




## FACTSHEET RISK COMMUNICATION MEASURES

### Heavy Rain Risk Check - “How well the City of Graz is prepared for pluvial flood events?”

<b>Where was it implemented?</b>	
Graz, Styria, Austria	
<b>Related to measure from the catalogue of measures</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interactive communication and participation formats</li> </ul>	 
<b>Target group</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local public authority</li> <li>Regional public authority</li> <li>SME</li> </ul>	
<b>Message</b>	Source: Land Steiermark, Lebensressort/free of charge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do good and talk about it!</li> <li>Heavy rain risk management needs interdisciplinary approaches!</li> <li>Especially in cities, an interdepartmental caretaker is needed for a coordinated flood risk management!</li> </ul>	
<b>Description and aim</b>	
<p>A two-day workshop was conducted to elaborate the status of heavy rain risk management in the City of Graz. Together with external experts, all concerned departments on the regional and local level, as well as SME, analyzed 35 indicators regarding land use, building, information, behavior, risk precautions, natural water retention and emergency response. A wide-ranging and lively discussion arose amongst the participants about the current preparation status and possibilities for improvements. The auditors gave valuable inputs and examples from other city how to deal with pluvial flood risk. As a result, a protocol informs, amongst others, about the assessment in the four sectors “area effect precaution, building precaution, behavioral precaution and risk precaution”. The assessment was done for different scenarios, e.g. in case all scheduled initiatives are implemented or none at all. Beyond that, political representatives held a press conference to inform the public about the project activities.</p>	
<b>Effect of measure</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City of Graz knows now about strengths and weaknesses in heavy rain risk flood prevention. It is now evident where already a good basis has been established and where there a need for action.</li> <li>Knowledge transfer within the concerned institutions in the City of Graz</li> <li>Citizens are informed about the challenges in public heavy rain risk management and the need for self-protection</li> </ul>	
<b>Description of implementation</b>	
<b>Effect horizon:</b> medium	<b>Involved stakeholders:</b> Regional authority, local authority
<b>Implementation:</b> 18.-19. June 2019	<b>Initiator / responsible</b> Office of the Styrian Government, Department 14 Water Management, Ressources and Sustainability

Lessons-learned	
<b>Main success factor:</b> Highlight the benefit for the participants of the workshops	<b>Main challenge:</b> To ensure that everyone can contribute equally
<b>Synergies / beneficial aspects:</b> Enhancement of future cooperation by bringing together all concerned institutions for the first time	<b>Conflicts / Constraints:</b> Responsibilities for certain activities; Reconciling different opinions
<b>Key message to others starting with a similar task</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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