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## ANNOUNCEMENT

# Local Resilience Capacity Building For Flood Risk Mitigation CAPFLO project

FINAL OPEN SEMINAR

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Brussels

**European Commission**

DG European Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations – ECHO  
Rue Jozef II-79, 1049 Brussels/Belgium

**Topic:** Floods are the natural hazard with the greatest incidence in Europe. Recent regulations and treaties on natural hazards management and flood risk in particular, incorporate public participation and social capacity building as fundamental elements of a necessary change in the management of risks. Given that social capacities are an intrinsic component of social vulnerability, and vulnerability is an intrinsic component of risk, an improvement of social capacities must contribute to mitigate flood risk. We argue that public participation contributes to the construction of social capacities for flood risk mitigation and enhancement of local resilience. Accordingly, we analyzed which factors are more relevant for building social capacities through public participation. Making explicit the links between public participation and social capacities is especially relevant for the implementation of the European Flood Directive, which requires public participation in its implementation.

**Programme:** Targeted presentations on the relevance of social capacities for flood risk mitigation and the link between social capacities and civil protection comprises the first part of the program. The second part of the program introduces the CAPFLO project and presents the 5 case studies and the main results of the implemented participatory social capacity building processes. Finally, Guidelines for participatory social capacity building for flood risk mitigation are illustrated along with future research needs in this domain.

**Objective:** The purpose of the final open seminar is to present the main results of the CAPFLO project, among which Guidelines for participatory social capacity building for flood risk mitigation.

**Participants:** Around 25 participants are expected. The event is open to the general public, but we particularly welcome EU policy and decision makers, stakeholders and professionals on flood risk management, public participation, risk governance and capacity building.

**Please, register at:** <https://goo.gl/fYvtsp>, or contact [alba.ballester@uab.cat](mailto:alba.ballester@uab.cat) for any question. The conference language will be English.