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EMMA / METEOALARM - European Weather Warnings

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EMMA / METEOALARM

- History and present situation of the project
- **European Warning structures**
- **Open problems**
- Chances for the future





Nature of catastrophies







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alerting europe for extreme weather

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METEOALARM operational maps for today + tomorrow



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Vorld Meteorological Organization

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Severe Weather Information Centre

Official Observations. Official Warnings.



Last Updated at 2006-08-03 06:49 UTC

Past Positions

NOTES

Official World City Forecasts Meteoalarm (alerting Europe for extreme weather)

Disclaimer

Organization GMDSS

Links

What's New

This World Meteorological Organization (WMO) web site is developed and

- Click on the symbol or of for advisories and warnings on the tropical cyclone.
- Click on the symbol of for information from individual WMO Members participating in the web site.
- Click on individual boxes to view zoom-in maps.
- This page is best viewed with a display resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels.

METEOALARM Production Centre Salzburg







feedback

- UK July 20th green when floods / METEO HYDRO
- Differences between countries
- RSS feed
- Missing info on ozon, air pollution
- Missing EU member states
- Congratulations





Recent events

- Cooperation with other institutions:
- Presentation of METEOALARM at the EU Commission, Brussels
- Cooperation with MIC (Monitorung and Information Center)
- Integration in BOSS4GMES
- Cooperation with ECMWF

- Coming up:
 - WMO PWS
 - GEOSS





Recent events

European partners in the process of joining:

- Croatia
- **Czech Republic**
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia





METEOALARM - environment



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Relationship warnings - damages

- Aim of warnings: avoid damages
- To achieve best results: adequate reactions necessary
- "special category "necessary for large scale damages
 E.g. large numbers of people displaced
- Frequencies of warnings as most important element for reactions
- If vaild for all of Europe: consistent warning- damage relation needed
- Chances of a "Multihazard Warning system"





Relationship warnings - damages

• Avoid the following cases:

- Warning for a heat wave in Greenland
- Missing warnings for frost in the Azores
- More than 1 element yellow extreme damages
- Excessive "red"cases missing adequate reactions



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Type of forecasts - Warnings

Type of forecast

- **General forecast** (often automatically produced)
- Special weather report "Warnings" for single clients
- Warnings

economic / social implications

Users relate the term "Warnings" with damages







scales









scales











Damages - Warnings



	Damage / Impact	What to do?	Used how often? (per approx. 300 kkm ²)	Meteo Treshholds Rain area related + Damage related
Green		usual phenomena		
yellow	exposed objects (avoidable)	caution with exposed activities	> 30 per year	> 30 mm/12h
orange	general damages (not avoidable)	keep informed in detail, follow advice of authorities	1 to 30 per year	> 54 mm/12h
red	extreme damage and /or casualties extreme damage (mostly) on large areas, threatning life and properties (not avoidable, even in otherwise safe places)	follow order of authorities under all circumstances be prepared for extraordinary measures	less then 1 year for large (5000km2) scale phenomena	> 80 mm/12h





Warning levels are aligned to UK legislation set out in the Civil Contingency Act that requires local authorities to carry our risk assessment using a national scale of impact. This scale of impact aligns to the Emma colours as shown in the table 1 below. ſ

Table 1 -- Comparison of Emma colours to CCA risk assessment levels

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Emma∙colour¤	Emma consequence¤	Civil- Contingency- Act-(CCA)-risk- assessment- level ^{II}	CCA·Impact¤	Possible·issue· frequency·for·UK¤
Green¤	Nil¤	1¤	Insignificant number of injuries or people displaced	Daily¤
Yellow¤	Inconvenience- caused-by- cancellation-of- avoidable-activity- such-as-leisure- activity¤	2¤	Small·number·of·people·affected,·no·fatalities,·Minor·property· damage.¤	20-50-per-year¤
Orange¤	Health & safety- impact requiring- shelter in doors¤	3α	Moderate-number-of-fatalities-requiring-activation-of-MAJEX-in-at- least-one-hospitalDamage-confined-to-a-specific-location-or-a- number-of-locations-but-requires-additional-resources.¤	1-19-per-year¤
Red¤	Health & safety impact requiring evacuation to another area or safe shelter	4¤	Significant number of people affected multiple injuries. Majex procedures across a number of hospitals. Damage requiring external resources. 100-500 people displaced for longer than a week. a	Less-than-1-per-year¤
Red¤	Health & safety impact requiring evacuation to another area or safe shelter¤	5¤	Very-large-number-of-people-affected, significant-fatalities, large- number-of-people-requiring-hospitalisation-with-serious-or-long-term- effectsExtensive-property-damage-requiring-major-demolitionMore- than-500-people-5displaced-for-a-prolonged-periodKey- infrastructure-lost-for-a-prolonged-periodCommunities-unable-to- function-without-support.¤	Ω

Note: the CCA considers level 1 and 2 are not emergencies.





September floods + snow



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September floods + snow







Station	24h sums	48 h sums
Bad Goisern	84,4	143,4
Gmunden	79,7	121,1
St. Wolfgang	90,0	147,3
Windischgarsten	81,0	157,4
Lofer	79,1	137,4
Radstadt	66,6	107,5
Rudolfshütte	71,1	132,7
Salzburg-Freisaal	65,1	96,5





Return period for 24h event





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Return period for 48h event





2007 - 10 - 06







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2007 - 10 - 07





2007 -10 - 07



2007 - 10 - 08





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Lower Austria





Lower Austria





Lower Austria





Damages



- Niederösterreich 2-4 Mio €
- Oberösterreich 1 2 Mio €
- All of Austria

1 – 2 Mio € 1 fatality

- Present concept: "red"
- Damages and warnings in neighbouring countries: "orange"





Natural catastrophies – extent of damage

Severity of the event







Who knows how much?

competence of single actors



Complexity of the event





European Structures - MIC (Monitoring and Information Center)

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European Civil Protection

The Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC)

What is it?

The Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC), operated by the European Commission in Brussels, is the operational heart of the <u>Community</u> <u>Mechanism for Civil Protection</u>. It is available on a 24/7 basis and is staffed by duty officers working on a shift basis. It gives countries access to the community civil protection platform. Any country affected by a major disaster – inside or outside the EU – can launch a request for assistance through the MIC.

The role of the MIC

> CECIS

MIC Daily

Emergencies

Links

Training and exercises

News and emergencies Civil Protection

Funding opportunities

for Civil Protection

Community Mechanism

Marine Pollution Chemical Accidents

- International Cooperation
- National authorities and structures
- > GDACS Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System
- > UNDP Disaster Risk Index
- Links



During emergencies the MIC plays three important roles:

Communications hub: Being at the centre of an emergency relief operation, the MIC acts as a focal point for the exchange of requests and offers of assistance. This helps in cutting down on the <u>30</u> <u>participating states</u>' administrative burden in liaising with the affected country. It provides a central forum for participating states to access and share information about the available resources and the assistance offered at any given point in time.

Information provision: The MIC disseminates information on civil protection preparedness and response to participating states as well as a wider audience of interested. As part of this role, the MIC disseminates early warning alerts (<u>MIC Daily</u>) on natural disasters and circulates the latest updates on ongoing emergencies and Mechanism interventions.

Supports co-ordination: The MIC facilitates the provision of European assistance through the Mechanism. This takes place at two levels: at headquarters level, by matching offers to needs, identifying gaps in aid and searching for solutions, and facilitating the pooling of common resources where possible; and on the site of the disaster through the appointment of EU field experts, when required.

Activation of the Mechanism – the MIC at work

Inside the EU

The Mechanism can be activated through the MIC by any participating state seeking prompt international assistance following a major disaster. A state usually calls on the Mechanism when the effects of the disaster cannot be matched by its own civil protection resources.



GMES - Emergency Response Core Services



Emergency Response Core Services





Europäische Warnstrukturen













Website for Civil Prot. / MIC

What? Allows access for CP to datasets from neighbouring countries gives MIC a condensed overview of all necessary sets of data

How? Passwordprotected Defined user rights by different countries for their Civil. Prot (levels) enhanced activities from level orange onwards

When? Starts as overview for MIC and gets enlarged according to the request of different countries





possible warning parameters / meteorological features

	Day 0	Day +1	Day +2	Day +3	Day +4
Rain					
Snow/Road conditions					
Wind					
Cloudiness (Sat obs)	10	90	100	100	100







Information for civil protection







Statistics February – October (all parameters)

percentage of shown country colors







Forecasters forum

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Topic: High temperature = (too) high number of warnings

posted on 25.06.2007 10:36:54 by Emmanuel Legrand

Dear All,

Summer has just started. These last days we have already experienced a high number of cases with orange for high temperature. Even today red for one country, orange for 3 countries (see attached image).

Is the current weather situation so unusal in central and southern Europe that would imply almost the same level of risk as during the 2003 and 2006 heat waves in western Europe ? It doesn't seem so. Clearly, the risk is to be orange for most of the summer period even if the summer is just normal (remember: the average temperature from mid-July to mid-August is significantly higher than the current one). And if we do so, we loose the idea of warning, we weaken our position also for the other parameters warned in meteoalarm.

This also shows that sending automatic e-mails to our press officers in case of severe situation may be premature.

Attached Images:

high-temp-warnings.gif []

Attached Documents:

Replies								
Author	Header							
Michael Staudinger	Re:High temperature = (too) high number of warnings Posted: 29.06.2007 09:46:38							
	Hi Emmanuel							
	you are for sure right about the comparison to the heat wave 2003 and that "red" is some different thing. Orange might have fit the situation better, bu 45 deg is for sure a problem, even in Greece or southern Italy. Was in Spain these days, were people from Valencia complained, that their sudden (regional) heat wave with 43 deg was not warned for by public authorities.							
	What concernes the messages to the press officers - they will for sure not be automatic, triggered only in cases when large areas (= high number of regions) of Europe are orange or red. Texts will be written by Frank, support from all countries concerned is highly appreciated.							
	best regards Michael							
	to all who havent yet: pls do provide your press mail officers adress to Karin!							
	Attached Images:							
	Attached Documents:							
	edit							
Author	Header							
<u>Vasileos Chalkis</u>	Re:High temperature = (too) high number of warnings Posted: 29.06.2007 11:02:02							
	Dear all, this heat wave was a clear "red" situation for Greece. The temperature not only reached 44oc (=1% of frequency for Attiki, East Sterea e.tc. according the climatological values-time series of more than 50 years used!) it overpassed 46oC, but also it was greater than 43oc during 3 or 4 days continou The situation was worse than previous heat waves! I think it was well estimated as "red" and "orange" in other regions.							
	Kind Regards, Anastasia							
	Attached Images:							



post reply...

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Statistics February – October (all parameters)









Rain

Level 4 (red) warnings		nings	Level 3 (orai	nge) war	Level 2 (ye	<mark>llow) war</mark>	Level 1 (green) warnings				
Element	[%]	No	Element	[%]	No	Element	[%]	No	Element	[%]	No
AT	0.39	8	HU	4.53	65	IT	11.42	466	FI	100.00	8796
HU	0.07	1	AT	1.66	34	GR	7.64	250	FR	99.96	19172
ES	0.02	2	ES	0.87	96	ES	4.76	525	IS	99.68	2174
NL	0.00	0	CH	0.86	7	GB	4.70	154	NL	99.02	1218
LU	0.00	0	DE	0.80	21	PT	4.48	199	NO	98.74	3846
NO	0.00	0	GR	0.73	24	CH	3.18	26	DK	98.71	1612
PT	0.00	0	IT	0.66	27	AT	3.17	65	LU	98.05	402
GB	0.00	0	GB	0.30	10	BE	2.75	48	DE	97.68	2563
CH	0.00	0	IE	0.26	2	IE	2.38	18	IE	96.82	731
SE	0.00	0	BE	0.17	3	DE	1.52	40	SE	96.29	8041
IT	0.00	0	PT	0.07	3	CY	1.49	3	CY	95.54	193
IS	0.00	0	FR	0.04	8	LU	1.46	6	BE	95.53	1668
DK	0.00	0	NO	0.00	0	DK	1.29	21	CH	95.47	780
CY	0.00	0	SE	0.00	0	NO	1.26	49	GB	95.00	3116
BE	0.00	0	IS	0.00	0	HU	1.11	16	AT	94.78	1943
FI	0.00	0	CY	0.00	0	NL	0.98	12	ES	94.35	10405
FR	0.00	0	DK	0.00	0	SE	0.95	79	HU	94.29	1353
GR	0.00	0	FI	0.00	0	IS	0.32	7	PT	92.56	4115
DE	0.00	0	LU	0.00	0	FI	0.00	0	GR	90.37	2957
IE	0.00	0	NL	0.00	0	FR	0.00	0	IT	85.47	3487

thunderstorms

Level 4 (re	Level 4 (red) warnings		Level 3 (or:	ange) wai	nings	Level 2 (ye	llow) war	nings	Level 1 (green) warnings		
Element	[%]	No	Element	[%]	No	Element	[%]	No	Element	[%]	No
HU	0.49	7	HU	11.15	160	HU	23.41	336	DK	100.00	1633
AT	0.15	3	IT	2.75	112	DE	14.02	368	NO	100.00	3895
NL	0.00	0	LU	2.44	10	IE	11.52	87	FR	99.29	19044
LU	0.00	0	BE	2.18	38	AT	11.02	226	GB	99.27	3256
NO	0.00	0	DE	1.83	48	GR	10.91	357	FI	98.74	8685
PT	0.00	0	AT	1.76	36	IT	10.17	415	NL	98.29	1209
GB	0.00	0	GR	0.83	27	BE	8.08	141	ES	97.21	10720
CH	0.00	0	FR	0.71	136	CY	7.43	15	SE	97.09	8108
SE	0.00	0	CY	0.50	1	LU	6.83	28	CH	96.57	789
ES	0.00	0	NL	0.41	5	IS	5.64	123	PT	95.14	4230
IT	0.00	0	ES	0.40	44	CH	2.94	24	IS	94.36	2058
IS	0.00	0	FI	0.07	6	ES	2.39	264	LU	90.24	370
DK	0.00	0	GB	0.06	2	PT	1.96	87	CY	89.11	180
CY	0.00	0	SE	0.00	0	NL	1.30	16	BE	88.20	1540
BE	0.00	0	CH	0.00	0	FI	1.19	105	IE	87.95	664
FI	0.00	0	IS	0.00	0	GB	0.67	22	AT	87.07	1785
FR	0.00	0	DK	0.00	0	SE	0.14	12	GR	87.01	2847
GR	0.00	0	IE	0.00	0	NO	0.00	0	IT	84.63	3453
DE	0.00	0	NO	0.00	0	DK	0.00	0	DE	84.15	2208
IE	0.00	0	PT	0.00	0	FR	0.00	0	HU	64.95	932

Snow

Level 4 (re	Level 4 (red) warnings		Level 3 (orange) warnings			Level 2 (yellow) warnings			Level 1 (green) warnings		
Element	[%]	No	Element	[%]	No	Element	[%]	No	Element	[%]	No
AT	0.15	3	DK	1.04	17	FI	11.29	993	NL	100.00	1230
ES	0.02	2	ES	0.82	90	NO	8.60	335	IS	100.00	2181
NL	0.00	0	FI	0.63	55	DE	2.55	67	FR	99.94	19169
LU	0.00	0	LU	0.49	2	ES	2.08	229	GB	99.24	3255
GB	0.00	0	AT	0.39	8	IE	1.72	13	HU	99.16	1423
NO	0.00	0	IE	0.26	2	SE	1.39	116	LU	99.02	406
PT	0.00	0	DE	0.23	6	BE	1.15	20	AT	98.98	2029
SE	0.00	0	SE	0.06	5	IT	1.08	44	DK	98.96	1616
IT	0.00	0	FR	0.06	11	HU	0.84	12	CH	98.78	807
CH	0.00	0	IT	0.05	2	GB	0.76	25	GR	98.75	3231
IS	0.00	0	PT	0.00	0	CH	0.73	6	IE	97.48	736
DK	0.00	0	GB	0.00	0	AT	0.49	10	BE	97.31	1699
CY	0.00	0	CH	0.00	0	PT	0.00	0	DE	97.22	2551
BE	0.00	0	NO	0.00	0	IS	0.00	0	PT	97.10	4317
FI	0.00	0	IS	0.00	0	DK	0.00	0	ES	97.09	10707
FR	0.00	0	BE	0.00	0	CY	0.00	0	CY	97.03	196
HU	0.00	0	CY	0.00	0	FR	0.00	0	IT	96.42	3934
GR	0.00	0	GR	0.00	0	GR	0.00	0	SE	95.78	7999
DE	0.00	0	HU	0.00	0	LU	0.00	0	NO	91.40	3560
IE	0.00	0	NL	0.00	0	NL	0.00	0	FI	88.09	7748



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Expert team for "red"



- Member of the board
- Expert on clima / statistics
- Contact point to the media
- **Civil protection**







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Meteo – Hydro Warnungen

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e.g. Combined precipitation / flood warnings



France: SCHAPI system

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Austria Carinthia

Platform for Experts on

Meteorology Hydrology Civil protection Relieve units http://wetterbox.kso.ac.at





Meteo – Hydro Warnungen



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HINWEIS - VORWARNUNG

an die Medien, ausgegeben am 06.11.2007 09:38 Uhr

Starkniederschlag

In den nächsten Stunden anhaltender Niederschlag, bis 18h großflächig im gesamten Einzugsgebiet der Drau 80 bis 100 l/m2 zu erwarten,

Hochwassergefährdung

Draugebiet

Aktuelle Situation: erste Überschwemmungen Weitere Entwicklung: steigender Pegel (HQ50) in Villach Alarmierungsgrad / Maßnahmen: Evakuierungen im unmittelbaren Nahbereich der Drau (HQ50) notwendig

Die nächste Information erhalten Sie um 15 Uhr!

Ergänzende Angaben finden Sie im Internet: ZAMG Wetterdienst Klagenfurt: http://hochwasser.kso.ac.at Hydrographischer Dienst Kärnten: http://www.wasser.ktn.gv.at/Hydrographie 180a



METEOALARM Pyramid of information - present

Problems:

EU map all parameters

Country information (partly with icons)

Missing icons

Missing texts

Regional information (Partly with text)





METEOALARM Pyramid of information - future



EU map (Regions) Imminent hazards

Country maps

All countries with icons Non imminent hazards: Forest fires, fog, avalanches?,

Regional text information in all countries

No oversizing of regional info

More info through icons





Open questions for WP (David Richardson)

- Which products help users in providing early warnings?
- What should be expected for 3 days, 1 week, 1 month
- How important post processing/calibration of model data
- Verification for early warning:
 - Extreme / rare events
 - sample size
 - observations do we know what happened?
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 - what scores to use?
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Information from damage observations to the system

- Awareness for details of damages and potential preconditions
- Needed: Networks between civil protection & meteorologists
- Feedback mechanism about damages to NMHS / member states / ECMWF
- Case studies on all aspects of skill needed (hit, missed, FA, corr rejection)
- Dependence on consequences of climatic changes / adaptation





