Local-national cooperation in emergency preparedness

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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