Commission for Natural Resources

Disaster Risk Management in European Regions and Cities
Towards reducing the number of affected people

14:00 Registration

14:30 High – level plenary session

Moderator: Mr. Michele Cercone

Mr. Robert Glasser, UNISDR, Special Representative of the Secretary General

Mr. Karl-Heinz Lambertz (BE/PES), President of the European Committee of the Regions

Ms. Corina Crețu, European Commission, Commissioner for Regional Policy

15:00 Local and regional authorities: Key players in disaster prevention.

The session will focus on best practices in reducing disaster risk, lessons learned and prevention-related policies.

Moderator: Mr. Adam Banaszak (PL/ECR), CoR Rapporteur, Vice-president of Kujawsko-Pomorskie Regional Assembly

Ms. Catiuscia Marini (IT/PES), President of the Umbria Region, Italy

Ms. Nacira Boulehouat, European Commission DG ECHO - Head of Unit “Disaster Risk Reduction, European Voluntary Humanitarian Corps”

Mr. Herwig van Staa, President of the Regional Parliament, Tyrol, Austria

Mr Hannes Kont, Deputy Secretary General for Rescue Policy and Crisis Management, Ministry of Interior, Estonia

Q&A session and discussion
16:00  **Closing the gaps in disaster risk governance**

The session will focus on financing of projects, funding instruments and the role of private companies, as well as avoiding economic downturn after disasters

Moderator: **Mr. Vito Santarsiero** (IT/PES), CoR rapporteur, Member of the Basilicata Regional Council

**Mr. Leonard Reinard**, European Investment Bank, Head of Division

**Ms. Alanna Simpson**, World Bank, Regional Coordinator for Disaster Risk Management for Europe and Central Asia

**Mr. John Scott**, Chief Risk Officer Commercial Insurance, Zurich Insurance Company

**Mr Pavel Branda (CZ/ECR)**, Deputy-mayor of Rádlo Municipality, chairman of the Interregional group on cross-border cooperation of the CoR

Q&A session and discussion

17:00  **Conclusions**

Moderator: **Mr. Harvey Siggs** (UK/ECR), CoR Rapporteur, Leader of Mendip Council

Professor **Mr. Angelo Masi**, University of Basilicata, IT

Contributions from the audience

Conclusions by Mr. Harvey Siggs

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