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The Eionet National Reference Centres for Water Quantity,
The Eionet National Focal Points

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European flood impact database - filling and updating flood phenomena associated data

Dear Colleagues of the working group on Floods, NRCs Water Quantity and NFPs

We would like to invite you herewith to a consultation on the "Country sheets for a European flood impact database". We invite you to review the information and to correct and complement where ever needed or possible.

In 2009 the EU Water Directors stated that better flood impact information for Europe must be available compared to global database like EM-DAT or the Dartmouth Flood Observatory. This message was repeated and confirmed several times since then. As EU Member States in most cases had to report past floods and related impacts as part of the preliminary flood risk assessment, the process was put on hold for a while but remained an open issue and task for EEA in the list of consolidate outcomes of WG Floods workshops.

EEA has provided Data sheets per country where the major source of information comes from the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) reporting under the floods directive, complemented with evidence data from the global databases described above.

We kindly ask you to review, correct and complement the sheet for your country and provide us with your additions and comments

by 25 March 2015.

Please notice that this request goes to both networks, the WFD-FD CIS working group floods and to the EEA Eionet network, where floods is dealt with by the NRCs water quantity. Especially for those countries represented in the CIS Working Group on Floods, we strongly encourage a reply from them as the main source of information comes from the Floods Directive Reporting. We would very much like to encourage an alignment between the Eionet partners and the WG Floods representatives on national level. We expect to get only one corrected excel file per country and, where necessary, ask the NFPs to coordinate this process.

For all EEA/non EU countries, we kindly ask the help of the NRCs on Water Quantity and NFPs to revise the information provided.

On the Eionet freshwater interest group (no login or password needed) a copy of this letter as well as guidelines for the consultation are provided:

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<http://forum.eionet.europa.eu/nrc-eionet-freshwater/library/country-review-european-floods-impact-database-2015>

Due to the nature of the consultation, Country representatives of the working group on floods, NRCs Water Quantity and NFPs will get their country sheet in Excel attached to a follow-up email send out by my colleague Wouter Vanneuville.

Reasons are that some of the information is included for your information only to understand where the aggregated information comes from, and will not be disclosed in the final version as well as the fact that not all working group floods members (and the colleagues they want to consult) have an Eionet account.

For all questions not explained in the guidelines, both content related and technically, please contact both my colleagues at EEA and the ETC/ICM:

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