

ELITE Newsletter N°3



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 its third workshop.

The third ELITE workshop has taken place in Vienna (Austria), 8-9 October, 2013. This workshop focused on floods and counted on the help of 21 experts from some of the most relevant organizations related to this topic.



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
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Participants of the workshop

Organization	Country
Austrian Red Cross	Austria
SARUV	Austria
Austrian Ministry of Defence	Austria
Austrian Federal Fire Brigade Association	Austria
Netherlands institute of safety	Netherlands
Directorate of Emergency and Meteorology services Basque Government	Spain
Italian Civil protection	Italy
Rescue Chief Etelä-Savon Pelastuslaitos; South-Savo Regional Fire Service	Finland
Consultant to the UN and NATO	UK
Head Activation and Coordination Support Unit (ACSU) and GDACS Secretariat Emergency Services Branch	Switzerland
Rapid UK	UK
Stord/Haugesund University College	Norway
Civil Protection of Province of Perugia	Italy
Basque Water Agency	Spain
Basilicata Regional Civil Protection	Italy
Civil Protection of Terni Province	Italy
Northern Safety Region of the Netherlands, Veiligheidsregio Groningen	Netherlands
National Operation Center (LOCC)	Netherlands
Spanish Civil Protection Directorate	Spain
State Fire Service	Poland

Table 1 List of participants in Workshop 3

In this third workshop, the members of the ELITE consortium participated as well as experts on the field.

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 organisations (end users) who share the common interest of improving the management of disasters such as forest fires, earthquakes and floods.

This third workshop has brought together some of the members of this community of practice, who have shared their knowledge and information on flood crises. Thanks to the contributions of the experts who participated in this workshop, the consortium partners have been able to, not only identify the problem areas, but to find possible solutions to the problems. Finally, the developed ELITE living document prototype was presented to the experts during this third workshop and additional functionalities regarding the usefulness of the final tool were identified.



Outline of key of events

Next workshops planned are:

- January, 27-30, 2014, in Weeze, Germany (topic: **holistic perspective - all three natural disasters**, and **table top exercise**)
- June, 25-26, 2014 in Warsaw, Poland (**final conference**)

Call for papers

In short you will receive a call for papers for the handbook that is going to be developed for the 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.

Photos, documents, power points from the workshop in Vienna will be shared through social media. We hope that you will connect with us either through;

- **Facebook;** Search for *FP7 EU ELITE Elicit to Learn crucial post-crisis lessons*. Here we will post weekly updates which will include relevant news related to crisis management, important events and new ELITE reports.

The facebook group can also be accessed through this link;
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/FP7-EU-ELITE-Elicit-to-Learn-crucial-post-crisis-lessons/162610960596884>

- **Twitter;** Follow our ELITE twitter account **@EU_ELITE**. Here we will post links to the finalized ELITE Reports, retweet interesting articles and post other relevant material.
- **ELITE LinkedIn group:** [FP7 EU ELITE Elicit to Learn crucial post-crisis lessons](#). Here you can get information and contact details of other experts who have participated in the workshops.

If you have any best practices, pictures and videos that you want to share with the rest of the ELITE CoP on social media, please send it to mml@ffi.no .

Coming events

Next workshop will be held from January 27th to 30th in Weeze (Germany) and the responsible for organizing the workshop is ISAR Germany. You will receive information and an invitation soon.

Please register for the workshop to eliteproject@isar-germany.de .

Hope to see you in Weeze in January!

Kind regards,

On behalf the ELITE consortium

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