BACKGROUND AND CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Considering increasing risks of heavy rain events, authorities at all levels must act - especially local authorities. To do so, they should know how to analyse the hazards of heavy rain events and reduce risks accordingly. Partners from six countries have jointly developed and tested tools and methods for this purpose. They will be available online as a „RAINMAN toolbox“ from May 2020.

At the conference you can learn about the RAINMAN toolbox and its contents. Experiences from exemplary applications will be presented and discussed with the participants. The target group are participants from municipalities, science and politics. The project is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund within the framework of the CENTRAL EUROPE programme.

Find out more about RAINMAN at www.interreg-central.eu/RAINMAN

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REGISTRATION
Your participation in the conference is free of charge. The number of participants is limited. Registration is obligatory. Please register by 10th April 2020 at https://mitdenken.sachsen.de/RAINMAN

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ACCOMMODATION
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WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY 2020
**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**9:00 Admission and registration**

**9:30 Welcome and opening**
*State Minister Thomas Schmidt MdL, Saxony State Ministry for Regional Development (SMR)*
*State Secretary Gisela Reetz, Saxony State Ministry for Energy, Climate Protection, Environment and Agriculture (SMEKUL)*

**10:00 Heavy rain risk management: state, municipalities and EU on a common path**

**Provision of „tools“: The RAINMAN toolbox for integrated heavy rain risk management**
*Dr.-Ing. habil. Uwe Müller / Dr.-Ing. Sabine Scharfe, Saxony State Office for Environment, Agriculture and Geology (LfULG)*

**Heavy rainfall effects in rural areas: risk prevention for and by agriculture in the Czech Republic**
*doc. Ing. Josef Krása, Ph.D., Czech Technical University in Prague (CTU)*

**Activities and needs for action in the context of implementation of the EU Floods Directive**
*DI Dr. Clemens Neuhold, Austrian Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism and Chairman of the European Working Group Floods*

**11:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30 RAINMAN: European municipalities are jointly developing individual solutions - how does that work?**

**Improving emergency response for heavy rain events - experiences**
*City of Graz (AT)*
*Mag. Cornelia Jöbstl, Office of the Styrian Regional Government*
*Mag. Wolfgang Hübel / Ing. Heimo Krajnz, City of Graz*

*Görlitz County (DE)*
*Dr.-Ing. Sabine Scharfe, LfULG*
*Christian Wirrig, Municipality of Oderwitz*
*Jürgen Reichel, Municipality of Leutersdorf*

**Retention and drainage of surface water - experiences**
*Kunhegyes (HU)*
*Gábor Harsányi, Middle Tisza District Water Directorate*

*City of Meißen (DE)*
*Anika Albrecht, LfULG*
*Dirk Herr, City of Meißen*

**13:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**14:00 Gallery Walk: presentation and discussion at thematic stations**

- Presentation of examples from regions of the RAINMAN project
- Discussion of possibilities and limits of risk analysis, information and reduction
- Demonstration of RAINMAN tools and how they can support risk prevention

**Thematic area 1**
Hazard & risk determination and mapping

**Thematic area 2**
Risk reduction measures for municipalities and other actors

**15:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**16:00 Communication & risk awareness: Getting actors on board and motivating them to act**

**Examples of successful communication from RAINMAN**
- Start small: risk sensitization in schools
- Create the basis: risk prevention knowledge at university and specialist training
- Media use: a video contest regarding heavy rain risk and climate change

**16:30 Problem solved? Or: how will heavy rain risk management continue in Saxony and Central Europe?**

**Panel-Discussion with policy makers and practice**
*Dr.-Ing. habil. Uwe Müller, Saxony State Office for Environment, Agriculture and Geology (LfULG)*
*Jens Olaf Seifert, City of Dresden, Department of Environment*
*Michael Holzweißig, Regional Planning Association Oberes Elbtal / Osterzgebirge*
*Barbara Čenčur Curk Ph.D., University of Ljubljana; Lead Partner of the EU Interreg project TEACHER-CE*

**17:30 End of the conference and transfer to the conference dinner**