

ERA-Net CRUE

Based on a funding initiative entitled "ERA-NET" which is part of the Sixth EU Framework Programme, the **ERA-Net CRUE** project will introduce structure within the area of European research on flood risk management (FRM). CRUE is the acronym for **Coordination de la Recherche sur la gestion des inondations financée dans l'Union Européenne** (Coordination of the research financed in the European Union on flood management).

Currently ERA-Net CRUE consists of partners from the following European countries: Austria, Belgium, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Scotland and Spain.

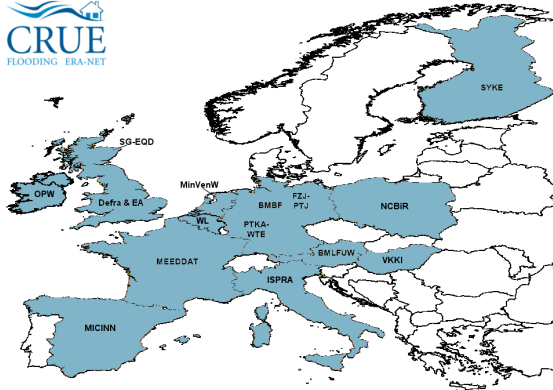
FRM is a critical component of public safety and quality of life. In the past, EU member states and associated states have mainly promoted their own national flood research without comprehensive co-ordination between their programmes, entailing the risk of redundancies and of neglecting potential synergies. The vision for the ERA-Net CRUE action on flooding is to support and develop an extensive co-ordination and integration of regional, national, and European research programmes, projects and policies in the FRM field.

As a supplementary directive to the **Water Framework Directive – 2000/60/EC**, the European Union has adopted in 2007 the **Floods Directive – 2007/60/EC** which requires a preliminary assessment of flood risk, followed by the establishment of hazard and risk maps and FRM plans. The management plans will be developed for potentially endangered river basins, coastal areas and other flood-prone areas in the EU Member States by 2015. The implementation of the Floods Directive will require a broad basis of knowledge and tools and the development of improved management and governance strategies.

ERA-Net CRUE aims to contribute to this research by its **2nd Research Funding Initiative**, launched in June 2008 by twelve of the partner countries, with the objective to establish trans-national collaborative research projects on **Flood Resilient Communities – Managing the Consequences of Flooding**, focussing on two thematic areas considered key elements of future FRM:

- 1) **Improvement of risk awareness and increasing public participation**; and
- 2) **Flood event management**.

ERA-Net CRUE Consortium



Project website: <http://www.crue-eranet.net/>

Funding Initiative webpage: <http://www.crue-eranet.net/calls.asp>

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2nd ERA-Net CRUE Research Funding Initiative: Flood resilient communities – managing the consequences of flooding

**Kick-off Meeting of Research Projects
20th–21st October 2009, Rome, Italy**

**Integrate, Consolidate
and Disseminate**

**European Flood Risk
Management Research**

Co-ordinator: **John Goudie (Defra)**
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APPROVED FRM RESEARCH PROJECTS

From the submitted proposals, seven trans-national research projects were selected for funding, which are:

- **DIANE-CM** – Decentralised Integrated ANalysis and Enhancement of Awareness through Collaborative Modelling and Management of Flood Risk;
- **FIM FRAME** – Flood Incident Management – A FRAMEwork for improvement;
- **FREEMAN** – Flood RESilience Enhancement and MANAGEMENT: a pilot study in Flanders, Germany and Italy;
- **IMRA** – Integrative flood risk governance approach for improvement of risk awareness and increased public participation;
- **RISK MAP** – Improving Flood Risk Maps as a Means to Foster Public Participation and Raising Flood Risk Awareness: Toward Flood Resilient Communities;
- **SUFRI** – Sustainable Strategies of Urban Flood Risk Management with non-structural Measures to cope with the Residual Risk;
- **UR-Flood** – Understanding Uncertainty and Risk in communicating about floods.

In addition, a co-ordination scientific project (**CORE-CRUE**) by the Austrian research centre alpS has been selected to facilitate cooperation and networking among the different joint research projects and to collect, analyse, disseminate up-to-date research activities and results, with the ultimate aim to support – at national and European level – policy choices and to find best practices for the EU Floods Directive implementation.

ISPRA – Institute for Environmental Protection and Research in collaboration with the CRUE Consortium are pleased to invite you to the **Kick-off Meeting (KoM)** for the 2nd ERA-Net CRUE Research Funding Initiative on 20th–21st October 2009 in Rome, Italy.

The **KoM purpose** is to offer to project leaders an opportunity to get acquainted with the set of selected projects. There will be the possibility to establish links between projects, to initiate cooperation where it seems useful and to receive input from policy makers and stakeholders.

AGENDA 20TH OCTOBER 2009

Time:	10.30 – 17.45 (possible extension till 19.00 as required by research teams)
Venue:	<i>“Fazzini” Room + “Tevere” Room + “Reading” Room + “ex-VideoConference” Room + “Soil” Room, ISPRA, Via Curtatone 3, Rome</i>
Attendees:	CRUE partners, researchers, evaluators & EC representatives
10.30 – 11.00:	Arrival and registration of researchers
11.00 – 11.30:	<i>“get together” coffee</i>
11.30 – 13.00:	Project meetings
13.00 – 14.00:	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 16.00:	Project meetings
16.00 – 16.30:	<i>Tea break</i>
Venue:	<i>Fazzini Room, ISPRA, Via Curtatone 3, Rome</i>
	Ensuring success – open forum to highlight thoughts for optimum collaboration and integration – emphasis on communication between research teams
16.30 – 17.30:	CRUE Partners to participate in the discussion, alpS to lead
17.30 – 17.45:	Closing remarks
	Option for further discussion till 19.00 as required by research teams

AGENDA 21ST OCTOBER 2009

Time:	8.30 – 15.45
Venue:	<i>Auditorium, ISPRA, Via Curtatone 7, Rome</i>
Attendees:	CRUE partners, researchers, evaluators, EC representatives, stakeholders & policy makers
8.30 – 9.00:	Arrival and registration
9.00 – 9.10:	ISPRA and CRUE welcome, G. Monacelli & J. Goudie
9.10 – 9.25:	CRUE – Activities & Goals (including Communication & Dissemination), J. Goudie
9.25 – 9.40:	1st CRUE Research Funding Initiative – Outcomes & Impacts, A. Pichler
9.40 – 9.50:	2nd CRUE Research Funding Initiative – Goals & Aims for the meeting, T. Deppe
9.50 – 10.50:	Presentation of the FREEMAN and UR-FLOOD research projects – 20 min each
	20 min open discussion (policy/practitioner) Moderators S. Irvine & W. Vanneuville
10.50 – 11.10:	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.10 – 12.30:	Presentation of the DIANE-CM, IMRA and RISK MAP research projects – 20 min each
	20 min open discussion (policy/practitioner) Moderators V. Rhodes & S. Mariani
12.30 – 13.30:	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 14.30:	Presentation of the SUFRI and FIM FRAME research projects – 20 min each
	20 min open discussion (policy/practitioner) Moderators E. Renouf & A. Moser
14.30 – 14.50:	<i>Tea break</i>
14.50 – 15.30:	Ensuring success – open forum to highlight thoughts for optimum collaboration and integration – emphasis on embedding and uptake of research Rapporteur alpS (A.H. Thieken & M. Schwindt)
15.30 – 15.45:	Final remarks from CRUE Co-ordinator
15.45:	<i>Meeting closure</i>