



Technical Session Proposal

Thank you for your interest in Understanding Risk Balkans Conference.

Before registering your interest in being a session lead, please ensure you have reviewed the session lead guide. If you are interested in being a session lead, please fill out the below form. If you are interested in leading multiple sessions, please fill out one form per session. If you are interested in being a speaker, please reach out to your network to consider forming a session.

1. Please provide a session title that is interesting and engaging.

Flood Protection is everyone's responsibility

2. Please provide a session abstract (4-6 sentences).

This session will present an insight into latest initiatives, new technologies and research results to provide more efficient solutions to decrease flood risk in the Balkans. Disaster management authorities of all governance levels need better situational overview, vulnerability analysis and urban water management. The climate change projections indicate an expected increase in the frequency and intensity of flooding such as one in May 2014 that region is still recovering from. In order to decrease predicted adverse effects of floods, Balkan countries need to increase risk awareness and prevention capacities of local communities, citizens and in particular vulnerable population.

The session will look into complex interactions between flooding and society highlighted by conceptual mathematic models to describe economic decisions for long-term flood protection strategies and impact based forecasting of extreme weather events, as well as the response, recovery and DRR actions taken by UNDP BiH and OECD Mission to Serbia such as DRAS (Disaster Risk Analysis System) for authorities and individuals and the We4DRR network (Women Exchange for Disaster Risk Reduction) to empower gender-sensitive policies in disaster risk management.

3. Please provide a list of organizations and/or panelists you would involve in your session.

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4. Please provide your name, organization, email and phone number.

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