



Local-national cooperation in emergency preparedness

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Background

Key question: How to strengthen the resilience of the society?

- Acknowledging that:
 - A national crisis management centre is not sufficient
 - Mitigating actions would need to be implemented at the regional/local level
- We need to:
 - Ensure knowledge building at local level
 - Facilitate local-national cooperation for both preparedness and response





The truth is out there...

- The reality for people is what is happening out there in their local communities
- We need local organisations / people to take action when an accident happens

BUT

- There is a necessity to educate people and administrations at local level
- Responsibility of various actors must be clear and balanced

IN PEACE TIME





Local-national fora approach

- Choose a local community to target
- Bring together participants from all sectors and levels
- Build a common knowledge and understanding of the threats and challenges at stake
- Elaborate together a preparedness and response strategy taking into account local conditions
 - Land use
 - Production of food and goods
 - Management practices
 - Environmental conditions
 - Demographics
 - Resources





Expected advantages



- This is more than stakeholder involvement
- Experts/national authorities would build strategies with the society and not for the society
- Would increase the applicability of a recovery strategy, tailored to the local situation
- Anticipate a larger acceptability among the lay people and local administrations





Expected results

An increased local and national resilience towards nuclear accident recovery

 This workshop will report on the views/experience from both local and national actors involved in this approach