METEOALARM: A multihazard warning system

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Imagine how your user thinks, feels and what she/he reacts on!



Definition of warnings

A rose by any other name . . .

What is a warning?

Tangible and understandable description of an expected damage scenario

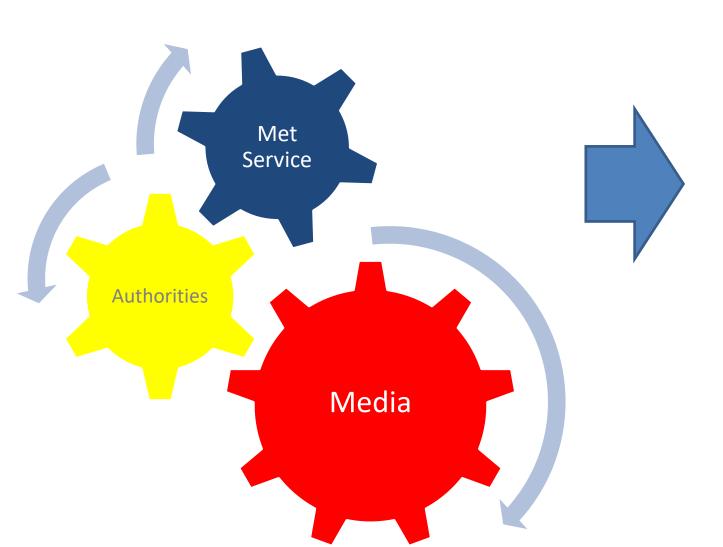
&

a clear advice what to do



Crisis management – from Science to users

Flow of information



users:

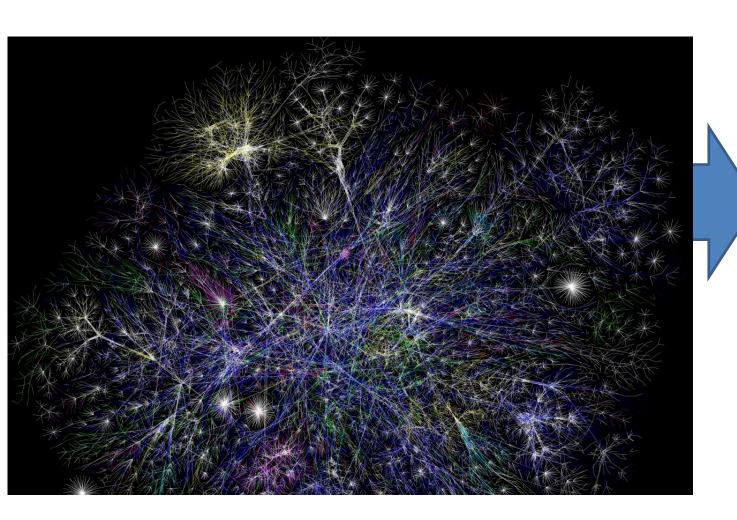
- Local responsibles
- Public
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Warnings – From science to the user

Flow of information – real world



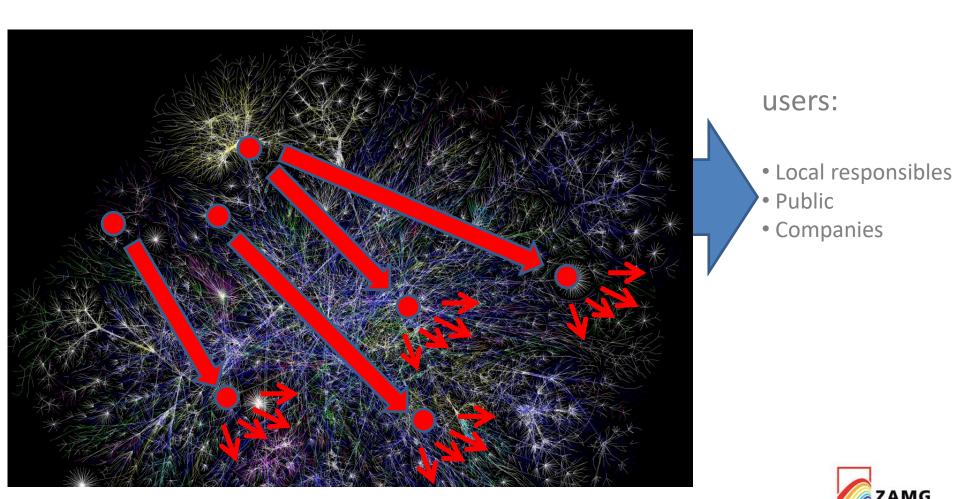
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Warnings – From science to the user

Structured & trusted ways of communication



Meteoalarm

Eumetnet mandate

- 1. Make warnings visible in an easyly understandable way >> impacts
- 2. Harmonize warnings systems across Europe
- 3. Integrate additional partners countries
- 4. Reach out to "European" users (ERCC . . .) and re-users





meteoalarm : alerting europe for extreme weather

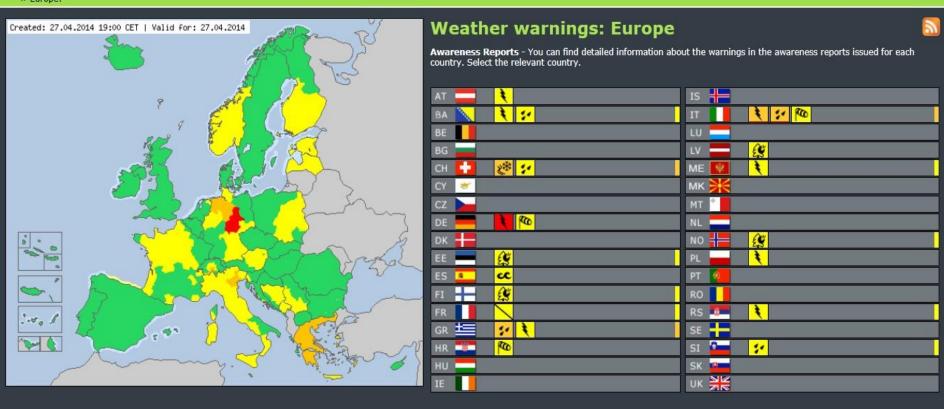
awareness types: all awareness types

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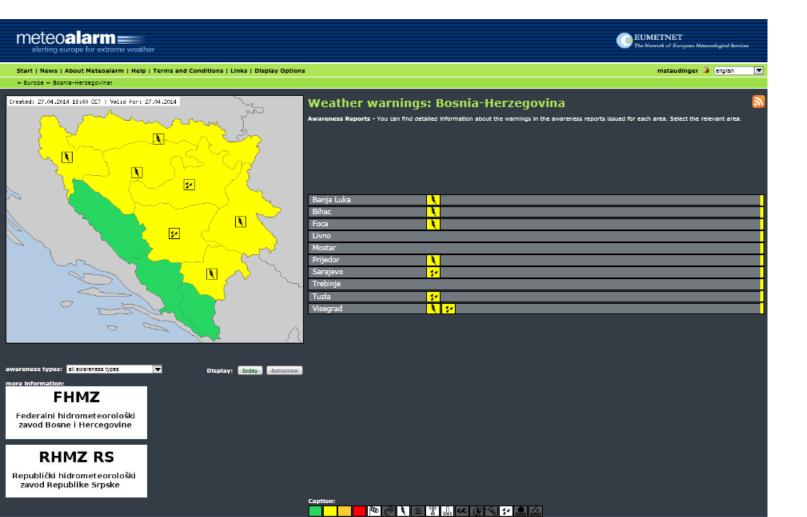
Caption:

tomorrow

Display: today

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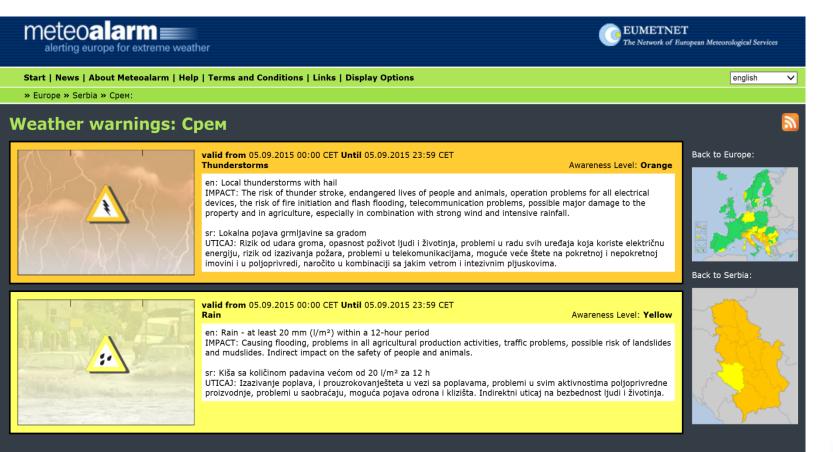
National level





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Subnational level





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What to do?

usual phenomena

caution with exposed activities

keep informed in detail, follow advice of authorities

follow order of authorities under all circumstances!

be prepared for extraordinary measures!



What to do?	Colour
usual phenomena	Green
caution with exposed activities	yellow
keep informed in detail, follow advice of authorities	orange
follow order of authorities under all circumstances!	red
be prepared for extraordinary measures!	



What to do?	Colour	One word
usual phenomena	Green	Weather report
caution with exposed activities	yellow	Be aware!
keep informed in detail, follow advice of authorities	orange	Be prepared!
follow order of authorities under all circumstances! be prepared for extraordinary measures!	red	Take action!



What to do?	Colour	One word	Damage / Impact
usual phenomena	Green	Weather report	
caution with exposed activities	yellow	Be aware!	exposed objects (avoidable)
keep informed in detail, follow advice of authorities	orange	Be prepared!	general damages (not avoidable)
follow order of authorities under all circumstances! be prepared for extraordinary measures!	red	Take action!	extreme damage and / or casualties extreme damage (mostly) on large areas, threatening life and properties (not avoidable, even in otherwise safe places)



What to do?	Colour	One word	Damage / Impact	Used how often? (Area approx. 300 000 km²)
usual phenomena	Green	Weather report		usual phenomena
caution with exposed activities	yellow	Be aware!	exposed objects (avoidable)	> 30 per year
keep informed in detail, follow advice of authorities	orange	Be prepared!	general damages (not avoidable)	2 to 30 per year
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What to do?	Colour	One word	Damage / Impact	Used how often? (Area approx. 300 000 km²)	Meteo Treshholds e.g. Rain (area + impact related)
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caution with exposed activities	yellow	Be aware!	exposed objects (avoidable)	> 30 per year	> 54 mm/12h
keep informed in detail, follow advice of authorities	orange	Be prepared!	general damages (not avoidable)	2 to 30 per year	> 80 mm/12h
follow order of authorities under all circumstances! be prepared for extraordinary measures!	red	Take action!	extreme damage and / or casualties extreme damage (mostly) on large areas, threatening life and properties (not avoidable, even in otherwise safe places)	less then 1/ year + large (5000km²) scale phenomena	> 140 mm/12h





Simple threshold warnings





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Climate based warnings thresholds

Climatology of regions





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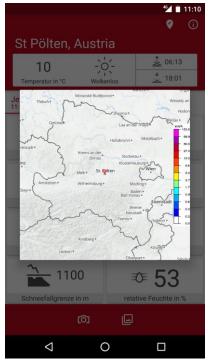
Exposure

Vulnerability



Crowdsourcing data



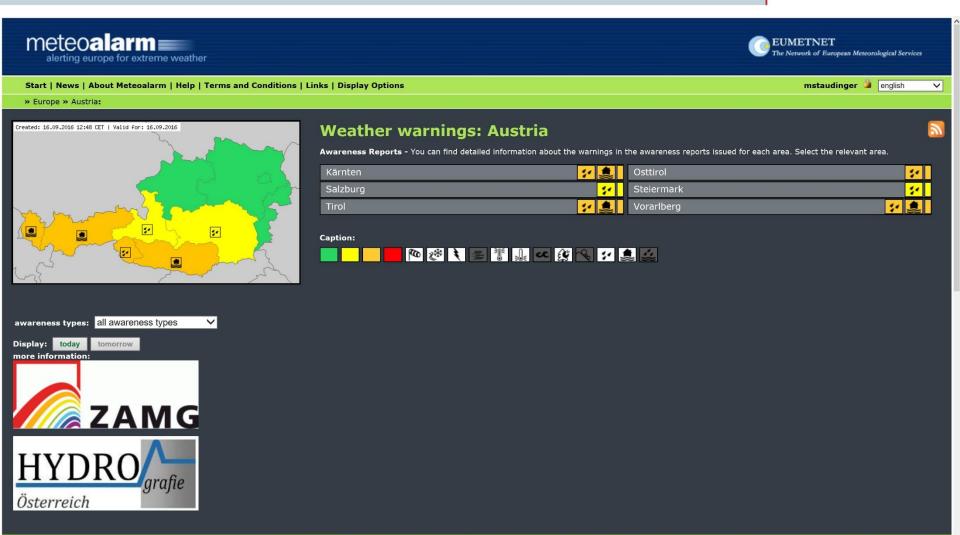






Meteoalarm – MHEWS: Flood warnings

Rain & flood situation



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Weather warnings: Tirol



valid from 16.09,2016 10:00 CET Until 17.09,2016 16:00 CET Flood

deutsch:

Kleinräumig besteht vor allem bei Gewittern Starkregenpotenzial mit lokal auch höhere Niederschlagsmengen. Damit sind stellenweise Muren oder kleinräumige Überflutungen möglich! Bei Aktivitäten im Freien und in der Nähe von Gewässern achten Sie auf die neuesten Wetterinformationen.

Increased water levels in major rivers, but only local risk of flooding in small catchments. In areas with heavy rain, local flooding and flash floods are possible. Be aware and pay attention to the latest weather updates, especially if you carry out activities exposed to weather or close to a stream.



Regenmengen von 35 bis 80 mm sind zu erwarten.

Total rain amounts between 35 and 80 mm are expected.

Awareness Level: Orange

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more information:

Back to Europe:

Back to Austria:



Display: today

tomorrow



Collaborative Decision Making (CDM)

In case of "red" warnings CDM will lead to more balanced decisions on warnings

involve experts:

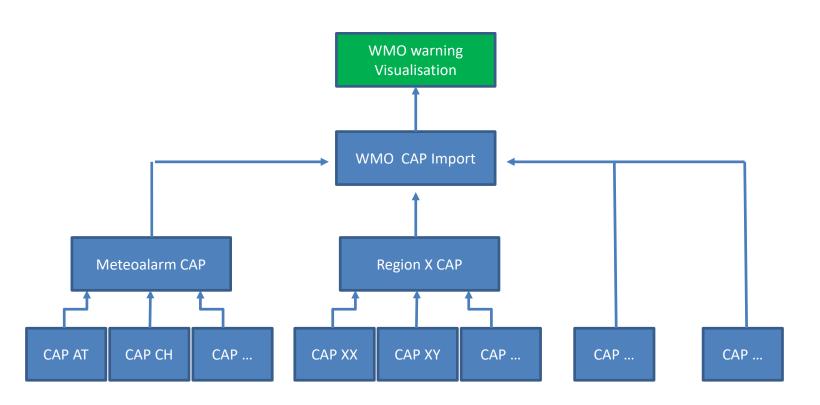
Within the institute from outside the shift:

On hydro – meteo relation Media experts Model experts



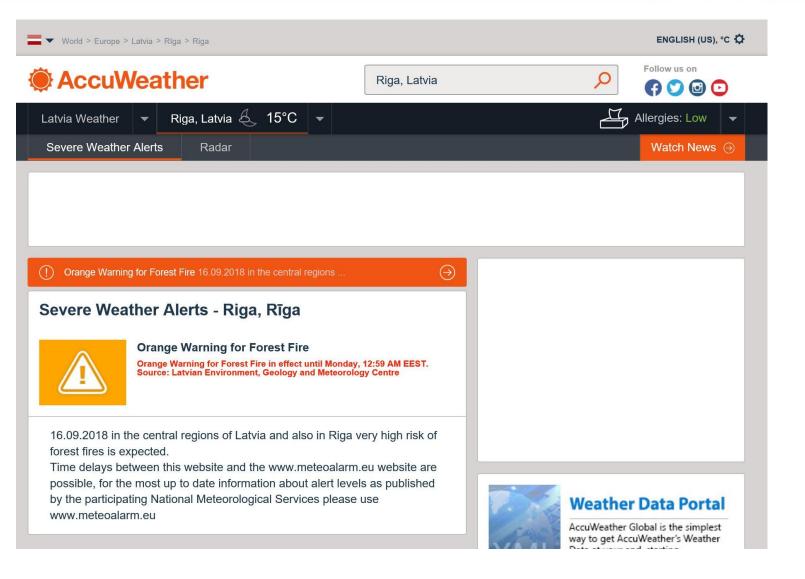
Co-operation on a global scale

Common warning philosophy





Re- use of the meteoalarm information





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KATWARN

Public- and non public warnings



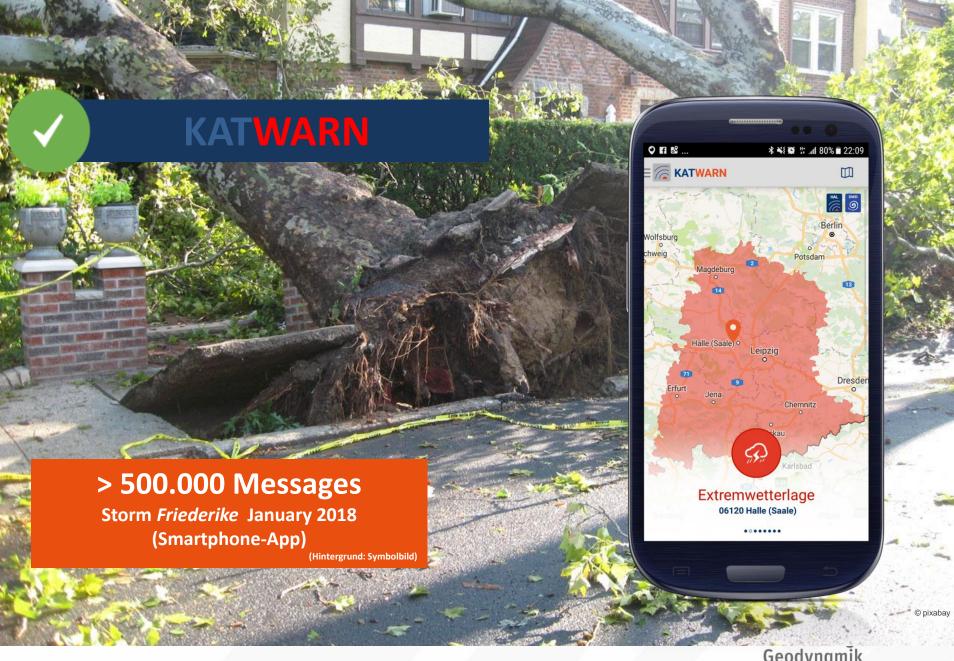
In responsibility of Civil Protection



Private enterprises: tailored warnings







Txs for the attention!

