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The PRISMA project

The PRISMA project started January 1st 2013. The project is a follow up on the MiSRaR project. This project was implemented from January 1st 2010 till December 31th 2012.

PRISMA (Promoting and Implementing Strategies for risk Management and Assessment) tests the handbook and disseminates the results; it also promotes the use of risk assessment and risk management strategies by local and regional entities.

Partners in the project are: the Safety Region-South Holland South in the Netherlands, Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency in Bulgaria, the municipalities of Aveiro and Mirandela in Portugal and City Government of Tallinn in Estonia.

Mitigation plan

After carrying out a risk assessment and a capacity analysis, early 2014 the PRISMA partners started writing the implementation plan. With this the test project will be completed for the summer of 2014. All partners will provide than the final report on their work. They not only will report about their opinions regarding how to mitigate the risk chosen, but also about their conclusions and recommendations regarding the applicability of the MiSRaR manual.

Conferences

Meanwhile, we have the announced three conferences already behind us. They took place in:

Stara Zagora	Bulgaria	March 12th 2014
Tallinn	Estonia	April 15th 2014
Aveiro	Portugal	May 15th 2014



The three were well attended. Mainly by local and regional partners, as well as by representatives of the national governments. The meeting in Stara Zagora was also attended by the Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Bulgaria.

The intent of the program was similar in all conferences, but there were local accents. In addition to general information about both the Prisma and MiSRaR project and about European / national policies in the field of risk management, particularly the own experiences of the partners in the PRISMA project itself came in various presentations on the agenda.

A regular feature was the contribution of Leen Revallier who reported on his experience with the use of the MiSRaR handbook in projects in Moldova, Bosnia and Congo.





Presentations and visits

The past year a large number of presentations has been given on MiSRaR and PRISMA for very different target groups. For example, the Dutch team received a delegation from Norway (Stavanger area) and the SG of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Estonia. Presentations were also provided for the Euregio Rhine-Meuse, the Emric project, network meetings in ZHZ and Flevoland, the RUD Central and West Brabant and groups of students from the University of Wageningen.

In Portugal Prof. ^a Doutora the ARSC (Regional Health Administration Centre) held in 2013, a presentation on MiSRaR and Prisma for several authorities at regional and local levels. At present she is holding a series of presentations for different municipalities in the region in which she promotes the importance of the MiSRaR approach within the Land Use Planning.

A 1 ½ day-long visit by a delegation of 16 members of the management team from the city of Seoul was cancelled at the last moment because of the ferry disaster in Korea. The visit, organized at the request of the French ENA was specifically designed to inform the delegation about the MiSRaR / Prisma approach and the good examples in the region, as discussed in the MiSRaR project. The delegation is expected in the autumn to come to Dordrecht.

Evaluation meeting

June 5, the last meeting of the project took place to evaluate and formally finalize the project. The meeting was held at the B & B the Peperhoeve in Oud Alblas.

In the morning, attention was paid on the documents to be delivered and the method of reporting. Subsequently, the project was evaluated.

All partners have experienced the project as a major impetus for cooperation with partners and for thinking about safety. The impact of the project exceeded the own region, given the interest shown from the various national governments and stakeholder organizations.

The cooperation and the design of the project were highly appreciated. However, it was found that the time to go through all the steps in the process was too short. In this test project it was just possible, but a real approach should take a much longer period.

More information

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