

ELITE Newsletter N°2



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 7th Framework programme, has already arranged two workshops.

The first ELITE workshop took place 16-17 April, 2013, in Weeze (Germany). This workshop was scenario based and targeted at sharing and collecting information about common practice, lessons learned and experiences on forest fires. 11 experts from different organizations participated in this workshop.

Organization	Country
Fire Fighter (Catalonia)	Spain
Norwegian Fire Fighter	Norway
Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice	Netherlands
French Fire Fighter	France
@fire (International Disaster Response)	Germany
Fly-n-Sense	France
SARUV (Search and Rescue Unit Vorarlberg)	Austria
DG ECHO	European Commission
Finnish Fire Fighter	Finland
National Operations Centre	Netherlands

Table 1 List of participants in Workshop 1



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
- Gjoval University College
- Research institute of the red cross
- I.S.A.R German International Search and Rescue
- Thales SA
- The Main School of Fires Service
- Department of Earth and Environment of the National Research Council
- ANCI Umbria

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The second ELITE workshop was also held in Weeze (Germany), 25-26 June, 2013. This workshop focused on earthquakes and counted on the help of 19 experts from some of the most relevant organizations related to this topic.

Organization	Country
Firefighters of Generalitat of Catalunya	Spain
Directorate of Safety and Risk, Department of Education of Basque Government	Spain
Polish State Fire Service	Poland
Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports	Austria
Veiligheidsregio Groningen	Netherlands
MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency)	Sweeden
Directorate of Emergency and Meteorology services Basque Government	Spain
Civil Protection from Province of Perugia	Italy
Civil Protection from Province of Terni	Italy
National Institute of Oceanography and Geophysics	Italy
SARUV (Search and Rescue Unit Vorarlberg)	Austria
I.S.A.R. UK	England
Consultant with UN and NATO	UK
I.S.A.R. Germany	Germany
General Directorate of Civil Protection Homeland Security Spanish Government	Spain
Police Academy of the Netherlands	Netherlands

Table 2 List of participants in Workshop 2

Preliminary results of the ELITE project

The workshops already arranged during the project have allowed starting the process of implementing an ELITE Community of Practice (CoP), with members from different countries and organizations (end users) who share the common interest of improving the management of disasters such as forest fires, earthquakes and floods.

The information and knowledge gathered from the experts who participated in the workshops have allowed the consortium to identify the major problems the end users usually deal with when they want to find information about lessons learned and best practices from previous emergencies. These problems are related to confidentiality issues, overload of non relevant information and lack of relevant documents. Furthermore, through group discussions we have gained knowledge on what are the most relevant problem areas in crisis management, and we have identified possible solutions to the problems revealed. In addition, the exercises carried out during the workshops were useful to define the basic requirements that the ELITE living document should satisfy.

A preliminary ELITE living document prototype has been developed and shown to experts during the second workshop so that they could make suggestions and improvements.

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Outline of key events

Next workshops planned are:

- 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 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. Minutes from the workshop and project reports (Deliverables) will also be posted here.

A LinkedIn group has been created with the purpose of increasing the visibility of the project and foster the engagement of participants in the workshops and new experts in the Community of Practice. This group will include project newsletters, conferences and events of interest for experts in floods, forest fires and earthquakes in addition to information about emergency management (reports, press releases...). The ELITE consortium would appreciate it if you could join this group using this link (http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=5079944&trk=anet_ug_hm) or looking for FP7 EU ELITE Elicit to Learn crucial post-crisis lessons in LinkedIn.

You will receive information and an invitation to next workshop soon. Please register for the workshop to Gert.Lang@w.rotekreuz.at

At the end of the newsletter some tweets related to ELITE project have been included.

Hope to see you in Vienna in October!

Kind regards,

On behalf the ELITE consortium

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