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1 - 2 April 2025, Hasselt



**4th 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 1st April 2025

The project working group (PWG) meeting on 1st and 2nd 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	<i>Registration</i>		
9:00	PLENARY SESSION (ROOM KATTEGATSTRAAT 1)		
	Opening through head of international support team at Flanders Environment Agency <i>Sophie D'Hondt, VMM</i>		
	Introduction to the project working groups meeting <i>Marie-Edith Ploteau, EG</i>		
	Flash flood responsive communities – concept of the partnership <i>Daniela Falter, EG</i>		
9:45	<i>Change of rooms</i>		
10:00	PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 1ST ROUND (COFFEE IN THE ROOMS)		
	<u>Room Kattegatstraat 1</u> Improve Early-Warning Systems <i>Daniela Falter, EG</i> <i>Johan Auwerkerken, VMM</i>	<u>Room Dockside 2</u> Train the trainers in a transnational way <i>Marian Booltink & Oscar van Dam, STOWA</i> <i>Christian van Spiczak, FW_Duisburg</i>	<u>Room Kattegatstraat 2</u> Involvement of residents, voluntary sector and private partners – concept and contracts <i>Colin Glesner, SPW</i> <i>Eelco Koohlaas, HHNK</i>
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>		
13:00	PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 2ND ROUND (COFFEE IN THE ROOMS)		
	<u>Room Kattegatstraat 1</u> AI-based flood and impact forecast tools <i>Adrian Almoradie, LV</i> <i>Oguz Betkas, Uni.lu</i>	<u>Room Kattegatstraat 2</u> Train the members of local crisis units <i>Telka Schneider, EG</i> <i>Matthieu Oberhauser, SDIS57</i>	
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 m³/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 m³/s to 35 m³/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
14/07/2021 15:20:26

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 HOOGHUIS: Lombaardstraat 6, 3500 Hasselt, at 8 p.m.

We meet at 7.45 pm in the lobby of the Holiday Inn hotel (meeting venue).

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Wednesday 2nd 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 – 3RD ROUND (COFFEE IN THE ROOMS)**

Room Kattegatstraat 1

Drones and real-time data processing activities

*Britta Eling, EG
Adil Nassoh, Uni.lu*

Room Dockside 2

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

*Colin Glesner, SPW
Thijs Vermeulen, WRL*

Room Kattegatstraat 2

Flood & flood impacts / pluvial & fluvial modelling

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

12:00 *Lunch*

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

Room Kattegatstraat 1

Train students and young professionals

*Joe Harrington, MTU
Alexandre de Becker, Uliège*

Room Dockside 2

Plan and construct a wet training levee

Christian van Spizcak, FW_Duisburg

Room Kattegatstraat 2

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 OF DAY 2 IN PLENARY**

15:30 **END OF PWG MEETING N°4**

15:45 **PSG MEETING N°4**

Room Kattegatstraat 2

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 Dockside 2

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

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 closed.

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)

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**

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