



Management Committee meeting and Workshop of LAND4FLOOD COST Action



Towards Increased Stakeholder Engagement in Flood Risk Management

June 26-28, Thessaloniki, Greece

**University of Macedonia
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Programme

LAND4FLOOD Management Committee meeting: 26 June, 9:00 – 12:15

primarily for COST Action Management Committee Members and Substitutes (but all other participants are welcomed)

Time	Title & Speaker	Room
8:30-9:00	Registration	
9:00-10:45	LAND4FLOOD COST Action overview, achievements and future plans by <i>Lenka Slavíková</i> (detailed agenda specified bellow)	
10:45-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:00	Short Term Scientific Mission achievement overview <i>World café session run by applicants</i>	

Workshop and Working Group meeting

Day 1: 26 June 2019, 13:00 – 15:45

Time	Title & Speaker	Room
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-13:10	Welcome by <i>Jason Papathanasiou</i>	
13:10-15:45	Plenary session moderated by <i>Jason Papathanasiou</i> Keynote speakers: Land for Flood? Some answers from law, politics, and culture by <i>Thomas Jacobson</i> (Director of the Center for Sustainable Communities, Sonoma State University, USA) So you want to flood my land and destroy my farm and my livelihood! by <i>Paul Cobbing</i> (Director of the National Flood Forum, UK) What we need to understand about risk perception for better risk communication? by <i>Therese Stickler</i> (Environment Agency, Austria) How to make homeowners to partners? by <i>Thomas Kahlix</i> (Vice-Chair of the Civil Initiative for Flood Risk Management, Germany)	
15:45-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-17:15	LAND4FLOOD Stakeholder Workshops: follow-up and discussion (Salzburg, Coimbra and Edinburgh) moderated by <i>Lukas Löschner</i>	
17:15-18:45	Working groups meetings (everyone is welcomed to join one of following working groups for a discussion): WG1: Environmental Conditions – The effects of land on catchment hydrology moderated by <i>Nejc Bezac</i> WG2: Socio-political contexts – Property rights, opportunities and limitations for negotiating land for flood risk management moderated by <i>Sally Priest</i> WG3: Stakeholders and interests – Negotiating and	

	mobilizing processes to secure land for flood risk management <i>moderated by Dennis Collentine</i>	
20:00	Reception at Zythos-Dore restaurant <i>(please be ready to cover costs of the dinner from your COST per diems)</i>	

Day 2: 27 June 2019: Field Trip

Time	
9:00-18:00	<p>Field Trip to Lake Kerkini, discussion with local stakeholders (please sign up here: https://forms.gle/3pSAbdENbVBX9GD39 for the excursion) <i>Lunch at the field trip to be covered by participants from COST per diems</i></p> <p>Program of the excursion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - departure from the university of Macedonia at around 09:00 - arrival at lake Kerkini at around 11:00 - visit of the lake and the dam at Lithotopos - coffee somewhere in the vicinity for an hour or so - visit of oikoperiigitis at around 13:00 (http://www.oikoperiigitis.gr/en/) where we will listen to a couple of presentations about the lake - lunch there at 14:00 - leave for Thessaloniki at around 16:00 - arrive back at around 18:00
20:00	Get together dinner (optional, self-paid)

Day 3: 28 June 2019

Time	Title & Speaker	Room
9:00-10:00	<p>Whose land for a flood? Understanding the profound legal concept of private property rights <i>by Prof. John Sheehan</i></p> <p>“What for” serious gaming with the stakeholder involvement <i>by Michalina Kulakowska</i></p>	
10:00-10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15-11:45	<p>Thematic parallel sessions (see detailed info bellow):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brainstorming on the high-impact LAND4FLOOD paper topics <i>by Pavel Raska and Nejc Bezac</i> 2. Discussion of contribution(s) to Water special issue on Flood Risk Governance for More Resilience <i>by Piotr Matczak and Dries Hegger</i> 3. Discussion: The feasibility of low cost management of pluvial floods through the cooperation of farmers <i>by Andras Kis and Gabor Ungvari</i> 	
11:45-12:00	Wrapping up and next steps <i>by Lenka Slavikova</i>	
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-16:00	<p>Flood Resilience Game Experience <i>by Michalina Kulakowska</i> (see detailed info bellow, please sign up here: https://forms.gle/3pSAbdENbVBX9GD39 for the game)</p>	

13:00-15:30	Core Group meeting	
16:00	Farewell coffee and departures	

Thematic parallel session specification (Friday morning)

1. **Brainstorming on the high-impact LAND4FLOOD paper topics led by Pavel Raska and Nejc Bezac**

Activity description: In case that you are interested in the collaboration on a high-quality cross-disciplinary paper you are warmly invited to this break-out session. The main idea is to use existing LAND4FLOOD network to gather enough information from various disciplines and different countries in order to prepare a high-quality paper that will be submitted to one of the high-impact journals. In general, the paper should bring together our current efforts using a cross-country evidence and presenting clearly defined directions for further research. In order to prepare a paper outline your contributions are needed. As a starting point, we will use some ideas from the preliminary discussions and open questions. The focus of this activity will be to narrow down a state-of-the-art scientific question that will be investigated in the scope of the LAND4FLOOD network. After the scientific question will be defined, we will define the methodological framework and main tasks that need to be carried out in order to gather relevant data. All contributors to this activity will be considered as co-authors in case that paper will actually be written, submitted and published.

2. **Discussion of contribution(s) to Water journal special issue on Flood Risk Governance for More Resilience by Piotr Marczak and Dries Hegger**

Activity description: A presentation, a poster, and a group discussion on a paper (papers) to be submitted to "Flood Risk Governance for More Resilience" in the journal Water. The aim of the activity is to identify suitable topics for papers – in line with the aim and scope of the special issue – that could be written within the Land4Flood network. The intended outcome of the meeting is to elaborate on at least one suitable topic for an internationally comparative paper. A discussion is to lead to establishing an agenda of writing the paper.

Regarding the Land4Flood contribution, we have the following overall theme in mind: It is increasingly argued that private actors should become more involved in flood risk governance. Literature on private sector involvement (including roles of businesses, NGOs, citizens) is highly dispersed, however, and a systematic overview of which private actors participate, where and why is lacking. Moreover, the distinction between private and public sector differs among countries and so does the attribution of responsibilities to public and private actors. A potential aim of the paper is to present a typology of actors and forms of non-public actors involvement and to present examples from different countries.

3. **Discussion: The feasibility of low cost management of pluvial floods through the cooperation of farmers by Andras Kis and Gabor Ungvari**

Activity description: Within a European context pluvial floods on flat agricultural land generally happen during late winter and early spring when the soil is already saturated with water and evaporation is still low due to low temperatures. Pluvial floods can create substantial damage to farmers. The usual response is canalisation of the agricultural area and transfer of excess water away from the fields. This is an expensive technology as it requires investment and maintenance of the canal system and machinery and energy to transfer the water and it goes against the principles of integrated water management.

An alternative approach is to collect excess water locally and store it in lower lying land segments. Land owners of the latter, less attractive pieces of land can offer water storage, nutrient assimilation as a paid service to neighbouring farms. The cooperation of numerous farms can result in a local market of water accumulation and storage. The co-operation can result in other services that originate from the water driven diversification of the "agricultural" landscape (e.g. reed management, forestry).

Within the group we would like to discuss

- if actual examples for such cooperation exist and what experience they generated
- how the cooperation of farmers can be catalysed by experts (“land use brokers”)
- how the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) helps or hinders the realisation of such local solutions
- specifically, how the Ecological Focus Area requirement of CAP could be utilised to this end.

The discussion may result in deeper knowledge exchange among participants with the focus on joint project proposals or/and publications.

Flood Resilience Game Experience (Friday afternoon)

The Flood Resilience Game is set in an area exposed to seasonal floods. Players take on the roles of community members (workers, farmers, entrepreneurs, financial services agents), local government and water board officials. The direct interactions between players create a rich experience that can be discussed, analysed and lead to concrete conclusions and actions. This allows players to explore vulnerabilities and capacities leading to an advanced understanding of interdependencies and the potential for working together. Learn more here: <https://floodresilience.socialsimulations.org/> .

MC Meeting agenda (Wednesday morning)

1. Welcome to participants
2. Verification of the presence of two-thirds of the Participating COST Countries or, if applicable, a quorum
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting: find minutes from Riga here: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1YIBZX9SrDKGMSQG5EEABvsELaRvDevk>
5. Update from the Action Chair
 - a) Status of Action: start and end dates of Action, participating COST countries, participating NNC/IPC institutions and Specific Organisations.
 - b) Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM): review of completed reports and new applications
6. Update from the Grant Holder: Action budget status
7. Update from the COST Association, if a representative is present
8. Monitoring of the Action
9. Implementation of COST policies on:
 - a) Promotion of gender balance and Early Career Investigators (ECI)
 - b) Inclusiveness and Excellence
10. Follow-up of MoU objectives: progress report of working groups
11. Scientific planning
 - a) Scientific strategy (MoU objectives, GP Goals, WG tasks and deliverables)
 - b) Action Budget Planning
 - c) Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future activities)
 - d) Dissemination planning (Publications and outreach activities)
12. Requests to join the Action from:
 - a) COST countries
 - b) Institutions in Near Neighbouring Countries, International Partner Countries, and/or Specific Organisations: EU agencies, European RTD Organisation, International Organisations
13. AOB
14. Location and date of next meeting: **Timisoara, Romania**, some time btw 1 – 12 June 2020.
15. Summary of MC decisions
16. Closing