

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

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Minutes of the common meeting (web conference), 22nd Oct. 2020

Present:

Amar Rahman (IE)	Switzerland
Guido Zaccarelli (CFPA-E)	Italy
Hans Starl (CFPA-E/IE)	Austria
Ib Bertelsen (CFPA-E)	Denmark
Jan Smolka (CFPA-E)	Czech Republic
Lars Brodin (CFPA-E)	Sweden
Miguel Vidueira (CFPA-E), <i>Spain</i> ;	
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

Note: Due to the pandemic-related cancellation of the last joint meeting of HNG and EC 6 on 24.03.2020, cooperation of both groups will continue, in particular on the basis of the state of work at the last joint meeting in Bologna in October 2019.

Part I: Common general items

1. Welcome

- a) Agenda for the meeting – Mingyi (this document)

2. Minutes about the last meeting on 16th October 2019 in Bologna

- a) Approval of the minutes (sent on 30th December 2019)

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

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 (sent along with this document)
- b) Guideline No. 6: 2016 N: “Forest Fires” – Miguel (enclosure?)
- c) Updated draft for standard foreword of all guidelines on natural hazards (Proposal of Taina and with suggestion for modification from Mingyi, sent along with this document)

5. Proposals for discussion

- a) “Heavy rain”: Continuing and probably closing of the discussion – Mingyi & Hans (sent again along with this document)
- b) “Ensuring supplies of firefighting water in extreme weather conditions”: Continuing and probably closing of the discussion – Hans and Taina (sent again along with this document)
- c) Updated draft of a statement on adaptation to climate change for the webpage of CFPA-E (sent again along with this document)
- d) Discussion about the necessity / possibility to include general aspects of adaptation to climate change into the consideration and recommendation on protection against natural hazards and extreme weather events:

In course of the ongoing climate change, its impacts are increasingly visible, realised and expected due to scientific studies. These negative consequences can be caused both by extreme weather events and by changes in meteorological parameters, e. g. regionally and seasonally rising average temperatures or/and shifting of precipitation distributions. Concepts and measures for protection against natural hazards should be therefore regularly checked in terms of risk management and adapted, if necessary. This adaptation should take regional and local differences in impacts of climate change into account. In addition, the interfaces with the regional and local adaptation concept

to ensure or maintain the necessary function of systems for society, ecologic, economy, e. g. infrastructure, must be considered.

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) “Landslides”
- e) “Snow Slides”
- f) “Structural problems due to weather conditions” (Note: the issue is partly covered by constructional protection against flood, hail, snow/ice load, wind)
- g) “Sun Storms”
- h) “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, 18th March, Lisbon, Portugal
- b) 2021, 18th to 22nd October, Athens, Greece
- c) 2022, 14th to 18th March, Brussels, Belgium
- d) 2022, 10th to 13th October, Oslo, Norway (Exactly day tbd)
- e) 2023, 13th to 16th March, Linz, Austria (Exactly day tbd)
- f) 2023, 09th to 12th October, Hvidovre/Copenhagen, Denmark (Exactly day tbd)
- g) 2024, 11th to 14th March, Istanbul, Turkey (Exactly day tbd)
- h) 2024, 21st to 24th October, Proposal: Poland (tbd)

Part III: Insurance Europe EG 6 items

9. Proposals for discussion

- a) Guideline No. 7: 2018 N “Demountable / mobile flood protection systems” – Mingyi: Final acceptance of the updating draft for publication and discussion about possibly recommendation for endorsement, requested by prevention forum of IE
- b) “Constructional hail protection” – Mingyi / Hans (sent along with this document)

10. Time limits until next meeting – Mingyi

11. Any other business – all

- a) Information about some new developments in Germany: Structural flood prevention (research report, online catalogue of flood-resistant construction, GDV guideline on structural flood prevention (VdS 6002)

12. Next meetings (See also the agenda point 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 is approved without any changes.

2. Minutes about the last meeting on 17th October 2019 in Bologna

a) Approval of the minutes: Mingyi goes together with all participants through the draft minutes, especially with regard to the agreed tasks, and the present draft minutes are approved without any changes.

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

Mingyi informs the members of both group that Mateja from Slovenia has signed out of the CFPA-E/NHG, according to a current e-mail message from SZPV and in view of new tasks. All members have taken note of it.

There are no further proposals on this agenda item.

Part II: CFPA-E NH Group items

4. Revising discussion

The discussion on the revision of the subsequent guidelines will continue as planned:

a) Guideline No. 2: 2013 N: "Business Resilience; an introduction to protecting your business": A new draft revision from Amar is present with a clarifying what is the business resilience. On this basis the following changes have been agreed:

- Merging and, where appropriate, supplementing sections 3-5 to emphasize business resilience management, including the structure of the system, strategy planning and implementation, and lesson learned.
- Figure 3 on threats with limited information is to be replaced by some graphs on business resilience management sent by Jan
- The checklists in annex should more focused to natural hazards suggested by Mingyi.

b) Guideline No. 6: 2016 N: "Forest Fires": Miguel presents the updating draft with following modifications based on experiences in member countries:

- 3.2 Surveillance with improved methods including drone
- 3.3 Awareness and Management related to the firefighting water supply in case of heat
- 7 Forest fire hazards forecast according to fire risk level.

These modifications are agreed after discussion and Miguel is asked to add some reference to the new guideline on "Ensuring supplies of firefighting water in extreme weather conditions" and to the source of the definition of fire risk levels. Furthermore, the title should be change in "Wildfire", due to international discussion.

c) The draft for standard foreword for all guideline on natural hazards, proposed by Taina and modified by Mingyi is approved after discussion. Mingyi is asked to send the proposal to the marketing and information commission (MIC) and the management commission (MC) for approval.

5. Proposals for discussion

- a) “Heavy rain”: Guido provides some pictures on claims caused by heavy rain and the members selected two impressive images for the planned guideline after the common screen.

Guido is asked to clarify the copy right of these pictures, and provide the images, if possible, with higher solution. The draft guideline is at least updated with reference on new publication (see also agenda issues 11) by Mingyi and should be finalised with the integration of the additional pictures and appropriate underline at the next meeting.

- b) Draft guideline on “Ensuring supplies of firefighting water in extreme weather conditions”: The following final modifications are agreed after discussion:
- Reference on the updated draft on wildfire (Guideline No. 6: 2016 N) in scope suggested by Mingyi
 - Modification of wordings by Hans, Jan and Taina related to the comments from Taina regarding interaction to sprinkler standards and alternative extinguishing methods.
- c) Updated draft of a statement on adaptation to climate change for the webpage of CFP-A-E: The draft statement is adopted after the final discussion. Mingyi has recently completed the short summary about the characteristics of impacts of climate change. He is asked to send the proposal to MIC and MC for approval.
- d) Discussion about the necessity / possibility to include general aspects of adaptation to climate change into the consideration and recommendation on protection against natural hazards and extreme weather events:

*In course of the ongoing climate change, its impacts are increasingly visible, realised and expected due to scientific studies. These negative consequences can be caused both by extreme weather events and by changes in meteorological parameters, e. g. regionally and seasonally rising of average temperatures and shifting of precipitation distributions. Concepts and measures for protection against natural hazards should be therefore regular checked in terms of risk management and adapted, if necessary. This adaptation should take regional and local differences in impacts of climate change into account **and in vulnerability**. In addition, the interfaces with the regional and local adaptation concept to ensure or maintain the necessary function of systems for society, ecologic, economy, e. g. infrastructure, must be considered.*

The members of both groups discuss about the present first proposal from Mingyi and generally agreed the warning note, e. g. the need of a regular risk and vulnerability assessment in terms of proven risk management. The discussion about the final content and wording should be continue, if possible, at a common work platform (e. g. teams).

Note in course of writing the minutes: The application of Teams is currently still limited by Mingyi. If someone from both groups has the possibility to set up one channel per Teams for all members, it would be very welcome.

6. Ideas for new proposals (waiting list)

The following waiting list is regularly reviewed together to identify and, if necessary, consider any new developments.

- a) “Cold weather” (and “Heat wave” are probably covered in connection of supply of extinguishing water)
- b) “Earthquake”

- c) “Fog”
- d) “Landslides”
- e) “Snow Slides”
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The discussion shows that landslide could be a topic for a new guideline, amongst others due to the common experiences in case of heavy rain events in different countries. Lars provided some information about the landslides recirculated by Miguel what should be screened at the next meeting.

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 18th March 2021.

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

The common meeting will take place in general as a one-day meeting and the exact day, if not specified, has to be decided (tbd):

- a) 2021, 18th March, Lisbon, Portugal (Note: if present meeting is possible due to the dynamic development of situation)
- b) 2021, 18th to 22nd October, Athens, Greece
- c) 2022, 14th to 18th March, Brussels, Belgium
- d) 2022, 10th to 13th October, Oslo, Norway (Exactly day tbd)
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Part III: Insurance Europe EG 6 items

9. Proposals for discussion

- a) Guideline No. 7: 2018 N “Demountable / mobile flood protection systems”: The draft guideline of IE, based on the guideline CFP-A-E No 7, is finally adapted. Previously, the members agreed the latest additions from Mingyi on testing and certification of mobile protection systems (VdS 3855) and current research results on constructional flood prevention (see also the agenda item 11). Mingyi is asked to send the draft guideline to prevention forum for approval and publication.
- b) “Constructional hail protection”: To conclude the drafting of the new guideline at the next common meeting, the following should be added if necessary:
 - Example of a hail hazard map (action Hans)
 - Damage pictures from Spain, if available (action: Miguel)

10. Time limits until next meeting

See the agreement to the agenda item No 7

11. Any other business – all

- a) Information about some new developments in Germany: Mingyi presents on the screen the new online publications of the German insurance association on consisting of a research report from the university of applied sciences in Dresden, an online catalogue of flood-resistant construction types, and the GDV guideline on constructional flood prevention (VdS 6002):

<https://www.gdv.de/de/themen/politische-positionen/schadenverhuetung/service>

The participants take note of this information and encourage the preparation of a short contribution for the newsletter (action: Mingyi)

- b) There isn't any other request.

12. Next meetings

See the information on the agenda item No 9