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Welcome to FLOODsite Public News

The EU Directive on the assessment and management of flood risks

On 25th April 2007, the Parliament and Council of the European Union agreed the wording of a new European Directive on the assessment and management of flood risks. The detail of implementation is being set out by Working Group “F” (WG-F) under the Common Implementation Strategy of the Water Framework Directive; its first meeting took place on 7th May 2007. It is clear that FLOODsite is directly relevant to the needs of the Directive. The explanatory memorandum to the Commission’s first proposal for the Directive states:

“The Sixth Framework Programme is supporting the largest ever EU flood research project, “FLOODsite”, which is developing integrated flood risk analysis and management methods.”

The FLOODsite team participates in the WG-F, ensuring that the research outcomes can inform the development of the implementation plans. FLOODsite has also participated in the Exchange Circles established from the EU Action Programme Stakeholder Group. Relevant results of FLOODsite will be placed on the Publications and Guidance pages of our website. For more information on the Directive, visit http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/flood_risk/index.htm, or the FLOODsite pages http://www.floodsite.net/html/eu_directive_floodsite.htm.

New Public Pages on www.floodsite.net

The new-look public pages on the FLOODsite website went live last month. We have designed the public pages to make it easier to access the project results as they come on stream and added more background information on FLOODsite. With the encouragement of DG Environment, the public pages describe how our results can assist with the preparation of flood risk assessments, risk maps and flood risk management plans that will be required under the EU Directive on the assessment and management of flood risks. This is one of the new sets of pages accessed from the redesigned “Project Overview” page. We have added descriptions of each of our pilot sites, which are an important component of the integration of our project science.

Some of the areas of the website will expand over the remainder of the project, especially those linked from the “Innovations and Outcomes” page. Currently there are over 100 documents (reports, papers, presentations etc) available for downloading from the “Publications and Guidance” pages of the website at http://www.floodsite.net/html/pub_guidance.htm; again the number of public documents will increase as our research tasks reach completion.

FLOODrisk 2008 - The European Conference on Flood Risk Management

Plans for our international conference are progressing well. The conference will have its own dedicated website, which will be linked from FLOODsite and, of course, available directly. The open call for papers and posters will be made in September this year for peer-review and selection for the conference. We plan to have online submission of abstracts, reviews and papers.

Watch out for more news and reserve the dates in your diary now – 30th September to 2nd October 2008. We will email all those registered for FLOODsite news once the conference website and programme are established.



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