CLUSTER SUMMARY

Cluster title

Tools for Disaster Risk Reduction

Setting

Exploration meeting in presence in Athens on 03.07.2025
Three online meetings on 29.09.25, 30.10.25, 06.02.26

Duration

03.07.2025 – 11.2026

Participants

- Neven Grubisic, FRED LP, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Maritime Studies
- Pantelis Xofis, FRED PP, Democritus University of Thrace
- Natasha Osrecki, FRED PP, RGO Communications Ltd
- Michael Samouris, Germ of Life LP, University of Patras
- Panagiota Saranti, Germ of Life LP, University of Patras
- Meritxell Abril, LocAll4Flood LP, BETA Technological Centre
- Jordi Roca, LocAll4Flood PP, HYDS
- Viktoria Georgieva, Association of Parks in Bulgaria, C4N PP
- Maria Vives-Ingla, Annelies Broekman and Luca Da Sois - CREAF - C4N PP
- Odysseas Sifounakis, Vera Bougiouri - NTUA - C4N PP
- Elsa Nunes, Flavia Duarte – IrRadiare – C4N PP
- Dario Giaiotti, MedSeaRise LP, ARPA FVG
- Federico Pittaro, MedSeaRise LP, ARPA FVG

Goals & Objectives

Goal: To promote the use and innovation of tools for disaster risk reduction.

Participating Thematic projects and tools: FRED, early warning systems for wildfire; Germ of Life, early warning system for drought; LocAll4Flood early warning system for flash floods; MedSeaRise, prediction tools for sea level rise (TBC)

Objectives: During the cluster exploration meeting the following goals and objectives were discussed for the cluster: to develop a joint capacity building course (MOOC) for the Interreg Euro-MED Academy, to create a common dashboard to be able to easily showcase and promote DRR solutions to stakeholders and present during events, to create a joint target audience database.

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Cluster Roadmap

The roadmap needs to be filled in if your cluster requires it. Also, you can adjust the roadmap length, shape, and details according to your cluster's activities by adding/removing a text box.

Step 1: Exploration meeting in presence in Athens on 03.07.2025. The meeting confirmed participants' wish to continue with the cluster and outlined next steps and goals.

Step 2: Online meeting to be held in September where all involved projects will share their respective tools for DRR and explore next steps in the cluster and possible common activities.

Step 3: Online meting held in October to agree and start work on the common internal database, proceed with MOOC description and first steps in the creation, agree on and provide information for the common dashboard – agreed to be a webpage hosted on the NHM website.

Step 4: Online meeting held in February. The common database is approved and available to populate and use, the MOOC has advanced with NTUA, common webpage is designed.

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Main Outcomes

A defined outcome is knowledge exchange between the TPs, including sharing best practices, data sources, methodological approaches, etc.

The participants coordinateded to reach common target audiences, by creating a database where they share contacts of people working in the field of disaster risk reduction and management. This database is staying as a permanent source of potential future contacts and stakeholders.

The participants worked on combining the training materials on the different tools produced by each project for the Euro-MED Academy in a single course on disaster risk reduction in the Mediterranean area. The course will remain available on the Academy's website.

The participants worked on integrating these different tools in a shared platform – a webpage hosted on the NHM's website that brings users to the different source platforms, accompanied by information aiming to aid the dissemination of the TP's solutions to target audiences. The webpage can be found here: https://natural-heritage.interreg-euro-med.eu/home/our-work/sharing-knowledge-results/tools-for-disaster-risk-reduction/

Notes and remarks

The dissemination of the cluster results – the common webpage and the MOOC will continue until the end of the programme period, with the webpage and MOOC staying available indefinitely.

Next steps

- Conclusion and approval of the final Tools for Disaster risk reduction MOOC for the Interreg Euro-MED Academy

- Showcasing and dissemination of the common webpage – Fist event in with it will be presented will the NHM Annual Institutional Dialogue event in Marseille, France in November 2026. More opportunities will be looked for by all participants.

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visualisation material (screenshots, photos from meetings, social media and/or website posts)





