



## Area Wide Risk Assessment

a good practice example in the Province of the Tyrol

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#### ▲ alpS – Who We Are

R&D centre and consultancy based in Innsbruck/Austria Topics: natural hazard research and risk management Focus on climate change adaptation

100+ employees at three locations

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Official risk management partner of the State and National Government

ORTIS Risk Management Solutions were developed and are maintained by alpS





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#### ▲ The Tyrol: Facts & Numbers

- 720.000 inhabitants
- ▲ 279 municipalities
  - ▲ From 60 (Gramais) to 130.000 (Innsbruck) inhabitants
- ▲ 43.000.000 overnight stays
- ▲ 12.648 km<sup>2</sup>
- ▲ 13% settled area (1645 km²)
- ▲ Located in the Eastern Alps at the important Brenner Pass
- Lowest Point: 465m
- Highest Point: 3798m (Großglockner)
- Strong volunteer system
  - ▲ 32.500 volunteer fire-fighters
  - 4.200 volunteer red-cross volunteers
  - 4.100 volunteer mountain-rescue members
  - 3.000 volunteer water-rescue members





#### ▲ Main Factors of DRR in the Tyrol (1)

- ▲ More events that can not be handled by emergency units alone
  - ▲ Strong involvement of local emergency management teams
- ▲ Tourism has to be considered in community-based DRR in the Tyrol
  - ▲ Small municipalities -> medium sized cities
  - ▲ Events (Air & Style, Hahnenkamm, Euro 2008,...)
- ▲ Many risks are related to mountains
- Increasing dependency on technologies
- ▲ Trend to a more risky behavior of local people and tourists



#### ▲ Main Factors of DRR in the Tyrol (2)



Klimaerwärmung in Österreich bis 2100 (basierend auf dem SRES-Emissionsszenario A1B), Institut für Meteorologie, Universität für Bodenkultur Wien



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#### ▲ Main Factors of DRR in the Tyrol (3)

#### **Climate Change**

- Increasing number of events
  - Rock falls
  - Landslides
  - Debris Flows
  - Flooding
  - ▲ Thunderstorms/Hailstorms
- ▲ New risks
  - Drought
  - ▲ Fresh Water Supply Disruption
  - Wild Fires
  - ▲ Long Term Blackout
  - ▲ Extreme Cold Waves

#### Climate Change as a Challenge in DRR work

- Downscaling of Climate Models
- ▲ Awareness raising
- Weather vs. Climate
- ▲ Communication
- ▲ People forget years like 1999

#### Risk Assessment in the Province of the Tyrol (Austria)

- Project "RiMaComm": Risk Management for Communities
- Initiated by the Provincial Early Warning and Emergency Management Centre



- ▲ Project Goals
  - High quality community-based risk assessment in all 279 municipalities
  - Provide tools and services
  - Fulfill legal requirements
  - Initiate a long-lasting risk management process



#### Risk Assessment in the Province of the Tyrol (Austria)

Application of the ORTIS approach...

- ▲ Blend of expert- and community-based approaches
- Cost- and time efficient
- ▲ Multi-risk
- Local participation
- ▲ Following three simple and applicable steps:





## ORTIS Risk Management Tool & Services

- The ORTIS software tool
  - Developed to support the risk management process
  - A clearly **structured** guideline and **assists** municipalities
  - User-friendly, web-based tool and a dynamic knowledge repository
  - Offers illustration, visualization and reporting functions

#### ▲ The ORTIS services...

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- Workshops
- Cartographic processing and back office
- Personal support throughout the process
- Access to the latest scientific know-how and network of experts
- Access to the results of and international projects

#### RiMaComm Municipality Workshops



- Prepared, conducted and moderated by alpS
- Driven by the municipality
- Local participation
- Local experts as knowledge source
- Implement the necessary tools and routines
- Create a sense of ownership
- ▲ Cost- and time-efficient

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#### Risk Assessments in the Tyrol



- ▲ 1700+ local participants
- ▲ 1500+ members of emergency units
- ▲ 300+ Political leaders
- 300+ Experts for critical infrastructure

#### 279 Local Emergency Management Teams with 3500+ members



#### Some Numbers

- ▲ **10** alpS and state government risk management experts
- ▲ **300+** workshops in municipalities
- ▲ 279 municipalities completed
- ▲ 6500 risks identified
  - 52 % Geological and Hydrometrological Risks
  - 26 % Technical Risks
  - 22 % Other Man Made Risks
- ▲ **1900+** members of local communites
- ▲ **50** external risk experts involved



## Next steps

- Implement and educate local emergency management teams
- Develop and implement technical, structural and organizational measures (prevention & preparedness)
- Train local emergency management teams through map exercises
- ▲ Further increase **climate sensitivity** of risk assessments on a local level
- Expand the comprehension of stakeholders self protection





#### alpS/Tyrol and the "Making Cities Resilient" Campaign



All **279 Tyrolean municipalities** and the Province of the Tyrol/Austria join the campaign in January 2011

Launch at the international conference **"Managing Alpine Future II"** in November 2011, Innsbruck

Province of the Tyrol/alpS and City of Lienz: "**Role models** for communitybased risk assessment, management and reduction"



#### Further application examples

## Public authorities worldwide

- Province Alto Adige (Italy)
- Province Yogjakarta (Indonesia)
- Several Cities (Germany, Switzerland, China, Algeria,...)

## Infrastructure Operators

- State hospitals, Austria
- Power authorities, Austria
- National Railway Company (ÖBB), Austria

## Scientific Cooperation and Application

- Universities all over Europe
- Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia
- CONICET, Argentina
- Expert Exchanges and Twinning
  - Sweden Austria exchange on community based risk assessment
  - D-A-CH exchange on National Risk Analysis





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### Outlook



- Risk management indispensable for sustainable urban planning/development
- Disaster Risk Reduction at the municipal level key to pro-actively adapt to our changing climate
- Methodology adaptable and transferable to other cities
- Mutual learning and knowledge sharing beneficial
- UNISDR: key role in motivating & facilitating local stakeholders





# Questions & Discussion

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