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DISASTER COMPETENCE NETWORK AUSTRIA

COMPETENCE NETWORK FOR DISASTER RESEARCH AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

The Disaster Competence Network Austria (DCNA) bundles scientific expertise in the field of disaster research. The networking platform acts as a focal point for disaster research, bringing together scientific institutions and their stakeholders, as well as public and private entities. Furthermore, DCNA brings together and exploits existing scientific and technical infrastructures and expertise in the field of disaster risk management.

About us

The aim of DCNA is to **transfer scientific knowledge** into practice through cooperative research and educational activities carried out in cooperation with a wide variety of stakeholders, as well as the provision of decision-relevant information and scientific and technical equipment in the event of a disaster.

Initiated by the **University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna** and the **Graz University of Technology**, the competence network is organized as a non-profit and open association and has meanwhile been expanded to include key players in disaster prevention and response.

Members & partners

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Ordinary members

All institutions whose tasks include scientific disaster research.

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Associate members

All institutions that support DCNA activities, but do not conduct any scientific research themselves.

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Strategic partnerships

Public authorities, international institutions and similar initiatives to further anchor common goals.

DCNA objectives are to facilitate disaster research activities, as well as to advise decision makers in the area of civil protection and strengthen societal resilience to disasters.

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Achieving the goals

- Establishment of thematic platforms and expert working groups (see right side)
- Dissemination events such as workshops, conferences, podcasts, publications
- Coordination of activities to promote R&D projects
- Pooling and Sharing of experts and technical infrastructure

Advantages & synergies

DCNA expects the following advantages and synergies:

- Knowledge and evidence building to disaster risks
- Access to state-of-the-art knowledge and experts
- Increased efficiency by sharing specific research infrastructure
- Advancing civil protection activities such as exercises and trainings
- Establishment of a coordinated partner network for national/intl. research activities
- Training and Promotion of qualified young scientists
- “Science as a Service” as reach-back for all stakeholders
- Stimulation of innovative solutions to existing gaps and needs
- Cooperation and linking with similar initiatives and platforms in Europe and beyond

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