

ELITE Newsletter N°4



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 fourth workshop.

The fourth ELITE workshop has taken place in Weeze (Germany), on January 28th -29th 2014. This workshop focused on a table-top exercise prepared by the ELITE partners and counted with the help of 18 experts, some of who have taken part in previous workshops.

As well as the consortium members, the following table shows the organizations that participated in these sessions.



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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Participants of the workshop

Organization	Country
Italian National Fire Service. Alessandria Fire Brigade	Italy
Austrian Red Cross	Austria
Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports	Austria
ANPAS National Association of Public Assistance	Italy
Directorate of Emergency and Meteorology services Basque Government	Spain
SPRINT – Safety and Protection Intersectoral Laboratory Department of Chemistry Physics and Environment University of Udine	Italy
Synergies International Consulting	Slovenia
Police Academy “Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, Fire Officers Faculty	Romania
SARUV	Austria
Consultant to the UN and NATO	UK
Civil Protection of Terni Province	Italy
Duisburg fire department	Germany
Police Academy of the Netherlands	Netherlands
South-Savo Regional Fire Service	Finland
MarGins Consulting	UK
Skien Fire Service	Norway
Glerum Consultancy	Netherlands

Table 1 List of participants in Workshop 4

Preliminary results of the ELITE project

This fourth workshop has brought together some of the members of the 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.

The ELITE CoP members have worked on a table-top exercise in which a lessons learned report from the Japanese earthquake in 2011 had to be developed. This report focused on the problems already identified in the previous workshops (coordination, logistics, interoperability, communication, risk assessment and recovery).

The resources available for the development of the lessons learned report consisted of the use of the ELITE living document prototype, an interview with a firefighter who was on-site in the disaster and their own experience. The aim of this table-top exercise was also to test the usefulness of the living document as a tool to get information and share knowledge among the Community of Practice. Thanks to the contributions of the experts, the consortium partners discussed the table-top exercise's execution, experts' participation and obtained results in order to define future steps and improvement points regarding the ELITE living document.



Final Conference in Warsaw

The ELITE International Scientific Conference on best practices and lessons learned from natural disasters will be held on June 25th -26th, 2014 in Warsaw (Poland).

Within the conference there would be a plenary session (with the papers accepted for plenary session) and a poster session (with the papers accepted for the poster session).

Call for papers

- The deadline to send the abstract is **February 28th**.
- The revision of the papers will be communicated **March 14th**.
- The deadline to send the full paper will be **April 15th**.

More information related to the details of the final conference and the registration form can be found in the following link: <http://www.elite-eu.org/conference.html>

Dissemination

The ELITE project counts with 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, 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 Weeze 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.

Hope to see you in Warsaw in June!

Kind regards,

On behalf the ELITE consortium

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