



This is the third bi-annual newsletter of the STAR-FLOOD project. Read more about research results, policy recommendations, Dutch water governance, floods in the UK, columns and conferences. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to interested colleagues.

New insights into national flood risk governance arrangements

On 2-3rd April the STAR-FLOOD consortium met in Antwerp to exchange preliminary findings from the analysis of national flood risk governance arrangements. By combining policy and legal methodologies through the Policy Arrangements Approach (PAA), each consortium country has been able to identify and analyse current governance structures.

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First STAR-FLOOD policy brief issued

As the 2013 floods in Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary and the 2014 floods in the UK have shown again, flood risks form a significant threat to human lives and economic value in urban areas across Europe. Flood risks will increase due to climate change, population growth and urbanisation. To respond to these pressures, further action is required.

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Netherlands 'fit for the future'!?

Is Dutch water management fit for the future? This was the principle question raised by Dutch authorities in 2012 and investigated by the OECD in 2013. The research resulted in a thorough report that was published in February 2014. It reveals the current state of water governance in the Netherlands.

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Minor flooding, big controversy

A competition amongst journalists for an accurate but boring headline was won by "Small earthquake in Chile, not many dead". As a headline it was also brutally insensitive and parochial. But now we have had a small flood in England, with relatively few properties affected; the main focus being the Somerset Levels where 150 properties were involved.

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Columns

Please read the latest STAR-FLOOD columns:

- [Adaptation: the coming of age of a realistic approach to climate change](#)
- [Reconsidering the North-South divide: A new perspective on vulnerability to flood hazards](#)
- [What is a crisis? Controversy about the meaning of the word 'crisis' in Polish legislation](#)
- ["L'intercommunalité": how the French Communes make use of intercommunal cooperations to improve flood risk management](#)
- [Insuring the future – Next steps for flood insurance in the UK and public-private partnership](#)



Timeline

The "Timeline" helps you to keep track of the progress of the project. It visualizes past and future milestones and activities.

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"There is nothing like a jolly good disaster to get people to start doing something."

Prince Charles, Prince of Wales

Events

- ISSRM (Hannover, June 2014)
- Sustainable Futures in a Changing Climate (Helsinki, June 2014)
- FRIAR 2014 (Poznan, June 2014)
- Third Nordic Conference on Climate Change Adaptation (Copenhagen, July 2014)
- Conference on Earth System Governance (Norwich, August 2014)
- ICFM6 (Sao Paulo, September 2014)
- Delta's in times of climate change 2 (Rotterdam, September 2014)



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