

Common meeting of NH Group (CFPA-E) and EG 6 (IE)

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Minutes of the common meeting on 18th March 2021

Day: Thursday 18th March 2021, 10:30 - 15:00 h

Place: TEAMS

Present:

Amar Rahman (IE)	Switzerland
Barbara Vidakovic (CFPA-E),	Serbia
Kamila Kempna(CFPA-E)	Czech
Guido Zaccarelli (CFPA-E)	Italy
Hans Starl (CFPA-E/IE)	Austria
Ib Bertelsen (CFPA-E)	Denmark
Jan Smolka (CFPA-E)	Czech
Lars Brodin (CFPA-E)	Sweden
Miguel Vidueira (CFPA-E),	Spain
Mingyi Wang (Chairman, CFPA-E/IE)	Germany
Taina Hanhikoski (CFPA-E)	Finland
Tommy Arvidsson (CFPA-E)	(Director)

Excusing attendance: Eric Petitpas (IE), *France*

Draft of AGENDA

Part I: Common general items

1. Welcome

- a) Agenda for the meeting – Mingyi (this document):
- b) Roll call, especially if new member or new participant is present:

2. Minutes about the last meeting on 22nd October 2020 online

- a) Approval of the minutes (sent on 17th November 2020)

3. General issues related to coordination between NHG (CFPA) and EG 6 (IE)

- a) UN's Sustainable Development Goals – Discussion about possible interactions to natural hazards
- b) Prisonisation of CFPA-E guidelines that should be endorsed by Insurance Europe

Part II: CFPA-E NH Group items

4. Revising discussion:

- a) Guideline No. 2: 2013 N: “Business Resilience; an introduction to protecting your business” – Amar (new draft version enclosed?)
- b) Guideline No. 6: 2016 N: “Forest Fires” – Miguel (final updating draft enclosed?)

5. Proposals for discussion

- a) Guideline No. 7: 2018 N "Demountable / mobile flood protection systems" - Mingyi: Final acceptance of the updating draft for publication from the side of CFPA-E?
- b) “Heavy rain”: Continuing and probably closing of the discussion: Finalisation with integration of selected pictures from Italy? (Guido)
- c) “Ensuring supplies of firefighting water in extreme weather conditions”: final draft as discussed at the last meeting – Hans, Jan and Taina (final updating draft enclosed?)
- d) Updated draft for standard foreword of all guidelines on natural hazards: Any decision from MIC an MC?
- e) Continuation of the discussion on the necessity / possibility to include general aspects of adaptation to climate change, and UN's SDGs into the consideration and recommendation on protection against natural hazards and extreme weather events:
- f) Draft guideline on “constructional hail protection” – integration of a hail hazard map and some damage pictures from Spain, if available, Mingyi / Hans / Miguel (new draft version enclosed?)
- g) Discussion about the possible new guideline on landslides – Mingyi (sent again along with this document)
- h) Discussion on quality in products of CFPA-E – Tommy (Proposal of MC sent on 12th March)

6. Ideas for new proposals (Waiting list) - all

- a) “Cold weather” (and “Heat wave” are probably covered in connection of supply of extinguishing water)
- b) “Earthquake”
- c) “Fog”
- d) “Snow Slides”
- e) “Structural problems due to weather conditions” (Note: the issue is partly covered by constructional protection against flood, hail, snow/ice load, wind)
- f) “Sun Storms”
- g) “Tsunami”

7. Time limits until next meeting – Mingyi

8. Next meetings (The meeting will be one day and exactly day has to be decided)

- a) 2021, 21st October, Athens, Greece
- b) 2022, 14th to 18th March, Brussels, Belgium
- c) 2022, 10th to 13th October, Oslo, Norway (Exactly day tbd)
- d) 2023, 13th to 16th March, Linz, Austria (Exactly day tbd)
- e) 2023, 09th to 12th October, Hvidovre/Copenhagen, Denmark (Exactly day tbd)
- f) 2024, 11th to 14th March, Istanbul, Turkey (Exactly day tbd)
- g) 2024, 21st to 24th October, Proposal: Poland (tbd)

Part III: Insurance Europe EG 6 items

9. Proposals for discussion

10. Time limits until next meeting – Mingyi

11. Any other business – all

- a) First discussion about a possible new guideline on loss prevention against geological risks (earth quark, landslides, and ground subsidence etc.)

12. Next meetings (See also the agenda item No. 9)

Part I: Common general items

1. Welcome

Mingyi opens the meeting and welcomes all participants.

a) Agenda for the meeting

The draft agenda, sent on 18th February 2021, is agreed with following additional agenda items:

- Discussion on quality in products of CFP-A-E (agenda item 5h), Tommy)
- Possible new work item on drought and heat wave (agenda item 6, Jan)

b) Roll call, especially if new member or new participant is present:

Barbara, also member of GC, introduces herself as a new member of NHG. Members of NHG and IE/EX 6 who have not previously participated in the GC introduce themselves as well. All participants welcome Barbara.

2. Minutes about the last meeting on 22nd October 2020 online

a) Approval of the minutes

The draft minutes sent on 17th November 2020 are approved without any comments and changes.

3. General issues related to coordination between NHG (CFPA) and EG 6 (IE)

a) UN's Sustainable Development Goals – Discussion about possible interactions to natural hazards

In connection with the proposal for a topic-specific consideration of the need to adapt to climate change (agenda item 5e)), also in accordance with the new EU adaptation strategy (sent on 1st March 2021), the members of both groups discuss the proposal for the foreword or scope of guidelines on natural hazards. The participants also agree, as listed below, with the naming of possible interactions between the protection against natural hazards and extreme weather events and SDGs (sustainability development goals) of the United Nations.

In the ongoing climate change, its impacts are increasingly expected due to scientific studies and, visible and realized. These negative consequences can be caused by extreme weather events and changes in meteorological parameters, e. g. regionally and seasonally rising of average temperatures, increasing, or/and shifting of precipitation distributions.

Therefore, concepts and measures for protection against natural hazards should be regular checked in terms of risk management and adapted, if necessary. This adaptation should take regional and local differences in impacts of climate change, the regional and local exposure and vulnerability to natural hazards into account. And the resilience of society, ecologic, economy each as a system, e.g., infrastructure, must be considered as the objective within all adaptation concepts to ensure or maintain the necessary system function.

Concepts and measures to protect against natural hazards should also be sustainable according to the sustainable development goals of the united nations, especially in terms of

- *quality education (UN's SDG No. 4) – just for TC?*
- *resilient infrastructure (UN's SDG No. 9)*
- *sustainable cities and communities (UN's SDG No. 11)*

- *climate action (mitigation and adaptation, UN's SDG No. 13)*
- *partnership for the SDGs (UN's SDG No. 17).*

The MC will be informed about this proposal of NHG Tommy.

b) Prisonisation of CFPA-E guidelines that should be endorsed by Insurance Europe

Mingyi reports on the current coordination with the Prevention Forum of IE on the publication and endorsement of the updated guideline on demountable/mobile flood protection systems (Guideline No 7, see also the agenda item 5a)). Related to this, the supplements, which have been mainly suggested in particular by IE/EG 6, should be nevertheless published by CFPA-E first. Accordingly, the majority opinion of the participants is that the guideline should be ratified first, if there isn't any time pressure, not least because of the new way of the cooperation between the two organizations.

Mingyi is asked to take the concerning steps in coordination with Tommy (see also record on agenda item 5h)).

Part II: CFPA-E NH Group items

4. Revising discussion:

a) Guideline No. 2: 2013 N: "Business Resilience; an introduction to protecting your business"

This agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting, supported by a new founded subgroup consisting of Amar, Barbara, Jan, and Lars, also because of the Multiple interfaces in the definition of terms in standards on risk management.

Amar is asked to organize the discussion in the subgroup.

b) Guideline No. 6: 2016 N: "Forest Fires"

Miguel reports about the last update, in particularly related to image captions, forest fire hazard forecast (section 7) and prediction of the fire spread (section 8).

Related to the hazard forecast, an overview on links with concerning national ranges should be prepared for a new annex, in addition to the exemplary tabular from Sweden. All members are requested to send available links to Miguel.

Related to the computational prediction of the fire spread by different modelling, a warning note should be formulated in discussion between Miguel and Jan. It should be explicitly pointed out that the results of the model calculations should only be seen as a supportive aid for decision.

5. Proposals for discussion

a) Guideline No. 7: 2018 N "Demountable / mobile flood protection systems"

See also the written record on discussions about the agenda item 3a)

b) "Heavy rain": Continuing and probably closing of the discussion

The development of the content of the new guidelines has been completed. Due to the missing permission for copy right, the two images from Italy selected by NHG at last meeting can't be used for the guideline as publication. Therefore, Barbara and Ib will check other national available sources of suitable images with consideration of the clarify of copy right.

- c) “Ensuring supplies of firefighting water in extreme weather conditions”
 The development of the content of the new guidelines has been completed by Hans, Jan and Taina. Jan presents with the current draft last changes. With discussions at the meeting, the final changes can be decided, such as with new pictures for hydrants and omitting reference to possible new extinguishing methods, as well as highlighting water supply in connection with national standards on automatic fire extinguishing systems. Once finalized, the draft can be submitted for linguistic review and then ratification.
- d) Updated draft for standard foreword of all guidelines on natural hazards
 Tommy and Kamila report about the exchange of opinions in MIC on same foreword for all guidelines of CFPA-E. Therefore, the NHG will implement the notes on different characteristics of natural hazards and protection concepts, especially related to climate change and SDGs, in the scope of guidelines on natural hazards and extreme weather events.
- e) Continuation of the discussion on the necessity to include general aspects of adaptation to climate change, and UN’s SDGs into the recommendation on protection against natural hazards and extreme weather events:
 See also the written record on discussions about the agenda item 3a)
- f) Draft guideline on “constructional hail protection”
 The development of contents of the new guideline has been completed. Last but not least, the current maps on hail hazards from Switzerland and Austria for the annex and further damage pictures from member countries should be integrated, if available.
 Kamila agrees to provide pictures from Czech if necessary. Mingyi and Hans will clarify the provision of the hazard maps.
Note when drafting the minutes: Kamila sent some useable pictures for choice.
- g) Discussion about the possible new guideline on landslides
 Related to the first draft of a possible new guideline based on the input from Sweden , Mingyi asked the discussion about the orientation of the new work item, e. g. objectives, target audiences, proper structure, and content.
 With a short presentation about ongoing discussion on geological hazards in a project group on natural hazard of GDV, illustrates Mingyi the challenges of the upcoming works. Amar points out the expected consequences of the loss of permafrost caused by impacts of climate change.
 The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.
- h) Discussion on quality in guidelines
 Tommy presents the MCs’ proposal on quality assurance in CFPA-E products sent on 12th March by email and explains its background, e. g. steps to go more global and to win more possible member organizations. This includes, among other things, the content review of draft guidelines by some external experts, which is already ensured by NHG through the cooperation with IE/EX 6.
 In this connection, Miguel and Mingyi also point out the need for language check (English wash) of the guideline as discussed in NHG, for example by a native speaker. This work step significantly determines the acceptance of the guideline in practice and thus the quality.
 Tommy states that the topic has already been discussed several times. Crucial is at that point that the linguistic check must be performed in connection with the understanding

over the specialized topics of guidelines. Before another colleague from FPA will join the activities of CFPA-E, John should continue to be addressed for the linguistic check first.

Looking at the establishment of NHG in CFPA-E with meanwhile 10 members and soon 10 developed guidelines, the NHG is, as confirmed by Tommy, responsible for its specific guideline. In addition, Tommy agrees a clarification of a small budget for NHG.

6. Ideas for new proposals (Waiting list)

Related to the following waiting list of possible new work items, what is regularly checked by NHG, Jan suggest to discussion about the drought and heat wave.

- a) “Cold weather” (and “Heat wave” are probably covered in connection of supply of extinguishing water)
- b) “Earthquake”
- c) “Fog”
- d) “Snow Slides”
- e) “Structural problems due to weather conditions” (Note: the issue is partly covered by constructional protection against flood, hail, snow/ice load, wind)
- f) “Sun Storms”
- g) “Tsunami”
- h) Drought and heat wave?

Due to the discussion at the meeting, Jan will prepare some proposal on objectives, target audience, content, and structure of the possible new work item, also following discussions on agenda item 5g). All members are requested to collect and provide concerning material for discussion at the next meeting.

Note:

- Due to the started discussion on landslides, earth quack may be covered by a possible new work item
- At the next meeting, the grey marked item a) and e) could be delete after discussion.

7. Time limits until next meeting

All results of agreed works shall be presented by the responsible members and distributed no later than four weeks before the next meeting on 21st October 2021. Middle September, a requested reminder to all will send from Mingyi.

8. Next meetings (The meeting will be one day and exactly day has to be decided)

The NHG confirms the date for the next NHG-meeting on 21st October 2021 in Athens, Greece, suggested by MC.

Further meeting weeks for the next sessions are announced as follows

- a) 2022, 14th to 18th March, Brussels, Belgium
- b) 2022, 10th to 13th October, Oslo, Norway (Exactly day tbd)
- c) 2023, 13th to 16th March, Linz, Austria (Exactly day tbd)
- d) 2023, 09th to 12th October, Hvidovre/Copenhagen, Denmark (Exactly day tbd)
- e) 2024, 11th to 14th March, Istanbul, Turkey (Exactly day tbd)
- f) 2024, 21st to 24th October, Proposal: Poland (tbd)

Part III: Insurance Europe EG 6 items

9. Proposals for discussion

There isn't any request on this agenda item currently.

10. Time limits until next meeting – Mingyi

See also the agenda item No. 7.

11. Any other business – all

- a) First discussion about a possible new guideline on loss prevention against geological risks (earth quark, landslides, and ground subsidence etc.):

This topic is discussed in connection with the agenda item 5g). The NHG takes note of the short presentation on discussion in Germany about geological hazards by Mingyi.

12. Next meetings (See also the agenda item No. 9)