



**MONITOR II**  
**FINAL CONFERENCE**  
**14 May 2012**  
**Innsbruck, Austria**  
**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are pleased to announce the final conference of the SOUTH EAST EUROPE Programme Project MONITOR II (Practical Use of MONITORing in Natural Disaster Management)

**Date** **14 May 2012**

**Venue** Congress Center - Innsbruck  
Rennweg 3  
Innsbruck, Austria  
(see also attached map)

## Conference Programme

<b>9:30 -10:30</b>	Opening and Introduction to the Conference
<b>10:30 – 13.00</b>	Session1: Hazard scenarios – concepts and implementation
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	Session 2: Contingency plans – new guidelines
<b>16:30 – 18:00</b>	Session 3: CSA – Continuous Situation Awareness

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**There is no registration fee.**

For information on the MONITORII Project please visit: [www.monitor2.org](http://www.monitor2.org)

## MONITOR II

The future impact of climate change in Europe may include an increase of temperatures as well as a rise in the frequency of extreme weather events accompanied, among others, by increased flooding or large forest fires leading to negative effects for the population, economy and environment. Although Europe appears to be less affected by catastrophic natural hazards than other parts of the world, the experienced damages have increased steadily. Therefore strategies to avoid or mitigate natural hazards induced by climate change have recently gained increasing attention by the European Union.

The management of natural hazards constitutes a common challenge in the South East Europe (SEE). Therefore the main objective of the project MONITOR II is to improve the provision of information necessary for disaster management by strengthening the communication between hazard experts, civil protection services and decision makers through enhancing the flow of information along the entire risk management cycle.

Within the broad range of hazards, MONITOR II is specifically focusing on floods and landslides, as prominent examples of natural hazards. Nonetheless, the concepts and solutions of MONITOR II are being developed in a general way allowing their application and adaptation to other types of hazards as well.

The Final Conference of MONITOR II is designed to bring together experts, researchers, policy and decision makers, practitioners from various disciplines as well as concerned stakeholders for an interdisciplinary, transnational exchange of views on the further development of strategies and technologies for the management of natural hazards and to present the results of the project concerning:

- Improvement of hazard and risk mapping by dynamising the relevant planning processes
- Elaboration of new guidelines for contingency planning
- Reduction of the gaps still existing between hazard mapping and contingency planning by using scenario models
- Enhancement of information exchange in the case of emergencies by improving the situation awareness through the development of 'Continuous Situation Awareness (CSA) system.

Furthermore, the Final Conference will offer an excellent opportunity to discuss ways and means to overcome the identified potential barriers that might impede the adoption of the developed approaches and concepts, to ensure a broad dissemination of the generated knowledge as well as to consider the development of future projects.

Further details about MONITOR II as well as the South-East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme of the European Union can be found on the following Web-sites: [www.monitor2.org](http://www.monitor2.org), [www.southeast-europe.net](http://www.southeast-europe.net)