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Anonymous Referee #1

Referee comment on "The importance of raising risk awareness: lessons learned about risk awareness sessions from the Mediterranean region (North Morocco and West Sardinia, Italy)" by Ante Ivčević et al., Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/nhess-2021-159-RC1, 2021

The paper “The importance of raising risk awareness: lessons learned about risk awareness sessions from the Mediterranean region (North Morocco and West Sardinia, Italy)” presents several problems:

Basically, it does not respect the normal way in which a scientific paper for NHESS is prepared.

The Introduction does not report the usual review of similar papers published in literature about the topic of the paper or related topics. The papers quoted are about Mediterranean Sea. It is possible that no papers exist on similar topic? Generally, at the end of the introduction, the aim of the paper is presented in a plain and simple way. In this paper, the end of the introduction reports considerations of the authors and does not explains the structure of the paper.

Concerning 1.1 Risk awareness, this section seems not effective to explain the concept directly. Moreover, the literature is quoted in a verbose way that can be rearranged to be more direct, allowing the reader to understand without reading more than once.

The literature quoted is very old. The reader could think that since the past century no other papers have been published on these topics. The section is very discursive and it seems that each risk is quoted in term of example. I suggest a table for each study area, listing clearly the kind of risk and references associated to prove that it’s not simply an opinion.

In the section 1.2 The study sites. “Being the region prone to many natural hazards and a climate change ‘hotspot’, the concern grows with the increase of population in already densely populated Mediterranean basin.” The sentence is unclear.

1.3 Summary and goals

129-133 these sentences are inappropriate under the title summary and goals.
135-141 the meaning of the sentences is unclear.

2. Methodology

The title is Methodology but actually the section contains spare sentences on the two study areas. Honestly, If I would like to apply the same “methodology” in another study area, I would have no instructions...!

I suggest to use a flow chart to explain the steps of the methodology that is currently unclear.

Similarly, a table of variables and their meaning could help the reader to understand something more.

Moreover, the Authors should follow a clear path, describing the results of the two study areas and then comparing them, in a neat way, without all the reported examples and using tables instead of verbose description because it’s difficult for the reader to understand.

I also suggest the revision of the text in terms of language and structure. I’ve found several sentences that needed to be read more than once to be understood.

I’m conscious that to follow these suggestions requires supplementary work but I think this could improve the paper substantially.

Best regards