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# Preliminary programme

1 - 2 April 2025, Hasselt



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**4<sup>th</sup> partner meeting of the  
FlashFloodBreaker project (INTERREG NWE)**

**1 – 2 April 2025 at Holiday Inn Hasselt**



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# Project Working Group meeting n°4

## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

The project working group (PWG) meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April is open to the partners (PPs) and associated organisations (AOs) of the project. This PWG meeting aims to progress on the joint implementation of selected activities and to prepare deliverables.

8:30 *Registration*

### 9:00 **PLENARY SESSION (ROOM X)**

#### **Opening through VMM representative**

*Sophie D'hondt, head of international support team*

#### **Introduction to the project working groups meeting**

*Marie-Edith Ploteau, EG*

#### **Flash flood responsive communities – concept of the partnership**

*Daniela Falter, EG*

9:45 *Change of rooms*

### 10:00 **PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND (COFFEE IN THE ROOMS)**

#### Room X

#### **Improve Early-Warning Systems**

*Daniela Falter, EG  
Johan Auwerkerken,  
VMM*

#### Room Y

#### **Train the trainers in a transnational way**

*Marian Bootink & Oscar  
van Dam, STOWA  
Christian van Spiczak,  
FW\_Duisburg*

#### Room Z

#### **Involvement of residents, voluntary sector and private partners – concept and contracts**

*Colin Glesner, SPW  
Eelco Koohlaas, HHNK*

12:00 *Lunch*

### 13:00 **PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND (COFFEE IN THE ROOMS)**

#### Room X

#### **AI-based flood and impact forecast tools**

*Adrian Almoradie, LV  
Sylvain Kubler, Uni.lu*

#### Room Y

#### **Further develop the App2C app**

*Marian Bootink & Oscar  
van Dam, STOWA*

#### Room Z

#### **Train the members of local crisis units**

*Telka Schneider, EG  
Matthieu Oberhauser, SDIS57*

### 15:00 **EXCURSION (SEE NEXT PAGE)**

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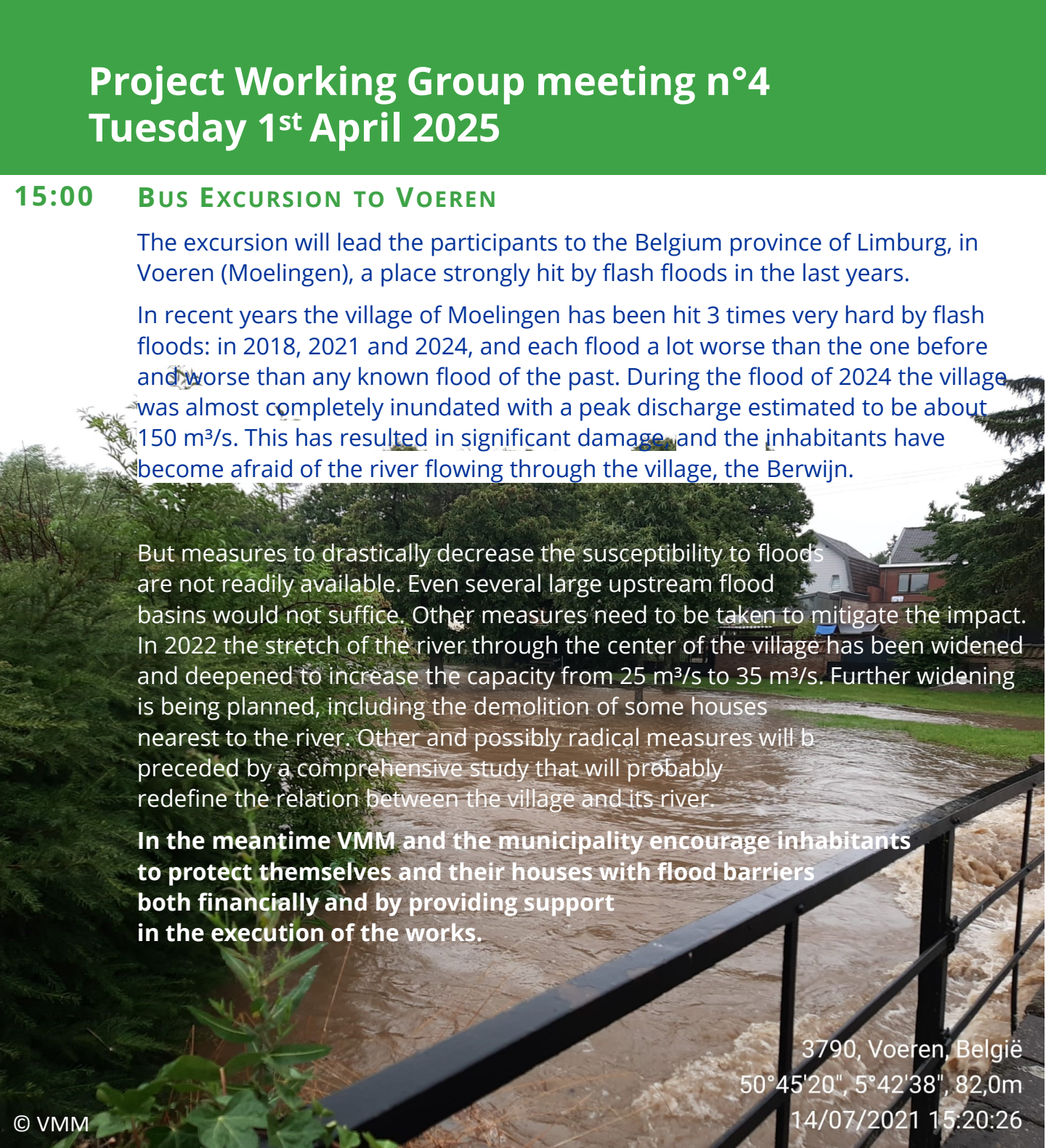
### 15:00 BUS EXCURSION TO VOEREN

The excursion will lead the participants to the Belgium province of Limburg, in Voeren (Moelingen), a place strongly hit by flash floods in the last years.

In recent years the village of Moelingen has been hit 3 times very hard by flash floods: in 2018, 2021 and 2024, and each flood a lot worse than the one before and worse than any known flood of the past. During the flood of 2024 the village was almost completely inundated with a peak discharge estimated to be about 150 m<sup>3</sup>/s. This has resulted in significant damage, and the inhabitants have become afraid of the river flowing through the village, the Berwijn.

But measures to drastically decrease the susceptibility to floods are not readily available. Even several large upstream flood basins would not suffice. Other measures need to be taken to mitigate the impact. In 2022 the stretch of the river through the center of the village has been widened and deepened to increase the capacity from 25 m<sup>3</sup>/s to 35 m<sup>3</sup>/s. Further widening is being planned, including the demolition of some houses nearest to the river. Other and possibly radical measures will be preceded by a comprehensive study that will probably redefine the relation between the village and its river.

**In the meantime VMM and the municipality encourage inhabitants to protect themselves and their houses with flood barriers both financially and by providing support in the execution of the works.**



3790, Voeren, België  
50°45'20", 5°42'38", 82,0m  
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*Starting point: at 15:00 from the meeting venue Holiday Inn - Duration: approx. 3 hours*  
*Ending point: back to the venue/hotel **approximately at 19:00***

### 20:00 JOINT DINNER

Restaurant (will be precised).

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## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

**8:30**      **WRAP-UP OF THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS OF DAY 1 IN PLENARY**

9:45      *Change of rooms*

**10:00**      **PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 3<sup>RD</sup> ROUND (COFFEE IN THE ROOMS)**

**Room X**

**Drones and real-time data processing activities**

*Atal Kumar, Uni.lu  
Britta Eling, EG*

**Room Y**

**Involvement of residents, voluntary sector and private partners – tools and trainings**

*Colin Glesner, SPW  
Thijs Vermeulen, WRL*

**Room Z**

**Flood & flood impacts / pluvial & fluvial modelling**

*Jens Reinert, IWW  
Maria Paula Avila Guzman, ULiège*

12:00      *Lunch*

**13:00**      **PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 4<sup>TH</sup> ROUND (COFFEE IN THE ROOMS)**

**Room X**

**Training students and young professionals**

*Joe Harrington, MTU  
Alexandre de Becker, Uliège*

**Room X**

**Plan and construct a wet training levee**

*Christian van Spizcak, FW\_Duisburg*

**Room Z**

**Community of practices and test of the IHEMFD**

*Oscar van Dam, STOWA  
Bart Vonk, RWS*

14:30      *Change rooms*

**14:45**      **WRAP-UP OF THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS IN THE PLENARY**

**15:30**      **END OF PWG MEETING N°4**

**15:45**      **PSG MEETING N°4**

**Room Z**

Open to the project steering group (PSG) members of FlashFloodBreaker. A separate agenda will be shared by e-mail to the PSG members in due time.

**FLEX TIME FOR PWG MEMBERS**

**Room X & Y**

While the members of the PSG meet, the members of the Project Working Group are invited to pursue works on **activities/deliverables** in room XY.

**18:00**      **END OF MEETING N°4**

# Organisational information

**REGISTRATION** Please register to the **PWG meeting** (staff members of PPs and AOs involved in activities) and **PSG meeting** (PSG members) *via* this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/expP07zcbm>

Registration is open **until 6 March 2025**

**VENUE** **Holiday Inn - Hasselt**  
Kattegatstraat 1, 3500 Hasselt – Belgium

**HOTEL** **LIST OF HOTELS CLOSE TO THE MEETING VENUE**

Self-booking and self-payment apply.

**Holiday Inn Hasselt**

*Kattegatstraat 1, 3500 Hasselt (at the meeting venue, [optional booking link](#), for a limited rooms contingent valid up to 6.3.2024)*

**YUP Hotel**

*Thonissenlaan 52, 3500 Hasselt (5 min walk to meeting venue)*

**Radisson Blu Hotel**

*Torenplein 8, 3500 Hasselt (12 min walk to meeting venue)*

**Hotel Mercure Duisburg City**

*St. Jozefstraat 10.2.2 20, Hasselt (10 min walk to meeting venue)*

**Hotel the Century**

*Leopoldplein 1, 3500 Hasselt (12 min walk to meeting venue)*

**LANGUAGE** **English**

**PROJECT PAGE** **[flashfloodbreaker.nweurope.eu](https://flashfloodbreaker.nweurope.eu)**

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