

Event	SEERISK Final Conference
Date	1 December, 2014
Venue	Danubius Hotel Gellért (Budapest 1111, Szent Gellért tér 1.)
Topic(s)	<p>The main purpose of the <i>SEERISK</i> project (<i>Joint Disaster Management Risk Assessment and Preparedness in the Danube Macro-region</i>) was to improve coherence among risk assessments and emergency preparedness undertaken by the countries in case of disasters intensified by climate change. The final conference will present the main outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practical disaster risk assessment methodology ▪ Disaster risk maps and public awareness surveys on climate change prepared for six municipalities in the Danube region ▪ GIS online application for detailed local risk mapping and disaster intervention planning ▪ Guideline on Climate Adaptation, which includes adaptation tools for municipalities and cities ▪ Participants of the roundtables will critically discuss the usage of the products developed as well as the follow-up possibilities.
Financing host	National Directorate General for Disaster Management, Hungary
Project website	<p>www.seeriskproject.eu</p> <p>We invite you to fill in our online questionnaire (5 min's) on climate awareness, available at the 'Questionnaire' section of our website.</p>

Programme

Monday, 01 December 2014, 08:00- 18:00

Timing	Topic	Location/Speaker(s)
08.00 – 08:45	Registration	Hotel Gellért
08:45	Departure from the Hotel to the Water Reservoir	
09.00 – 10.30	Visit to the Gellért Hill Water Reservoir (in 2 groups)	Gellért Hill Water Reservoir Expert of the Metropolitan Waterworks Ltd.
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break	Budapest University of Technology and Economics
11.00 – 11.30	Group photo	Budapest University of Technology and Economics
11.30 – 12.30	Presentation on GIS-based flood modelling	Prof. Dr. János Józsa Department for Water Engineering and Management, Budapest University of Technology and Economics
12.30	Departure to the hotel	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch in Hotel Gellért	
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14.00 - 14.10	Opening speech	Lieutenant General Dr. György Bakondi, Director General of NDGDM
14.10 – 14.20	Welcome speech on behalf of the Danube Region Strategy Secretariat	István Joó, Ministerial Commissioner for the Danube Region Strategy
14.20 – 14.30	Response on behalf of the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme	Alessandra Pala, project manager SEE Joint Technical Secretariat
14.30 – 14.40	Adaptation to climate change in disaster management	Brigadier General Dr. Ferenc Tóth, Chief Inspector General for Civil Protection, NDGDM
14.40 – 15.00	Presenting the SEERISK video Presentation of the partners and the agenda	Ágnes Rajacic, project coordinator NDGDM

15.00-15.15	Technical break	
15.15 – 18.00	Roundtable Discussions	
15.15 – 16.00	Topic 1 What do we know about climate change? Public awareness on natural disasters in the Danube region	Presentation (10') Dr. Zsuzsa Földi , researcher Moderator: Adam LeBor, Hungarian correspondent of the Economist Participants: social scientists, climate researchers
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee break	
16.15 – 17.00	Topic 2 What can we do to prevent natural disasters? The impacts of climate change and challenges of disaster management and meteorological services, applying risk assessment	Presentation (10') Miklós Székely , NDGDM Moderator: Adam LeBor Participants: disaster management practitioners, climate researchers and hydrologists
17.00 – 17.45	Topic 3 What, how and from what source should we develop? Effective climate adaptation solutions for settlements	Presentation (10') Ágnes Rajacic , NDGDM Moderator: Adam LeBor Participants: urban development and climate adaptation specialists
17.45 – 18.00	Closing remarks	Brigadier General Dr. Ferenc Tóth , Chief Inspector General for Civil Protection, NDGDM
20.00 – 22.00	Gala dinner at the hotel Central Orchestra of Disaster Management	

Practical information	
Hotel Information	<p>The Hotel is located in a picturesque environment at the foot of Gellért Hill, on the bank of the Danube. The site is within walking distance to Budapest's most fashionable shopping and business district with one of the most beautiful sights of Budapest, the Liberty Bridge. Out of the 234 rooms 213 have a panoramic view of the Danube or the Gellért Hill. The hotel shares its building with the famous Gellért Spa, one of the city's beautiful thermal bath. The first admission to the Gellért Bath is free. For each additional entry, the hotel grants a 50% discount off the daily ticket price to hotel guests. Free WiFi is accessible in common areas of the hotel.</p>
Transportation	<p>GPS code of the Hotel: 47 29'02.08"N. 19 03'12.26"E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Liszt Ferenc Airport, BUD 22 km, 40 min by shuttle bus or taxi • Eastern Railway Station 7 km, 15 min by Metro line 4 which stops at Szent Gellért tér • Transfer to the field visits in the morning session will be organised by bus departing from Hotel Gellért at 8.45 a.m. The lunch, the conference and the gala dinner will take place in Hotel Gellért.
Parking	<p>Parking place is available at Kemenes Street (100m from the Hotel) for reduced price: EUR 1/hour/car or EUR 10/day/car.</p>
Places worth to see nearby	<p>Gellért Hill</p> <p>Gellért Hill is one of the most characteristic sights of Budapest, with beautiful views over the capital. The 235-metre-high hill is a popular beauty spot, which is abound in both historical and natural values.</p> <p>Liberty Bridge</p> <p>Liberty Bridge is the third southernmost public road bridge in Budapest, located at the southern end of the City Centre. It is 333.6 m in length and 20.1 m in width.</p> <p>Central Market Hall</p> <p>Built at the end of the 19th century, the Central Market Hall is the largest indoor market in Budapest. While focusing on Hungarian products, on International Gastro Days (held on Fridays and Saturdays), the Central Market Hall also features food and cuisine of foreign countries.</p>

Overview map of the SEERISK final conference locations

