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Anonymous Referee #1

Referee comment on "Invited perspectives: Challenges and step changes for natural hazards – perspectives from the German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV)" by Benni Thiebes et al., Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/nhess-2021-197-RC1>, 2021

This article is an invited perspective for the special issue "Perspectives on challenges and steps changes for addressing natural hazards". The aim is to present some insights on the challenges of natural hazards based on the experience collected within the German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV). The article is structured in three squeezed sections: 1) presentation of DKKV, 2) future research and resilience buildings, 3) step changes and needs according to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Overall the work is acceptable, well written, and in line with the special issue goals; however, after reading it the feeling is that something is missing, especially in the presentation of the DKKV experience that could be enlarged:

a) one or two figures (diagrams) illustrating the content of each section (especially 1 and 3) could help the reader to better understand the framework of DKKV first but also the road map of step changes and needs for natural hazards management.

b) the description of some practical example/storytelling (maybe 1 or 2, related to occurred natural hazards) could give more value to the entire work, otherwise, the result will be just a list of points. I understand the limited text requested for this Special Issue, but maybe 1-2 sentences per section on practical examples could be acceptable by the Editors.

c) one of the future challenges, as mentioned, is communication with the public. Can you enlarge this topic a little? Is it possible to learn some experience from DKKV? The authors should note that the purpose of this invited paper is to present to our readers the DKKV experience, with useful findings, solutions, criticism, and future challenges; therefore what is the lesson that our reader could learn from DKKV?