

Activities in Germany after the 2021 extreme flood event from DWD's perspective

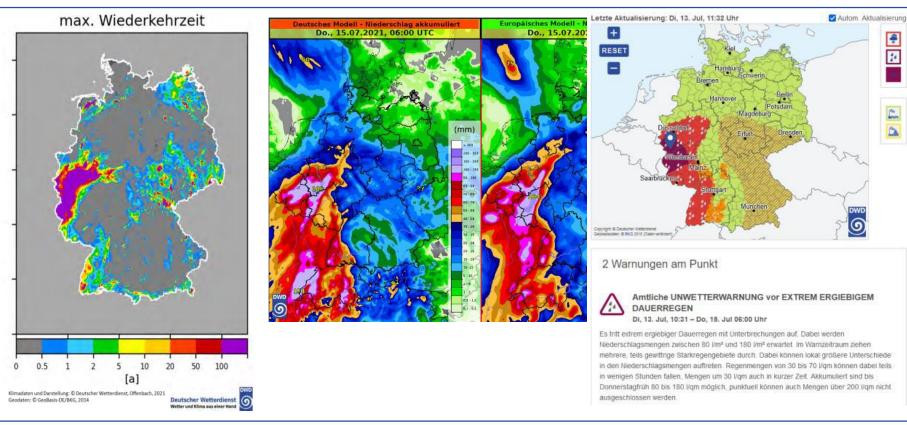
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Obs. return period, forecasts and warnings









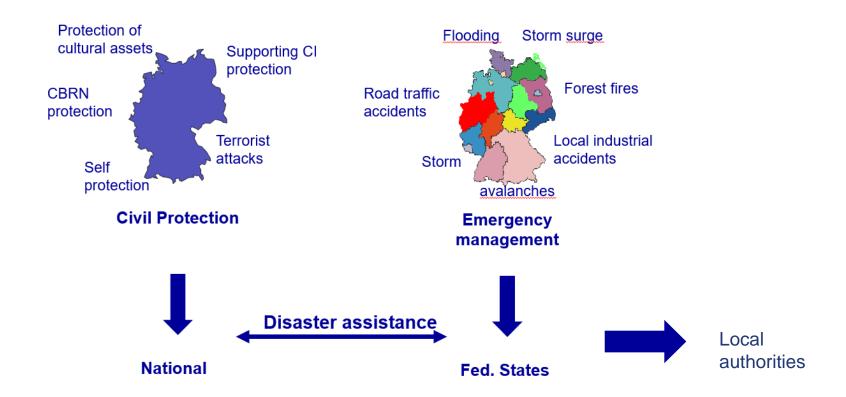
Early warnings, a lot of communication tools, but more than 100 deaths





The division of labour in a federal structure







Activities on a national stage started based on workshops organized by DWD

- Strengthen the Communication and Advisory between different (federal) levels of responsibility
- Start und intensivation of co-design activities DWD with flood forecasters
- Projects funded by different ministries with universities and private firms,
 DWD partly as an associated partner



Communication and Advisories



Networking platform and **E&T** courses from flood forecasters to local authorities Strengthen the communication before (risk management) and within crisis situations

Definition of severe impact weather cases ("hydromet. extreme situation")

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Introduction of a **common expert group** from national and federal authorities as a competency centre for decision making and information

regulare mode



Informations-, Datenplattform;

Krisenorganisation/-management

Unterstützung Krisenstäbe
(Bundes-/ Landesressorts)

(mehrfach) tägliches Lagebild für Bundes-/
Landesebene

Übernahme Krisenstabsaufgaben

crisis mode

- Vor-Ort-Fachberatung
- ... EFAS-Meeting

Communication and Advisories



Intensifying the communication between DWD Central and Regional Centres and flood forecasters and federal crisis management authorities

- In regulare mode for E&T, visits, meetings
- In crisis situation using telephone and video conferences

Introduction of more **E&T** activities on weather and hydromet/hydraulic for non experts

Start of a new warning project at DWD "Rainbow", indep. from the flood event

- Seamless warnings, more preparing/reaction time incl. probability information
- Individualization (and automation) of warning information for experts
- Quality information (confidence) for end users
- Better understanding of warning content (with more impact information) for the public

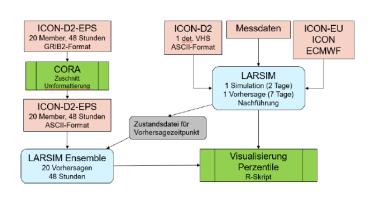
Planning, design and introduction of a Natural Hazards Portal for the public in Germany

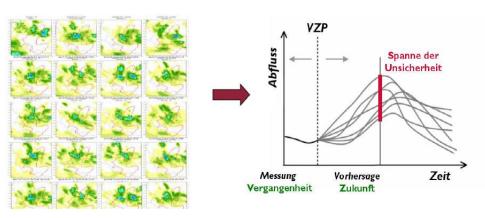


Other Activities



Calculation and communication of probabilistic flood forecasts based on different meteorological models





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Transfer of the rain event 2021 to other regions in Germany

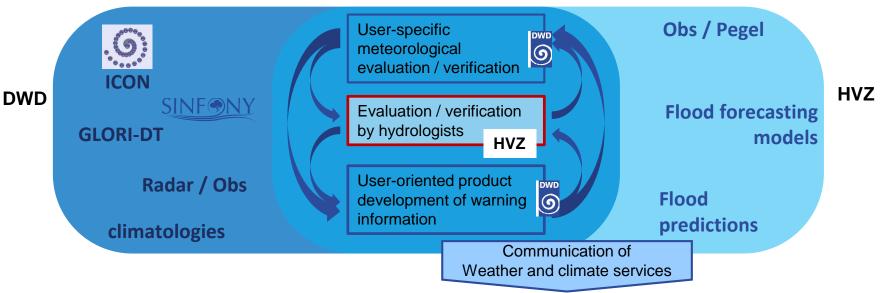


Co-Design Activities



Augmenting the hydrometeorological value chain through co-design

Collaboration of DWD with regional flood forecasting centres (HVZ)



Decision maker, civil protection, emergency management



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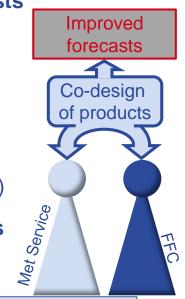
User-oriented evaluation & optimization of DWD's precipitation forecasts (catchment-based verification, investigation of systematic model errors)

Adapt DWD's new warning system to needs of flood forecasters (development of products, visualization, tests for use cases)

Testing DWD's data and products in applications for flood forecasting (jointly with FFC Baden-Württemberg)

(identify shortcomings and potential for improvements along the value chain)

Potential Extension: Improving communication of forecasts &warnings (improve understanding and support decision making, tutorials, etc...)



Part of: Italia – Deutschland science-4-services network in weather and climate (IDEA-S4S)

→ New joint research network starting in 2023, focus on improving seamless weather and climate forecasts for floods and drougths (http://www.dwd.de/ideas4s, but in German only)



Projects



Long list of projects (regional, local) that have been started and surveys

Aktuelle Forschungsaktivitäten (dkkv.org)

Examples:

- Combination of dense observation and remote sensing data with ai-methods to an autom. warning systems: project "heavyRAIN"
- Small budget rain gauges quality and usage



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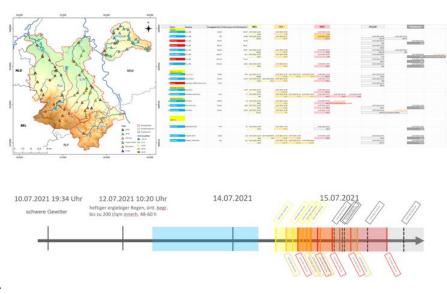


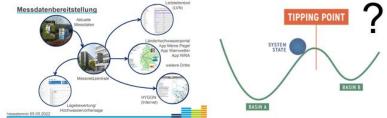




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Collection of availability of data, forecasts, warnings, risk maps etc.











Thank you for

your attention!

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