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Accessible crisis preparedness and crisis communication

A Nordic perspective on strengthening society's ability to prevent and manage crises and conflicts

Accessible crisis preparedness and crisis communication are critical components of strengthening society's ability to prevent and manage crises and conflicts.

Responsibility for these tasks is distributed among public and private entities, including government authorities, municipalities, regions, and businesses. What are the challenges associated with ensuring that crisis information is accessible to all individuals?

In 2024, Sweden holds the presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers. In this side event, we will present perspectives on accessible crisis preparedness and crisis communication, as well as practices from Sweden, the Nordic countries, the EU, and the UN.

Tuesday 11 June, 11.30 AM–12.45 PM (UTC -4)
Conference room (Cr) 4 UN building and via [live stream](#)

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Programme

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- **Welcome to the Nordic side event**
Camilla Waltersson Grönvall, Minister for Social Services, Sweden (video)
- **Policies and strategies on accessible crisis preparedness and crisis communication - examples from Denmark and Norway**
Anita Hørby, Head of Division, Legal and International Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs, Housing, and Senior Citizens, Denmark
Even Aleksander Hagen, State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Culture and Equality
- **Accessible crisis preparedness and crisis communication: An example from Sweden.**
Pernilla Börjesson, Head of Division, the Swedish Agency for Participation
- **Accessibility in European Commission crisis management and solidarity strategy and/or in the European accessibility act**
Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Case 1: New guidelines support the coping of people with disabilities and migrants in serious disruptions and emergencies**
Päivi Nurmi-Koikkalainen, chief specialist, Welfare State Research and Reform Unit, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)
- **Case 2: Coping with international disasters and maintain a high level of accessibility**
Margareta Wahlström, former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction
- **Human rights in emergencies, accessible crisis preparedness and crisis communication**
Saowalak Thongkuay, Member, Committee on Rights of People with Disabilities and a member of the working group on Article 11
- **Reflections from disability organizations**
Ida Hansson, Youth With Disabilities Federation Sweden
Niklas Mattson and Marina Carlsson, the Swedish Disability Rights Federation
- **Final remarks** by Ambassador Anna Karin Eneström, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations

Moderator:

Ola Balke, Senior advisor, the Swedish Agency for Participation

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