



DARWIN Newsletter

DARWIN Community of Practitioners

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PROJECT UPDATES:

DARWIN Community of Practitioners Workshop



The first DARWIN Community interactive workshop facilitated exchange of resilience knowledge and provided new insights on resilience practice.

Policy makers, service providers, managers and first responders in disaster management, from the U.K., Israel, the Netherlands, Italy, Sweden, Germany, Norway and Spain provided valuable feedback on DARWIN developments when the first workshop was held in Linköping, Sweden the 14th-15th of April 2016.

Results from the workshop can be used to increase the relevance and usefulness of the DARWIN Resilience Management Guidelines and other project results in terms of addressing needs concerning resilience management.

[Link to the full report.](#)

We will hold a webinar with updates on the development of the Guidelines on Wednesday 9 November 2016.

Please see [here](#) for further details:

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to register.

A second interactive workshop will take place in March 2017, and will involve an even broader variety of participants and focus on more specific resilience topics.

Look out for the upcoming invitation. We hope to see you then!

DARWIN at European Commission 4th Community of Users

DARWIN is cooperating with similar research projects in order to ensure consistency, share knowledge and ultimately improve resilience to expected and unexpected disasters.

Recently DARWIN, along with research projects under the theme “Crisis and Disaster Resilience-Operationalising Resilience Concepts”, presented at The European Commission’s 4th Community of Users on Safe, Secure and Resilient Societies (CoU). The CoU aims to build on previous research, share knowledge and create synergies between current research projects.

Click [here](#) for more information on this event.



Evaluating the DARWIN Resilience Management Guidelines



The ultimate test of the success of the DARWIN Resilience Management Guidelines will be their adoption and use by end-users (resilience and crisis managers in Healthcare and Air Traffic Management). In order to ensure their usefulness and relevance to end-users, the Guidelines are going through a process of piloting and evaluation during the DARWIN project.

DARWIN partner Deep Blue is leading the piloting and evaluation stage, with the following objectives:

- Contribute to the development of the Guidelines, providing comments and suggestions for improvement
- Define and apply an evaluation process for the Guidelines and pilots
- Evaluate the pilot implementations of the Guidelines in the Air Traffic Management and Healthcare domains and

provide useful feedback to improve these implementations

- Provide the project with feedback to improve the trans-national and trans-domain applicability of the Guidelines

To find out more about evaluating the Guidelines, click [here](#).

DARWIN Research Updates

The DARWIN project is now in its 18th month, and a number of research reports have been completed.

All of the research under the theme “Survey of resilience approaches and synthesis of requirements” has been completed.

Preliminary research in “Enabling tools for resilience management guidelines” and “Pilots: Demonstration and Evaluation” has also been completed. This will be followed up with further research reports that are currently under development.

Preliminary strategies for outreach, dissemination and exploitation of the DARWIN results have also been completed, and will be updated periodically during the project.

For more information on completed research in the DARWIN project, please click [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

The DARWIN Community of Practitioners will hold its second workshop in March 2017. This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to learn about progress towards the development of the Resilience Management Guidelines, as well as other key project outputs. Participants will be invited to provide feedback and input in order to ensure that project outputs are relevant to intended end-users.

For further information and to register your interest, contact: Rebecka.forsberg@regionostergotland.se



In Focus: International Resilience

October 13th was UN International Day for Disaster Reduction. The day was marked by the publication of a report "[Poverty & Death: Disaster Mortality 1996-2015](#)" by the UN office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the UNISDR.

The report found that earthquakes and tsunamis are the biggest cause of disaster-related death, closely followed by climate related disasters, and that 90% of the people who have died in disasters during the reporting period have come from middle-income countries.



This highlights the link between equality, climate and disaster resilience. The UNISDR took the opportunity to emphasise the strong connections between the Sendai Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Sendai Framework was the first framework to be signed by UN Member States post-UN Millennium Development Goals. The Framework encompasses 7 key targets to reduce disaster risk and losses by 2030.

Sendai was quickly followed by agreement on the Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to end poverty and protect the planet over the next 15 years, until 2030. A number of Sendai targets will be instrumental to the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Target 4: Reduce damage to critical infrastructure and basic services.

The European Commission has developed an action plan to support the implementation of the Sendai Framework across EU policies. The Commission's action plan will incorporate risk knowledge, disaster preparedness and resilience, to contribute to the EU's priorities as well as supporting resilience worldwide. The Commission will work with civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of the plan.

If you would like more information or to submit information for the next newsletter, please contact DARWIN Community of Practitioners coordinator Rebecca Forsberg:
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