



Evidence for Policy in Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Summer School 2024

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Introduction

The Evidence for Policy in Disaster Risk Management Summer School 2024 is organised by ICF as part of the Civitas Soteria consortium, on behalf of the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations of the European Commission (DG ECHO). The event is hosted by the University of Vienna and takes place in Vienna, Austria, from 26-27 September.

Activities will start Thursday, 26 September at 09:00 with the registration of participants, and will end Friday, 27 September at 17.30 CET followed by a closing dinner.

Purpose of the event

The Summer School aims to provide participants with:

- a. New knowledge on how to better integrate scientific evidence into policymaking
- b. New insights on how science and policymaking operate
- c. New ideas on how to build a sustainable relationship between scientific personnel and decision-makers
- d. An enlarged network of likeminded professionals, working on disaster risk management with the ambition of using evidence in policymaking
- e. Access to a global community of practice, exchanging top resources and expertise.

Structure of the event

The introductory (keynote) lectures are aimed at presenting to the participants the key **general** problems and challenges perceived today in the dialogue between scientists and policymakers and the trends emerging from national and international practice in addressing them.

Each of the 8 Masterclass sessions will be split into two parts: in the **first** part there will be one or two keynote speakers (senior experts on the specific topic) who will present a) the current state-of-the-play of the topic, b) different models of approaching the topic (both at national and international level), and c) current challenges which need to be addressed/considered.

The **second** part of the Masterclass sessions, led by a facilitator expert of the specific topic investigated in the session, will **be interactive** and the participants will be requested to actively participate in performing various activities, such as discussions, problem-solving, simulations etc. Where relevant, interactive technology will be used, e.g., web-based voting applications, to allow participants to provide instant reactions, votes, or questions on specific



points raised by the speakers via smartphones, tablets, or laptops. The results can be shown live on screen (in the form of word clouds or bar charts), which effectively engages the audience and makes sessions as dynamic as possible.

Content of the Summer School 2024

The Summer School 2024 will be devoted to answering several thematic questions (which also serve as the main topics of the Masterclass sessions). These are presented as follows:

- The multiple uses of artificial intelligence (AI) in disaster risk management
- Preparedness and resilience for managing the systemic risk of compounding disasters
- Population displacement in emergencies and the role of International Disaster Law
- Economics and investing in disaster prevention and preparedness
- Understanding and applying foresight in disaster risk management
- Can hybrid experts help bridge the science-policy gap
- Developing a behavioural and risk communication approach that engages the public
- Cyber security incidents, blackouts, and energy disruptions as emerging disasters



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Day 1 – 26 September 2024

Duration	Activity
Morning Session: 09.00-12.30	
(30 min)	Registration
(30 minutes)	Welcome session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting the scene • Interactive session with participants (e.g. using Slido around their expectations, knowledge of Vienna, etc.) • Logistical brief
(45 minutes)	Team building exercise
(15 minutes)	Coffee break
(60 minutes)	Keynote speeches
(90 minutes)	Lunch
(180 minutes)	Masterclasses- Round 1 (masterclasses running simultaneously). Timing includes coffee break
Evening	Social event Dinner

Day 2 – 27 September 2024

Duration	Activity
Morning Session: 09.00-12.30	
(180 minutes)	Masterclasses- Round 2 (masterclasses running simultaneously). Timing includes coffee break
(90 minutes)	Lunch
(180 minutes)	Masterclasses- Round 3 (masterclasses running simultaneously). Timing includes coffee break
(60 minutes)	Concluding Points Closing Session
Evening	Dinner