





### What dangers do you face?

Torrential rain, floods, spring tides, storm surges and coastal erosion, gales, severe thunderstorms, heatwaves, forest and heath fires, fog, extreme cold and blizzards, freezing rain and severe frost, avalanches . . . .

Meteoalarm.eu offers you the most up-to-date information on potentially dangerous weather both current and future. If you are employed by a government agency dealing with national and/or international crisis management you can access Meteoalarm's Extranet service as a registered user with your own user code and password. All the warnings up to 5 days ahead can be found there. Access to this Extranet service can be arranged by the contact person at your national meteorological office. Additional information about this service is available at meteoalarm@knmi.nl.

The Meteoalarm.eu website identifies the risks, covering 650 regions in the whole of Europe at a glance. The website is plain and clear, using easily recognizable symbols. It is simple to click onto regional and local warnings, and the websites of the various European national weather services. Everyone can be warned without any language barriers.



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#### **Four colours**

Green	Is your area coloured green? Then there's nothing to worry about.
Yellow	Yellow means potential danger. The weather is unlikely to be really abnormal but care is called for in activities that are dependent on the weather. Keep a check on the weather forecasts and warnings and run no unnecessary risks.
Orange	Orange means danger. There is a forecast of severe weather that is very likely to cause damage or accidents. Be careful and keep abreast of the latest warnings and developments in the weather. Keep in mind the risks, which may be unavoidable. Take heed of all advice given by the authorities.
Red	Red means extreme danger from exceptionally severe weather. Major damage and accidents are likely, in many cases with threat to life and limb over a wide area. Pay constant attention to bulletins on developments and to warnings, and obey the instructions and advice given by the authorities under all circumstances. Keep in mind that exceptional measures may be taken.

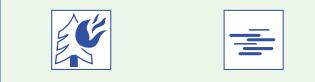




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# alerting europe for extreme weather



## International and reliable

The website has no language barriers because standardized symbols are used. Everyone can understand Europe's "dangerous weather" charts. The warnings and danger levels imminent in about 650 different regions covering 30 countries are visible at a glance. Special links lead you to extra information in any language you desire. Specific users such as the emergency services and aid organisations can access additional information including warnings up to 5 days ahead by using their password. For colour-blind users the coloured weather chart can be converted to black and white tints.

The warnings are also available via RSS feeds, an alternative method to access Meteoalarm on other internet sites.

Meteoalarm is a system integrating the official weather warnings of each participating country's national weather service, in cooperation with hydrologists. It is based on the most up-to-date information from the worldwide meteorological network, and on computer model analysis f the weather expected.



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#### **Cooperating weather services**

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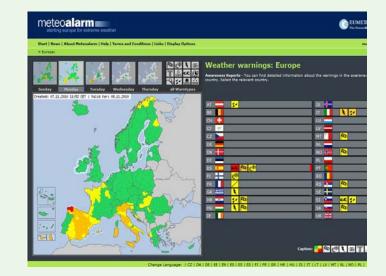
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Up-to-date warnings of dangerous and extreme weather across Europe available via the internet.



A cooperative initiative by more than 30 European countries' national weather services