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# **Project EUNAD:**

## **Assisting Disabled in Case of Disaster**

**(European Network for Psychosocial Crisis Management –  
Assisting Disabled in Case of Disaster)**

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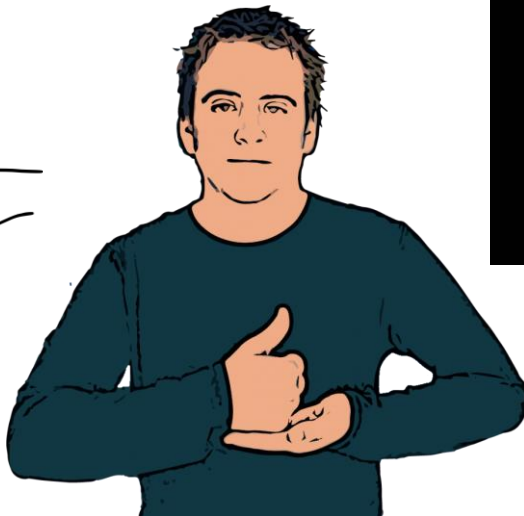
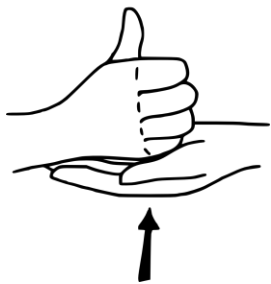
# Key question



## How to integrate psychosocial support of people with visual or hearing impairment in disaster management?

- The project aims at a standardization of psychosocial aftercare in case of disasters as well as at the development of an European network based on current findings in psychotraumatology.

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# About the project

Time: **2013-2014**

Supported by: **the European Commission,  
DG Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection**

The fields of the project:

- **Target groups: people with disability (with visual or hearing impairment)**
- **Preparedness**
- **Civil protection**
- **Psychosocial support in disasters**
- **Crisis management**
- **Uniformed services**



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# Project partners

## Coordinator:

- **Center of Psychotraumatology, Alexianer, Krefeld, Germany**



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# Cooperating organisations

## Support of the project:

- **Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic**
- **German Association for Rehabilitation**
- **Israel Trauma Coalition**
- **Spanish Society of Psychotraumatology, Traumatic Stress and Dissociation**
- **University of Oslo - Medical Faculty**
- **Local organisations focused on the support of the target groups**



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# Background



## European Network for Psycho-Social Aftercare in Case of Disaster

- 1) Project **EUTOPA** (2007-2009):
  - Target Group Intervention Program (TGIP)
  - Cologne Risk Index-Disaster (context=major loss situations)
  - Trauma-based psychoeducation (for victims of disasters)
  
- 2) Project **EUTOPA-IP** (2009-2011):
  - Implementation of EUTOPA (context=uniformed services)
  - Guidelines - psychosocial support for uniformed workers



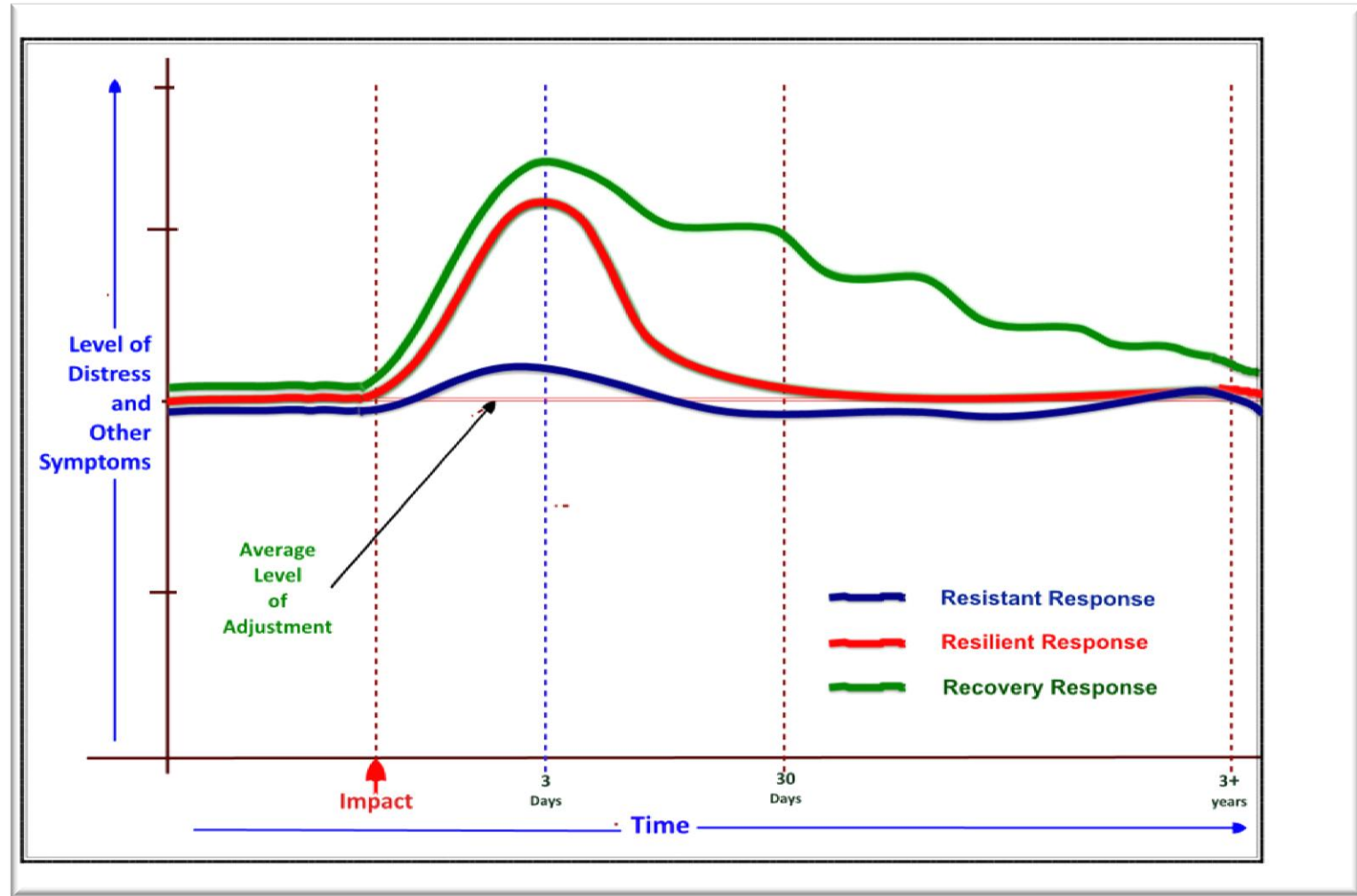
Supported by: **European Commission, DG Environment**

<http://www.eutopa-info.eu/>



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# The Screening Problem



Modified by R. Williams R & V. Kemp after Layne CM et al. (2008)



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# Target Group Intervention Program

Psychological  
First Aid

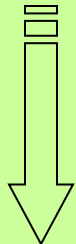


Psychological  
First Aid

**Psychoinformation**

**Prognostical Screening: CRI-D**

**Group of Recovery**  
Guidance in Self-Help



Information about  
professional help

**Switcher**  
Guidance in Self-Help



Monitoring



Clinical Diagnostic



In need of Trauma Therapy

**High-Risk-Group**  
Guidance in Self-Help



Clinical Diagnostic



Trauma Therapy



Rehabilitation





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# Experience/TGIP



**Tsunami 2004**



**Love parade disaster, GER, 2010**



**CBRN Incidents-simulation**



**Break down of the historical  
archive in Cologne, GER, 2009**



**Train disaster, Studenka, CZ, 2008**





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## Main Objectives of EUNAD

- EUNAD aims toward the implementation and preparation of **EU human rights-related assistance programmes for disabled survivors** of disasters.
- A step forward in the implementation of the UN **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.



# Tasks

- **Research** (Two qualitative studies on people with visual or hearing impairment , Analysis of literature, Analysis of relevant national and EU projects,)
- **Expert Input meeting** (Israel 02/2013)
- **Local networking** associations of blinds and deafs (2013)
- **Local Workshops** 2013 (D, CZ, DK, N)
- **2 European expert conferences** (Prague 10/2013, Cologne 2014)
- **EUNAD recommendations/ EUNAD taskforce**
- **Pilot training** (D, CZ, DK, N)





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# Expert Input meeting in Israel

Expert panel organized by the Israel Trauma Coalition, Feb. 2013





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## Research:

**Task:** Conduction of qualitative studies on the specific reception of psychotrauma of people with visual or hearing impairment.



**Results** of our qualitative study on the special psychotraumatology of blinds and deafs serve as main source for **EUNAD** recommendations for the training material.



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## **Local & International Workshops:**

### **Task:**

- Local workshops (each country, participants: experts, associations of people with visual or hearing impairment ...)
- International workshop I (Prague, 10/2013, cca 25 EU experts)
- International workshop II (Cologne, 2014, cca 25 EU experts)

### **Expected Results:**

- ✓ Consensus recommendations
- ✓ Consensus Task force
- ✓ Integration of associations for disabled
- ✓ Recommendations trainings



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## Pilot training

**Task:** Different vocational groups, such as mental health professionals, fire brigades, police, social workers and officials responsible for disability management will be trained in basic psychotraumatology, and EUNAD recommendations with special attention to people with visual or hearing impairment.

**Expected result:** Material and training evaluations of the pilot trainings will be delivered. A report describes the integration of the pan-European experience in the pilot trainings to end users and networks of associations of disabled.



## Expected Result

Implementation and preparation of EU human rights related Assistance Programmes for disabled survivors of disasters on the basis of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and on the basis of EUTOPA project products.

- Guidelines,
- Intervention program
- Pan-European network in psychosocial care





## The specific objectives

- 1. Evaluation:** Networks of associations for disabled; analysis of literature on research about disabled in psychotraumatology and other types of literature, materials; ; analysis of EU projects on disaster disability management.
- 2. Research:** Qualitative studies on people with visual or hearing impairment in general psychotraumatology.
- 3. Workshops:** Extension of the European network for psychosocial crisis management via inclusion of associations for handicapped in local and international workshops.
- 4. EUNAD recommendations and Task Force:** Recommendations on Psychosocial support of people with visual or hearing impairment after disaster. Creation of a EUNAD taskforce.
- 5. Trainings:** Training of different vocational groups in EUNAD recommendations (uniformed services - EMS, police, FRS, social workers and mental health professionals.



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**The results will be published: [www.eutopa-info.eu](http://www.eutopa-info.eu)**

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