

Programme

Metz, 23 – 25 September 2026



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**7th 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 23rd September 2026

The project working group (**PWG**) meeting on 23rd and 24th 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 Foch)**

Introduction to the project working group meeting and training

Commandant Matthieu Oberhauser, SDIS 57

Marie-Edith Ploteau, Emschergerossenschaft

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

Emilie Désœuvres & Geoffrey Rémy, Syndicat mixte Moselle-Aval

10:00 Change of rooms



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Wednesday 23rd September 2026 (continued)



10:30 PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 1ST SLOT

Room Foch

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

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

Room Juin

Joint concept to involve residents, private and voluntary sectors

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

Room Lyautey

Train students and young professionals

*Joe Harrington, MTU
Alexandre de Becker, ULiège*

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 2ND SLOT

Room Foch

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

*Oscar van Dam, STOWA
Bart Vonk, RWS
Christian von Spizcak, FW_Duisburg*

Room Juin

Process in real-time data gained by drones

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

Room Lyautey

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 24th September 2026

8:30 PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 3RD SLOT

Room Foch

Field-Trainings at waterboards and fire brigades in North-Holland, Emscher-Lippe area & Limburg

*Telka Schneider, EG
Margot Zijlmans, HHNK
Nina Jossifoff, WL
Matthieu Oberhauser, SDIS57
Christian von Spiczak, FW_Duisburg*

Room Juin

Visual materials to raise residents' awareness on flash flood risk

*Eva Ledroit &
Colin Glesner, SPW
Thijs Vermeulen, WRL*

Room Lyautey

Flood impacts modelling, flood loss model and damages

*Alexandre de Becker &
Maria Paula Avila, Uliège
Bidroha Basu &
Faisal Mahmood, MTU*

10:30 Change of rooms

10:45 PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 4TH SLOT

Room Foch

Dashboards to improve crisis communication among stakeholders - Focus data exchange, e.g. App2C, React online

*Daan Eldering, HHNK
Mak Čičak, WRL
Telka Schneider, EG
Oscar van Dam, STOWA*

Room Juin

Augmented reality & immersive technologies for raising awareness

Adil Nassoh, Uni.lu

Room Lyautey

AI Explainability and transparency of flood and flood impacts forecast tool

*Sara Ourza &
Oguz Bektas, Uni.lu
Adrian Almoradie, LV*

12:45 LUNCH

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13:45 **PLENARY SESSION (ROOM FOCH)**

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 24th September 2026 (continued)

16:00 **PSG MEETING N°7**

STUDENTS' INVOLVEMENT

Room Foch

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

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

Room Lyautey

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 25th 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 25th 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.



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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

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30.06.2026 HERE:**

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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](#).

Transnational training on water rescue

Friday 25th September 2026

Practical information for Observers

**Start by foot from Novotel at 8h30
(15 min. walk)
- Parking not available on site -**

Location:

Cité Universitaire Metz, 57000 Metz

Approximative schedule:

08h45: Registration
09h00: Presentation of the flash flood hazards in urban areas by SDIS 57
09h30: Workshop # 1
10h30: Workshop # 2
11h30: Lunch break
13h30: Workshop # 3
15h00: Workshop # 4
16h00: Dismantling
17h00: End

Exposition on specific rescue materials brought by the international teams : all day



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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 was 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. 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**

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Map of Metz

