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## Addressing Ethical Issues Triggered by Disasters: COST Action IS1201

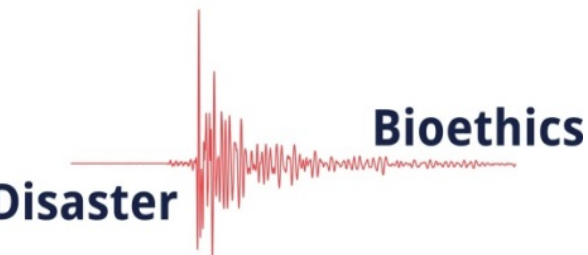
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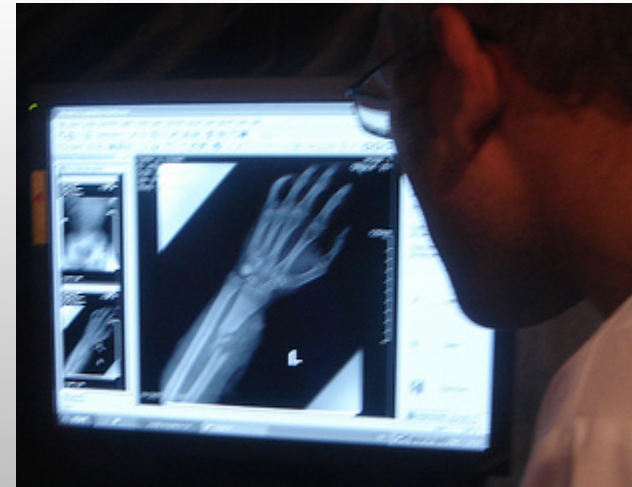
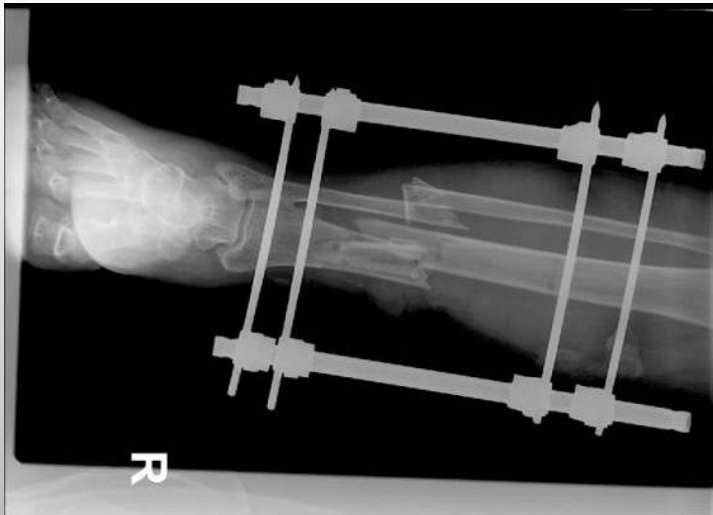
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What's ethics got to do with it?

# Haiti 2010: To amputate or not

- One university medical team: 7.7% of patients amputated
- One army surgical team: 0.7% of patients amputated.
- Why the difference?



# Disaster research

- ‘much of the existing operational research related to emergencies and disasters lacks consistency, is of poor reliability and validity and is of limited use for establishing baselines, defining standards, making comparisons or tracking trends’ (p. 46).
  - UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, *Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015*, Mid-Term Review 2011.  
[http://www.unisdr.org/files/18197\\_midterm.pdf](http://www.unisdr.org/files/18197_midterm.pdf)

- Women and children 14 times more likely to die than men
- Older people suffer more and include more women.



# Conflict and security



# Is Ireland ready?



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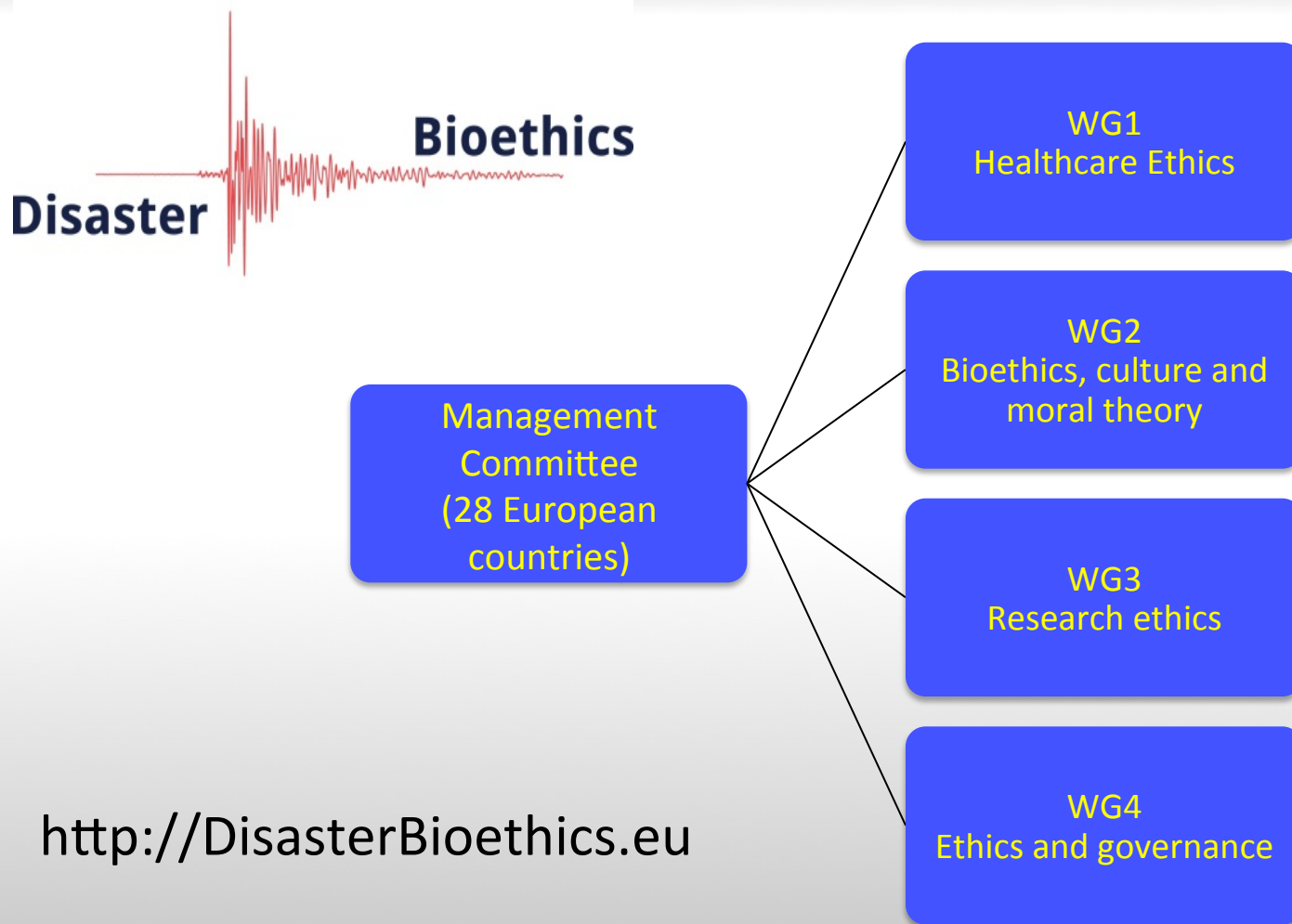
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# Disaster Bioethics: Normative Issues When Nothing is Normal

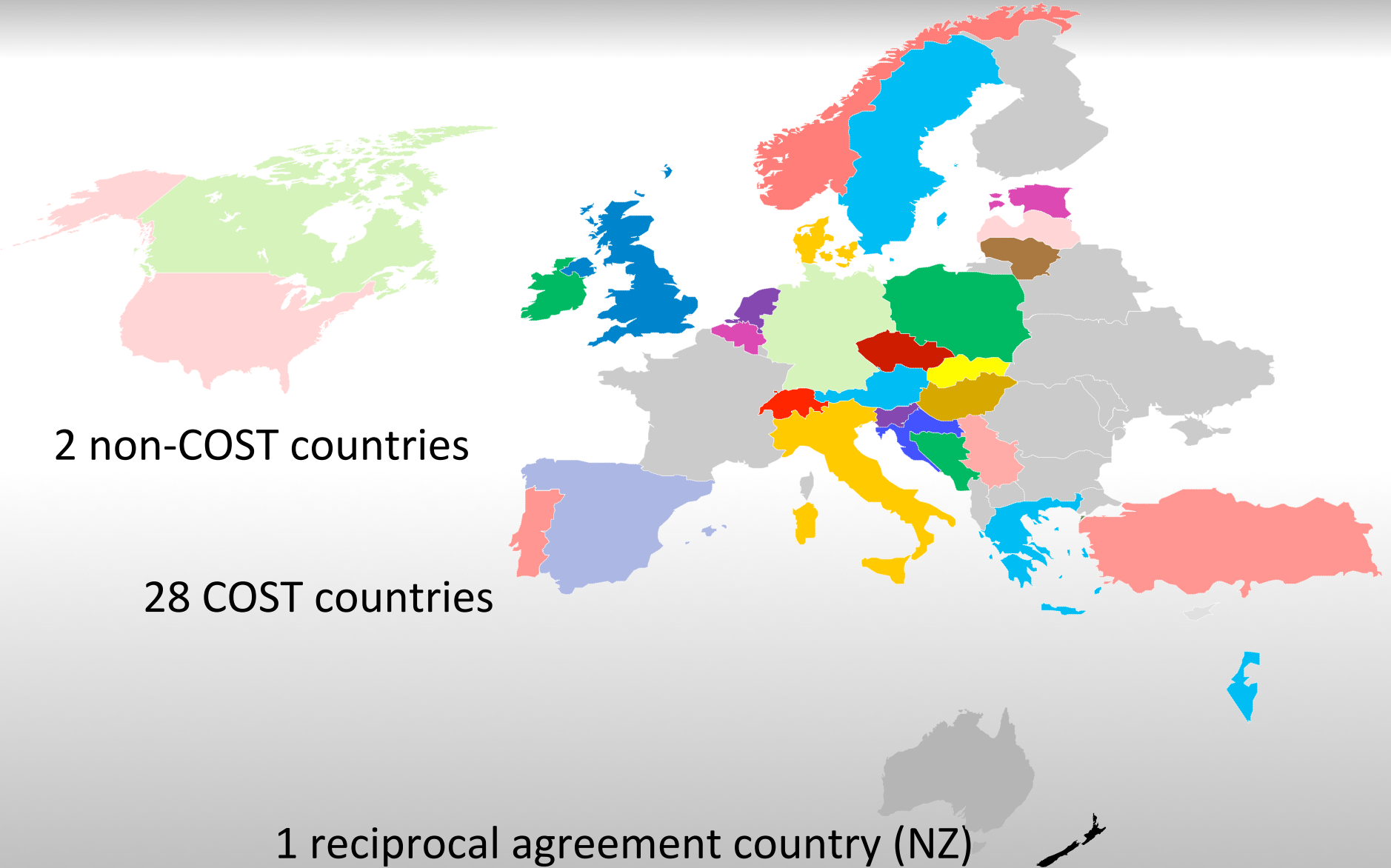
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# European Commission COST Action IS1201



# Countries involved



2 non-COST countries

28 COST countries

1 reciprocal agreement country (NZ)



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