

To Ministries of Education in the EUR-OPA
member States

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Subject: 2022 Olympiad on knowledge of Natural and Technological Hazards

Dear Sir/Madam,

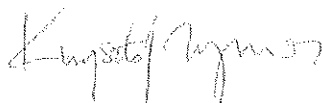
I wish to inform you about an online Olympiad on Knowledge of Natural and Technological Hazards to be organised under the auspices of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) of the Council of Europe, in collaboration with the Cyprus Civil Defence. The Olympiad will take place on **18 February 2022 at 09.00 CET**.

The registration of participants is now open until 18 February 2022, 08.59 CET. The Olympiad is an online competition (in English), based on reliable educational material about hazards and preparedness provided on www.BeSafeNet.net. It is open to all secondary school students (16 years old maximum) in the 24 member States of the Agreement. Please refer to the BeSafeNet website for further information and the rules.

Natural hazards and technological accidents cause a great number of casualties and important economic losses every year. Although it may not be possible to prevent certain hazards, EUR-OPA aims to reduce vulnerability to disasters by providing, in particular to teachers and secondary school students, accurate information on risks and how to mitigate the consequences, through the Olympiad organised in the framework of the BeSafeNet project. The EUR-OPA Agreement is a platform for co-operation between the 24 member countries¹ in the field of disaster prevention and preparedness since 1987. The EUR-OPA Committee of Permanent Correspondents, composed of representatives of ministries or governmental agencies in charge of disaster risk reduction in each member State, fully supports this initiative and have been asked to diffuse this announcement.

I should be most grateful if you could spread the information on the 2022 Olympiad among the secondary schools in your country in order to promote their participation in the competition.

Yours faithfully,



Krzysztof ZYMAN

Executive Secretary of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement

¹ The member States of EUR-OPA: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine.