

# ELITE Newsletter N°1



## The ELITE project

On behalf of the ELITE consortium I would like to inform you that the ELITE project, *Elicit to learn crucial post-crisis lessons*, within the EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework programme, has officially started. The project's duration is 18 months.

The consortium had its kick-off meeting in San Sebastián, Spain, January, 17-18, 2013.

The ELITE project will create a living document containing lessons learned from natural crises that are common and apply across disaster types. We will gather, categorise and analyse fragmented lessons learned from major disasters to build a common knowledgebase. The ELITE living document will be a publically available web solution comprising of a repository of best practices and guidelines as well as social media features.

As a confirmed end-user of the project you are welcome to take part in the project's Community of Practise (CoP) by attending the workshops and contribute with your knowledge on the topics addressed in these. We also appreciate other comments and questions, as well as information about relevant analyses.



**Project Title**  
**ELITE: Elicit to Learn Post-Crisis Lessons**

**Project duration**  
18 months (from 01/01/2013 to 30/06/2014)

### **Project Partners**

- University of Navarra (TECNUN)
- Norwegian Defence Research Establishment
- Gjoivick University College
- Research institute of the red cross
- I.S.A.R German International Search and Rescue
- Thales SA
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## The role of the Community of Practise (CoP) in the ELITE project

The members of the ELITE CoP are the ones who best know the needs, the requirements and the benefits of the tools to be developed within the ELITE project. They are also the main beneficiaries of these tools. Therefore, their participation in the project workshops is a key success factor for the whole project.

The consortium assumes that every member of the CoP has valuable knowledge, which can increment the value and usefulness of the project. The ELITE project offers all its resources to the CoP in order to successfully achieve this sharing and integration process.

## Outline of key events

**The first ELITE workshop will take place April, 16-17, 2013, in Weeze (Germany).**

The workshop will be scenario based and will be targeted at sharing and collecting information about common practice, lessons learned and experiences on **forest fires**.

The other workshops planned are:

- June, 25-26, 2013, in Weeze, Germany (topic: **earth quakes**)
- October, 8-9, 2013 in Vienna, Austria (topic : **floods**)
- January, 2014, in Weeze, Germany (topic: **holistic perspective - all three natural disasters**, and **table top exercise**)
- June, 2014, in Warsaw, Poland (**final conference**)

## Dissemination

The ELITE project has created a webpage: <http://www.elite-eu.org> . Please check regularly for updates and do not hesitate to contact us for questions, contributions etc. Newsletters from the project will be sent out every month, by e-mail and posted on the webpage.

A first notice regarding the workshop in April was sent by e-mail from the workshop coordinator, Rikus van Santen, February 15. An invitation with an updated agenda will follow. Please register for the workshop to [eliteproject@isar-germany.de](mailto:eliteproject@isar-germany.de) .

Hope to see you in Weeze in April!

Kind regards,

On behalf the ELITE consortium

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