legislation? 8. Are there changes in the national legislation foreseen?
Instrument(s)	Microsoft Word template in project lay-out: see https://www.vrzhintranet.nl/do/document?id=496546-646f63756d656e74 .
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is no need to read every article of the law(s). Try to find existing memorandums and explanations of the legislation. Perhaps there is an existing national summary (in your own language and/or English) you can use. If so, just use that one for the project website and only focus for yourself on those issues not covered in that summary (for example, relation with other legislation). ▪ Check out the English documentation on the website of PPRD-East: http://pprdeast2.eu/en/ ▪ The summary will be published on the project website.

Online discussion on risk definitions	
Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding the different definitions of risk and elements of risk in different countries and sectors ▪ Understanding how English concepts are best translated to your own language ▪ Engaging with international colleagues (inside and outside the project) in exchange of thoughts on the advantages and disadvantages for different definitions ▪ Finding a way forward for your own city: the best definitions for your own use
Assignment description	Engage in an online discussion on risk definitions
Duration	Online discussion will be launched on the website forum on 1 March 2018 Give a first reaction on the forum before 20 March 2018 Afterwards: react on each other and keep engaged
Guidelines	<p><u>One topic</u> will be launched on the online forum. Within this topic, these questions will be raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What risk definitions are in use in your country and city? ▪ How do they relate to international definitions ▪ What are the issues with your definition(s)? ▪ What would you propose to use in your situation?
Instrument(s)	Online forum: http://drm-capacities.eu/community/online-forum/risk-assessment/
Remarks	-

Online discussion on stakeholder assessment	
Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifying the full width of potential stakeholders ▪ Comparing different options for consultation of stakeholders ▪ Foreseeing problems and issues with stakeholder involvement
Assignment description	Engage in an online discussion on stakeholder assessment
Duration	Online discussion will be launched on the website forum on 1 March 2018 Give a first reaction on the forum before 20 March 2018 Afterwards: react on each other and keep engaged
Guidelines	<p><u>Three different topics</u> will be launched on the online forum. Within this topic, these questions will be raised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Stakeholder identification</i>: what are potential local stakeholders? what are potential regional/national stakeholders? 2. <i>Stakeholder consultation</i>: how do you consult stakeholders? 3. <i>Stakeholder involvement</i>: what are potential issues for stakeholder involvement?
Instrument(s)	Online forum: http://drm-capacities.eu/community/online-forum/stakeholder-management/
Remarks	-

Presentation on local DRM governance	
Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding what the different steering mechanisms look like in your own local practice ▪ Understanding which mechanisms are best for what situations
Assignment description	Present 3 examples with different steering mechanism in your city related to DRM. Give your opinion about the effectiveness.
Duration	10 to 15 minute presentation during e-LES 1
Guidelines	<p>The presentation should give a concrete local example for each of these steering mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Command & control/hierarchical steering ▪ Steering within a formal framework, such as formal DRM or emergency committees ▪ Horizontal steering and influencing/networking <p>Also discuss the effectiveness of these mechanisms and for which kinds of situations these can be used.</p>
Instrument(s)	Microsoft PowerPoint template in project lay-out: see https://www.vrzhintranet.nl/do/document?id=496544-646f63756d656e74 .
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