

FLORISPRE project

FLORISPRE is the acronym for “Citizen **FL**ood **RIS**k **PRE**vention”. FLORISPRE has been approved and financed by the Community Initiative INTERREG III C, **Grow Programme** (www.grow3c.com) under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

This project is carried out by three partners: **EGMASA**, Empresa de Gestión Medioambiental S.A. (www.egmasa.es), from Andalusia Region (Spain), leader of the project; **Environment Agency** (www.environment-agency.gov.uk), from Southern Region (United Kingdom) and **Municipality of Piacenza** (www.comune.piacenza.it) from Emilia-Romagna Region (Italy). The project commenced in March 2006 and is completing in September 2007.

The FLORISPRE project that seeks to respond to the European Commission’s calling for concerted action towards flood prevention, protection and mitigation at a European Union level.

FLORISPRE is designed to support the development of effective regional policies,

to share best practices and technological excellence with public bodies and communities so as to minimise the risks and effects of floods in the European Union.

FLORISPRE aims to improve the European management of areas sensitive to flood risks, through the development of specific and generic tools and methodologies designed to help public bodies and communities reduce flood risk in their areas.

The main aims of the project:

- Establishing a network of national and international experts in innovative flood risk management.
- Sharing experiences and methods currently used by each region in combating flood risks.
- Completing and disseminating a “Generic and a Specific Toolkit” on flood risk management.
- Raising public awareness on flood risks and what they can do to minimise them.
- Training communities living in flood risk areas on how to deal with flood risk.

Objectives of the Seminar

This event is the last stage of the project with a truly international approach. Its goal is to disseminate the results and toolkits of the project. The partners will present the “Specific and General Toolkits” that have been produced and they will look forward to the future of FLORISPRE.

The first part of the seminar will focus on flood risk management and the FLORISPRE project. Guest speakers from each of the partner regions will present on various topics spanning the field of flood risk man-

agement and highlighting the important role that the public themselves can play.

The second part of this seminar will provide those attending with an opportunity to discuss the issues raised earlier in the day with the assembled group of specialists. It will also be an opportunity to explore possibilities for future projects, to develop partnerships and expand upon the network of flood risk specialists that FLORISPRE has already established.

Timetable & Work-planning

If you would like to participate, please fill out this form:

First name and family name:

Organization:

Charge:

Website of your organization:

Telephone and e-mail of contact:

What is your environment topic (flood risk prevention / management of water / natural risk) for discussing?

Location of Seminar

Committee of the Regions
Rue Belliard, 101
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Room JDE 70 (7th floor)

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Final International Seminar of FLORISPRE

Citizen Flood Risk Prevention

On 20th September 2007
at Committee of the Regions, Brussels
Room JDE 70 (7th floor)

Part 1 – FLORISPRE and Flood Risk Management (9.30 – 13.00)
Part 2 – Partners Forum (14.30 – 17.30)

Timetable & Work-planning

09.30 – 10.00
Registration

- PART 1 -

10.00 – 10.30
Welcome by authorities and Committee of the Regions members.

Gordon Keymer
Member of Tandridge District Council, United Kingdom.
CoR Member.
5 minutes

Sonia Masini
Regional Province President of the Reggio-Emilia, Italy.
CoR Member.
5 minutes

Presentation of Grow Programme and FLORISPRE project.

Janet Borgers
Regional Correspondent of Grow Programme. South East England Development Agency, United Kingdom.
“The Grow Programme and the future under INTERREG IV C”.
10 minutes

José Manuel Requena Benítez
Manager of the project. EGMASA, lead partner of the project, Spain.
“FLORISPRE, Citizens Flood Risk Prevention”
10 minutes

10.30 – 11.00
Directive on the assessment and management on floods.

Maria Bräettemark
European Commission, Environment Directorate General.
“The new Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the assessment and management of floods”.
10/15 minutes

DVD FLORISPRE
Presentation of DVD FLORISPRE and other materials.
15 minutes

11.00 – 11.30
Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30
Development of FLORISPRE

Antonio Santiago Gahete
Technical Specialist of the Project, EGMASA, Spain.
“FLORISPRE in Andalusia Region”.
20/30 minutes

Melanie Andrews & David Bonner
Flood Forecasting Technical Specialists. Environment Agency, South East of England, United Kingdom.
“FLORISPRE in South-East of England”.
20/30 minutes

Sergio Bellocchio & Lorenzo Bersani & Bruno Mioni
Europe Office. Assistant Manager and Technical Specialist, Municipality of Piacenza and Engineer, Interregional Agency for the Po River, Italy.
“FLORISPRE in Piacenza”.
20/30 minutes

12.30 – 13.00
Regional specialist in flood risk management.

Manuel Menéndez Prieto
Head of Area, Cabinet of the Deputy Minister on Territory and Biodiversity, Environment Ministry, Spain.
“Public participation in planning of flood prone areas”.
10/15 minutes

Tom Crossett
Committee member of the Southern Region Flood Defence Committee & Chairman of the Thames Flood Forum.
“The importance of engaging people in flood risk”.
10/15 minutes

13.00
Conclusion and Closing by partners.

13.00 – 14.30
Lunch
During lunch a board will be available for delegates to post the topics they would like to discuss further in the afternoon session.

- PART 2 -

14.30 – 17.30
Project Forum Corner (Partner’s Research).

The afternoon session will take the form of an interactive workshop. The aim of this workshop is to establish the basis of a network of specialist. It will also allow for the sharing of knowledge and the search for future partners. It is hoped that everyone will contribute with their knowledge and methods on fighting and mitigating flood risk.

The purpose of the forum is to create a debate between conference speakers and the audience. Once the methodology of the workshop has been introduced, the participants and partners will have the opportunity to highlight topics they would like to discuss as well as present themselves and their organization. The topics for discussion will then be decided, these will be based on

ideas or question raised during the conferences or ideas established prior to the event.

The participants will then be divided into groups depending on the subjects they have highlighted. One hour has been set aside for these discussions that will be coordinated by the FLORISPRE project partners. Finally, the groups will have 45 minutes to present their conclusion followed by a 15 minute summary by the facilitator of the workshop. The project partners will capture the discussions and conclusions of the workshop and disseminate this to all participants as well as creating a database of the contact details of those attending.

14.30 – 14.45
Introductions and outlines of the workshop.

14.45 – 15.30
Selection of discussion topics.

15.30 – 16.30
Coffee and discussion in groups.

16.30 – 17.15
Review of groups discussion.

17.15 – 17.30
Summary and conclusion.