

Case Studies Sessions

Case Studies sessions are tentatively planned on Day 1 (Tuesday, May 19, 2026) from 14:00 to 15:30 and again on Day 2 (Wednesday, May 20, 2026) from 16:00 to 17:00. Both are titled "Success Stories and Challenges" and follow a similar structure, allowing for a progressive build-up of shared experiences across the Conference. These plenary sessions focus on real-world applications of HNS and Lessons Learnt (LL) processes, using examples from recent disasters (e.g., floods, earthquakes, and the intense 2025 wildfire season).

Selected institutions (likely from IPA III beneficiaries, Eastern Neighbourhood, EU Member States, and UCPM Participating States) will present how HNS/LL processes have influenced national legislation, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and training programs. Presentations will cover success stories (e.g., effective coordination during UCPM deployments, seamless customs clearance, or single-interface logistics) and persistent challenges (e.g., gaps in medical provisions, real-time operational support, or demobilization evaluations). Emphasis will be placed on insights relevant to UCPM expert groups, future revisions of the EU HNSG, and the preparation for the 2026 wildfire season. Both sessions tie into the Conference's core concepts, such as organizational learning, collective memory, and proactive approaches to novel hazards.

These sessions directly support the Conference's aims by showcasing institutionalization of lessons (e.g., how HNS experiences from 2025 wildfires were analysed and implemented), exploring embedding mechanisms (e.g., governance approaches for legal reforms), and encouraging dialogue on good practices and innovations. They contribute to producing actionable recommendations, like performance indicators for lessons uptake, by highlighting what worked well and what could be improved in HNS phases (deployment, operational support, and demobilization).

Led by moderator/facilitator, LL/HNS experts from the presenting institutions should provide short presentations (likely 10-15 minutes each to allow for multiple cases) followed by a panel Q&A. This plenary setup promotes interactive discussion, enabling participants to ask questions, share parallels from their contexts, and identify common regional challenges. The repetition across days allows for thematic progression: Day 1 might focus on initial reflections, while Day 2 could emphasize innovations in institutionalization.

Participants are expected to gain practical tools and templates potentially adaptable to their national CP/DRM systems, fostering regional cooperation. Both sessions aim to ensure interregional sharing, aligning with the Concept note's call for examining why some lessons are implemented while others are not. Pre-conference materials (e.g., case studies' summaries) will prepare attendees, and insights will feed into peer workshops and the outcomes session.

Sessions are 90 and 60 minutes long respectively, balancing brevity with depth to keep energy high before wrap-ups and networking events.

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