

European Flood Awareness System (EFAS)

Conditions of Access for research purposes

1. Background

Following the devastating floods in Elbe and Danube in 2002, the European Commission started a number of initiatives to improve Europe's capabilities to deal with natural disasters and floods in particular (COM(2002)484). One of the initiatives was the development of a European Flood Awareness System (EFAS) for improving preparedness in Europe in particular for trans-national river basins. EFAS provides complementary, added value information to the National hydrological services and supports better flood risk management at European level by keeping the European Response and Coordination Centre informed about ongoing floods and possible upcoming floods across Europe.

Since 2011, EFAS is part of the COPERNICUS Emergency management service. EFAS is being executed by four EFAS Operational Centres, namely the EFAS Hydrological Data Collection, EFAS Meteorological Data Collection, EFAS Computational and Dissemination Centres.

2. User agreement

This document gives the user access to the EFAS web interface as well as to modelled output data (i.e. the LISFLOOD forecast simulations) upon request from the EFAS system for research purposes. The EFAS model output data as well as the information received from the EFAS web interface **shall only be used within the research purpose the user has outlined in this agreement**. It cannot be redistributed to any other individuals or institutions outside this agreement. The access to near real-time data needs to be justified.

It is the responsibility of the user to understand the EFAS products and their limitations.

When using EFAS model data or derived products in any sort of publication EFAS has to be acknowledged. Any publication where EFAS model data or derived products are used must also be approved by the JRC before publication.

This agreement is valid for a maximum of 3 years after the date of signing and can be terminated without specifying reasons.

I, <Name, Surname> , will use EFAS model data and/or derived products only for the purpose as described below (please mention the name of the research project, project duration and principal purpose of the use of the EFAS model data):

<Please provide a brief project description here - maximum 1 page:

Possible outline: 1.) Objective ~ 350 char 2.) brief description of project ~ 1500 3.) Expected output of project ~ 350 char)

Furthermore I have been informed about EFAS, its concepts, background, set-up and data and understand the limitations of the use of the data.

The user agrees that his name, the project title and a brief project description will be published in the publicly available bi-monthly EFAS Bulletin. EFAS-Bulletins summarize all news (i.e., information about meetings, EFAS updates, EFAS performance etc.) for the specific period.

3. Intellectual Property Rights

All intellectual property rights in the information contained in EFAS belong to and shall be retained by entities involved in providing data to the EFAS Operational Centres or their licensors.

4. Disclaimers

The user acknowledges that the information contained in EFAS is not provided with any warranties and in particular there are no warranties that the information contained in EFAS will be free from errors or omissions and that such errors or omissions can be rectified.

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I have read and accept the Conditions of Access for Research purposes.

For the Research Project

[Name and Title]

[Signature]

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