

# Preliminary programme

Metz, 23 – 25 September 2026



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**7<sup>th</sup> partner meeting and transnational training  
on water rescue of the FlashFloodBreaker  
project (INTERREG NWE)**

**PWG + PSG: Novotel Metz Centre, 23 – 24.9.2026**

**Training on water rescue: Cité Universitaire Metz, 25.9.2026**



# Project Working Group meeting n°7

## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

The project working group (**PWG**) meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026 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 XXX)**

#### **Introduction to the project working group meeting and training**

*Commandant Matthieu Oberhauser, SDIS 57*

*Marie-Edith Ploteau, Emschergenossenschaft*

#### **Flooding and Flood Risk Management in Moselle**

*Contrôleur Général Fabien Didier, Director of the Fire and Rescue Service of the Moselle département (SDIS 57)*

#### **The French GEMAPI mission – challenge of the implementation**

*N.N., tbc*

10:00 Change of rooms



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### 10:30 PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 1<sup>ST</sup> SLOT (ROOM XXX)

#### Room tbc

**Dashboards to improve crisis communication among stakeholders - Focus Early Warning System, DELFT-Fews**

*Thomas Berends, HHNK  
Daniela Falter, EG  
Johann Auwerkerken, VMM  
Mak Čičak, WRL*

#### Room tbc

**Joint concept to involve residents, private and voluntary sectors**

*Eva Ledroit & Colin Glesner, SPW  
Marleen Wilzing, WRL*

#### Room tbc

**Train students and young professionals**

*Joe Harrington, MTU  
Alexandre de Becker, ULiège*

### 12:30 LUNCH (ROOM TBC)

### 13:30 PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 2<sup>ND</sup> SLOT (ROOM XXX)

#### Room tbc

**Community of Practice on Flood emergency response (incl. transnational exercise)**

*Oscar van Dam, STOWA  
Bart Vonk, RWS  
Christian von Spizcak, FW\_Duisburg*

#### Room tbc

**Process in real-time data gained by drones**

*Rebecca Teferle, Uni.lu  
Britta Eling, EG*

#### Room tbc

**Strategy for a more resilient NWE society against increasing flash flood events: from draft to result**

*Vincent Schmitz, ULiège*

15:15

*Preparation for excursion*

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### 15:30 EXCURSION: IN THE FOOTSTEP OF ONE FOUNDING FATHER OF EUROPE

The visit of the **House of Robert Schuman** in Scy-Chazelles near Metz will give the partners a unique opportunity to explore **the origins of European cooperation**.

Preserved as it was during the 1950s, Schuman's former home provides insight into the life and legacy of one of the **principal architects of today's European Union**. Through his period furnishings, personal belongings, and carefully preserved rooms, the museum brings to life the environment in which many of Schuman's ideas for European cooperation were conceived.

The visit also presents the **key milestones of European integration** through exhibitions and multimedia displays, highlighting Schuman's vision of peace, reconciliation, and collaboration among European nations.

Combining history, heritage, and European identity, the museum offers an inspiring journey through the roots of our European cooperation project.



**Starting point:** at 15:30 the bus picks us up from Novotel and takes us to 8-12 rue Robert Schuman, 57160 Scy-Chazelles

**Ending point:** back to the meeting venue at Novotel Metz Centre

### 18:00 FREE TIME BEFORE DINNER

### 19:30 JOINT NETWORKING DINNER

**Restaurant Le Romarin**, 18 rue des Augustins, Metz

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## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026

<b>8:30</b>	<b>PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 3<sup>RD</sup> SLOT (ROOM XXX)</b>		
	<b><u>Room tbc</u></b> <b>Field-Trainings at waterboards and fire brigades in North-Holland, Emscher-Lippe area &amp; Limburg</b> <i>Telka Schneider, EG Thomas Berends, HHNK Nina Jossifoff, WL Matthieu Oberhauser, SDIS57 Christian von Spizcak, FW_Duisburg</i>	<b><u>Room tbc</u></b> <b>Visual materials to raise residents' awareness on flash flood risk</b> <i>Eva Ledroit &amp; Colin Glesner, SPW Marleen Wilzing, WRL</i>	<b><u>Room tbc</u></b> <b>Flood impacts modelling, flood loss model and damages</b> <i>Alexandre de Becker &amp; Ana Maria Guzmán, Uliège  Bidroha Basu &amp; Faisal Mahmood, MTU</i>
<b>10:30</b>	<i>Change of rooms</i>		
<b>10:45</b>	<b>PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 4<sup>TH</sup> SLOT (ROOM XXX)</b>		
	<b><u>Room tbc</u></b> <b>Dashboards to improve crisis communication among stakeholders - Focus data exchange, e.g. App2C, React online</b> <i>Thomas Berends, HHNK Mak Čičak, WRL Telka Schneider, EG Oscar van Dam, STOWA</i>	<b><u>Room tbc</u></b> <b>Augmented reality &amp; immersive technologies for raising awareness</b> <i>Adil Nassoh, Uni.lu</i>	<b><u>Room tbc</u></b> <b>AI Explainability and transparency of flood and flood impacts forecast tool</b> <i>Sara Ourza &amp; Oguz Bektas, Uni.lu Adrian Almoradie, LV</i>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		

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## 13:45 PLENARY SESSION (ROOM XXX)

### **Wrap-up of the breakout sessions and stations of Day 1 and 2**

*Rapporteurs of the sessions (11 \* 5´)*

### **FlashFloodBreaker Strategy for a more resilient NWE society against increasing flash flood events - Stage of development**

*Vincent Schmitz, ULiège (15´)*

### **Instructions to the training on water rescue**

*Dominique Roth, SDIS 57 (10´)*

**Next steps**, *Marie-Edith Ploteau, EG (10´)*

15:30

*Coffee Break*

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## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (continued)

**16:00**    **PSG MEETING N°7**

**STUDENTS´ INVOLVEMENT**

### Room tbc

Open to the project steering group (PSG) members of FlashFloodBreaker.

A separate agenda was shared by e-mail to the PSG members.

### Room tbc

Exchange with and among PhD students working on FlashFloodBreaker

*Christian O´Leary, MTU*

**18:30**    **END OF PWG AND PSG MEETING N°7**

**20:00**    **JOINT NETWORKING DINNER**

**Restaurant Les Raoudis, 51 Place de Chambre, Metz**



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# Transnational training on water rescue

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026

The Fire and Rescue service of the Moselle department (SDIS 57) invites water rescue organisations from North-West Europe to train among international teams in real conditions on the **Île of Saulcy, Metz, on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026.**

This special rescue training is designed for **Aquatic rescue swimmers (SAV).**

**Observers** from the FlashFloodBreaker project are also welcome.

The active participants will have the possibility to take part in 4 distinct workshops:

**Workshop # 1: Rescue a person who has fallen into a slow-flowing river using specific equipment, such as a boat.**

**Workshop # 2: Rescue a person who has fallen into a fast-flowing river**

**Workshop # 3: Rescue a person trapped inside a vehicle in the middle of a fast-flowing river**

**Workshop # 4: Rescue several persons on the roof of a vehicle in the middle of a fast-flowing river**

The specific rescue materials brought by the international teams will be showcased.



**PROFESSIONAL SCENARIO FOR LIFEGUARDS IN RAPID AND EXCEPTIONAL FLOODING**

**SAPEURS POMPIERS DE LA MOSELLE**

**FLASH FLOODBREAKER**  
INTERNATIONAL TRAININGS

25 September 2026 • Metz / Moselle – FRANCE 🇫🇷

**PROGRAMME:**

- ✓ Demonstration of specialized equipment
- ✓ Coping with flash flood specific risks
- ✓ Aquatic and Diving Rescue exercises in flowing water (4 scenarios)

Detailed programme is available here: [FFB link to homepage](#).

**REGISTER BEFORE 30.06.2026 HERE:**



**FLASH FLOODBREAKER**

Interreg North-West Europe  
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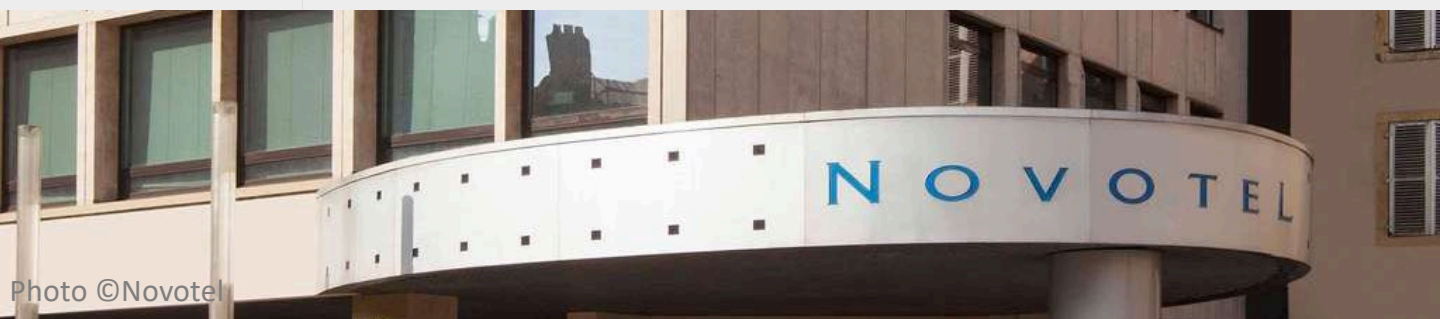
## Registration

- **SAV-Teams** participating in the exercise are asked to register via [this link/ QR-Code above](#).
- **Observers** from the FlashFloodBreaker project are asked to register via the registration [link of the partner meeting](#).

# Organisational information

**REGISTRATION** Please register to **PWG meeting** (staff members of PPs and AOs), **PSG meeting** (PSG members) and Exercice (only as an observer) *via* this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/0hzzvzCDGF>  
Registration is open until **4.9.2026**.

**VENUE** **Novotel Metz Centre**  
Centre Saint Jacques, Place des Paraiges, 57000 Metz, France



**HOTEL** **LIST OF SUGGESTED HOTELS IN METZ CITY CENTRE**  
Self-booking and self-payment apply. Following hotels are suggested.  
**Novotel Metz Centre**  
Place des Paraiges, 57000 Metz [www.novotel-metz.com](http://www.novotel-metz.com). Specific rate is available for participants until 1.September. Book via this link: <https://www.billetweb.fr/seminaires-des-pompiers>  
**Hôtel Mercure Metz Centre**  
29 Place Saint Thiebault, 57000 Metz  
**Ibis Metz Centre Cathédrale**  
47 rue Chambièrè, 57000 Metz

**LANGUAGE** **English**

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

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