

# ELITE Newsletter N°5



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## **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 celebrated the ELITE European Scientific Conference on best practices and lessons learned from natural disasters.

The scientific **European Scientific Conference** has taken place the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June at the Main School of Fire Service in Warsaw, Poland.

The agenda during the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June consisted of 4 plenary sessions with a total of 18 paper presentations (see page 3). The conference counted with more than 100 attendees from 30 different institutions, including: consortium, national headquarters of state fire service, Government Center for Security, regional headquarters of state fire service, local headquarters of state fire service, public administration, higher education, private companies, and first responders.

The presented papers focused not only on the ELITE project's results and methodologies but also on common aspects of natural disasters and specific case studies.

## **ELITE Scientific Conference on best practices and lessons learned from natural disasters**

On the one hand some of the papers focused on the results obtained and the methodology carried out within the ELITE project. These papers centered on the development of the ELITE Community of Practice, the creation of a holistic framework for lessons learned in crisis management, and determination of criteria to describe best practices related to natural disasters.

On the other hand general aspects common to natural disasters such as information management, resilience, and crisis management learning process among others were covered.



ELITE Scientific Conference, Warsaw

Regarding information management, papers such as social media in crisis management, management of information flow during natural disasters, and contribution of a self-organized citizen online group to social media monitoring were presented.

Paper presentations on resilience framework for critical infrastructures and disasters impact analysis for crisis management improvement covered resilience and disasters impact aspects. Additionally, case studies on specific experiences in floods, earthquakes, and fires were presented.

### **Papers publication**

The presented papers have been collected in the ELITE European Conference on best practices and lessons learned handbook.

Additionally, a selected number of papers presented at the ELITE Scientific Conference will be published in the International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment (IJDRBE).

## ELITE Scientific Conference Agenda

25th June 2014, Day 1	13.00-13.30 Participants registration	
	<b>Session 1</b>	
	13:30 – 13:35	Invitation
	13:35 – 13:50	SARRIEGI Jose – ELITE Project presentation
	13:50 – 14:05	GIMENEZ R., HERNANTES J., SARRIEGI J.M. - Developing Communities of Practice in emergency management
	14:10 – 14:25	MAAL M., WILSON-NORTH M. - Social media in crisis communication. The “do’s” and “don’ts”
	14:30 – 14:45	Adamczyk A., - PROceed „Flood” – preparing to a crisis by playing games”
	14:45 – 15:30	Lunch
	<b>Session 2</b>	
	15:30 – 15:45	GROSSET R. - International Assistance of the State Fire Service
	15:50 – 16:05	DOLCE Mauro, GORETTI Agostino - Lessons learned and preparedness in international interventions on post-earthquake building safety assessment
	16:10 – 16:25	PESARESI Damiano, LENHARDT Wolfgang, RAUCH Marcus, ZIVCIC Mladen - The Interreg IV Italia-Austria SeismoSAT project - connecting Seismic Data Centers via Satelliteesaresi
	16:30 – 16:45	RAINONE M., VESSIA G., Weaver C., Signanini P. - The 2009 L’Aquila earthquake: a wasted opportunity to improve the seismic risk management from Italian strong earthquakes
	16:50 – 17:05	SKOMRA W. - Management of information flow during natural disasters and crisis situations
	17: 10 – 17:15	Short summary
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20:00 – 23:00	Official dinner	
26th June 2014, Day 2	<b>Session 3</b>	
	9:30 – 9:45	GRUNNAN T., MAAL M. - Creating a holistic framework for lessons learned reporting in crisis management
	9:50 – 10:05	LABAKA L., HERNANTES J., SARRIEGI J.M. - Resilience Framework for Critical Infrastructures
	10:10 – 10:25	LAUGE A., HERNANTES J., SARRIEGI J.M. - Disasters impact analysis for crisis management improvement
	10:30 – 10:45	BLAY L., SEGURET F. - Contribution of a self-organized citizen online group to social media monitoring during natural disaster
	10:50 – 11:05	KOWALSKI S., MAAL M., GRUNNAN T. - A socio-technical Model of Post Disaster and Crisis Management Learning Process
	11:10 – 11:40	Coffee break
	<b>Session 4</b>	
	11:45 – 12:00	GOUJON B. - Determination of criteria to describe best practices related to natural disasters
	12:05 – 12:20	KAISER B. - Emergency preparedness and response in cases of floods (and other hazards) in the alps
	12:25 – 12:40	GLERUM Peter - Enhancing flood preparedness in Nigeria after the 2012 flooding
	12:45 – 13:00	GERVAIS B., LOUP F. – The Xynthia strom, France 2010, lessons learned and prospects
	13:05 – 14:00	Lunch
14:05 – 14:15	Conference summary (SARRIEGI J.M.)	

## Continuity of the ELITE Community of Practice

The ELITE living document, [www.elite-eu.org/wiki](http://www.elite-eu.org/wiki), is a web solution that comprises a repository of lessons learned and best practices from disasters such as forest fires, earthquakes, and floods, as well as those that are common across these disaster types.

After the end of the ELITE project, the members of the ELITE Community of Practice have the opportunity to continue sharing lessons learned and best practices through the ELITE living document. Furthermore, stakeholders interested in sharing information and participating in the ELITE Community of Practice have the opportunity to ask for an account sending an email to [elitefp7@gmail.com](mailto:elitefp7@gmail.com)

## ELITE Community of Practice in social media

Photos, documents, power points from the ELITE Scientific Conference 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 project.

Kind regards,

On behalf the ELITE consortium

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