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ABSTRACT	<p>The Council of Europe's European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) and Intercultural cities programme (ICC) have joined their expertise to organise a workshop which explored the access and participation of migrants, refugees and asylums seekers to disaster prevention, protection and response mechanisms and their contribution to making such mechanisms more adequate in relation to migrants' needs. The workshop brought together representatives of civil protection administrations of EUR-OPA member States and of civil protection agencies from cities members of the Intercultural cities network, as well as representatives of migrants' organisations. The key questions discussed are how civil protection bodies take into account the specificity of migrant populations (language, cultural and lifestyle differences) while conceiving and implementing protection and evacuation schemes; and how these populations can be encouraged to take part in this work and contribute to the development of more effective schemes, adapted to diverse societies.</p>
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