



Sustainable Strategies of Urban Flood Risk Management with non-structural Measures to cope with the Residual Risk

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Overview

- Improvement of flood risk management in case of disaster flood
- Especially in respect of non-structural measures
- Structural measures of flood protection are limited applicable
- Absolute protection is not feasible
- **Sustainable flood risk management:**
 - Advanced warning systems
 - Residual risk and vulnerability analysis
 - Risk communication: awareness raising, sensitization, public participation as well as individual precaution measures

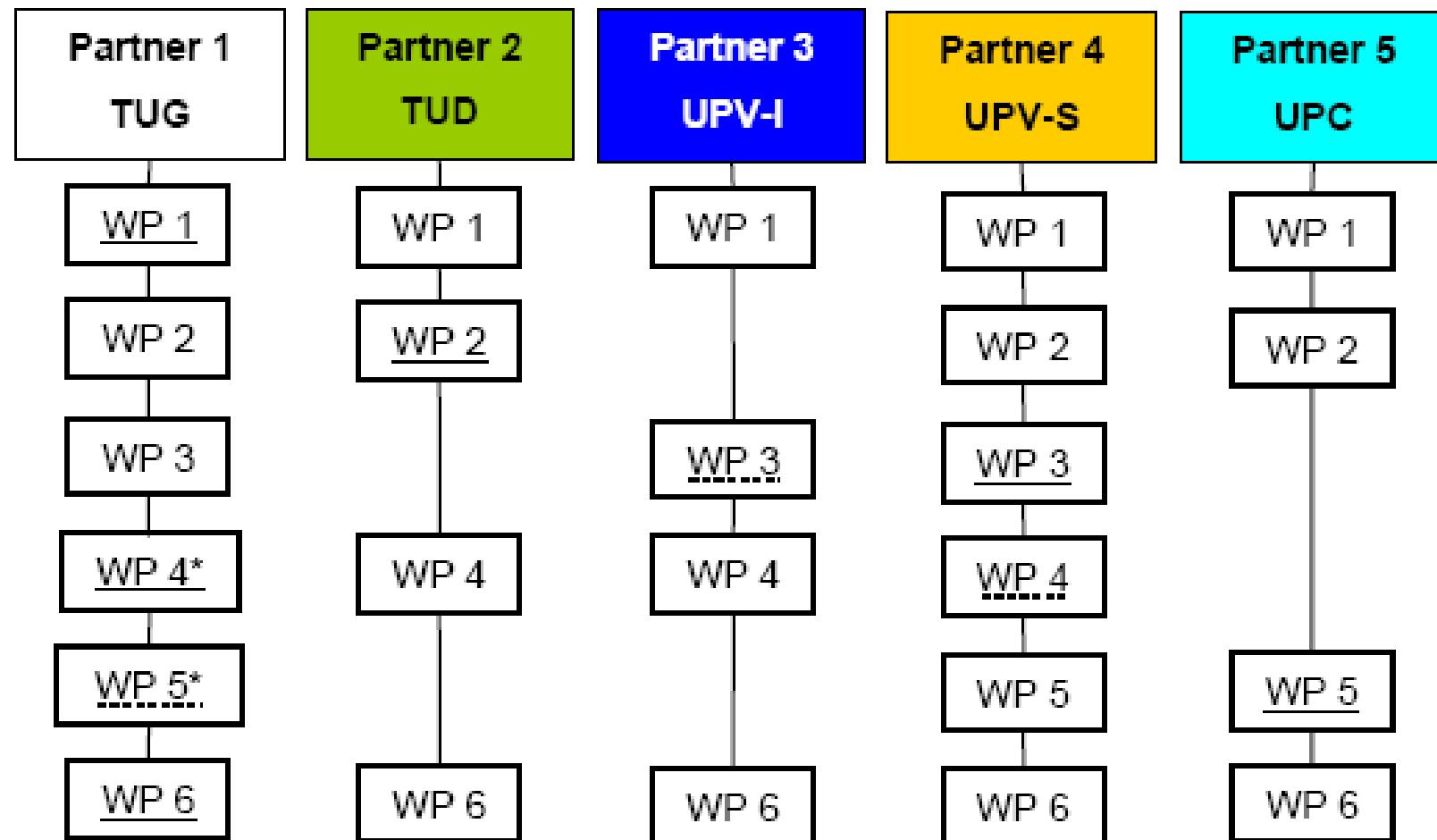
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Work packages

WP 1 TUG	Project Management and Coordination
WP 2 TUD	Advanced Warning Systems of Small Urban Catchment Areas
WP 3 UPV-S	Residual Risk and Vulnerability Analysis
WP 4 TUG	Risk Communication
WP 5 UPC	Optimization of Disaster Control Management
WP 6 TUG	Use and National Comparison of Disaster Control Management, Case studies

WP - Collaborations



4 Case Studies

Germany: Dresden

Italy: Lodi

Spain: Valencia

Austria: Graz

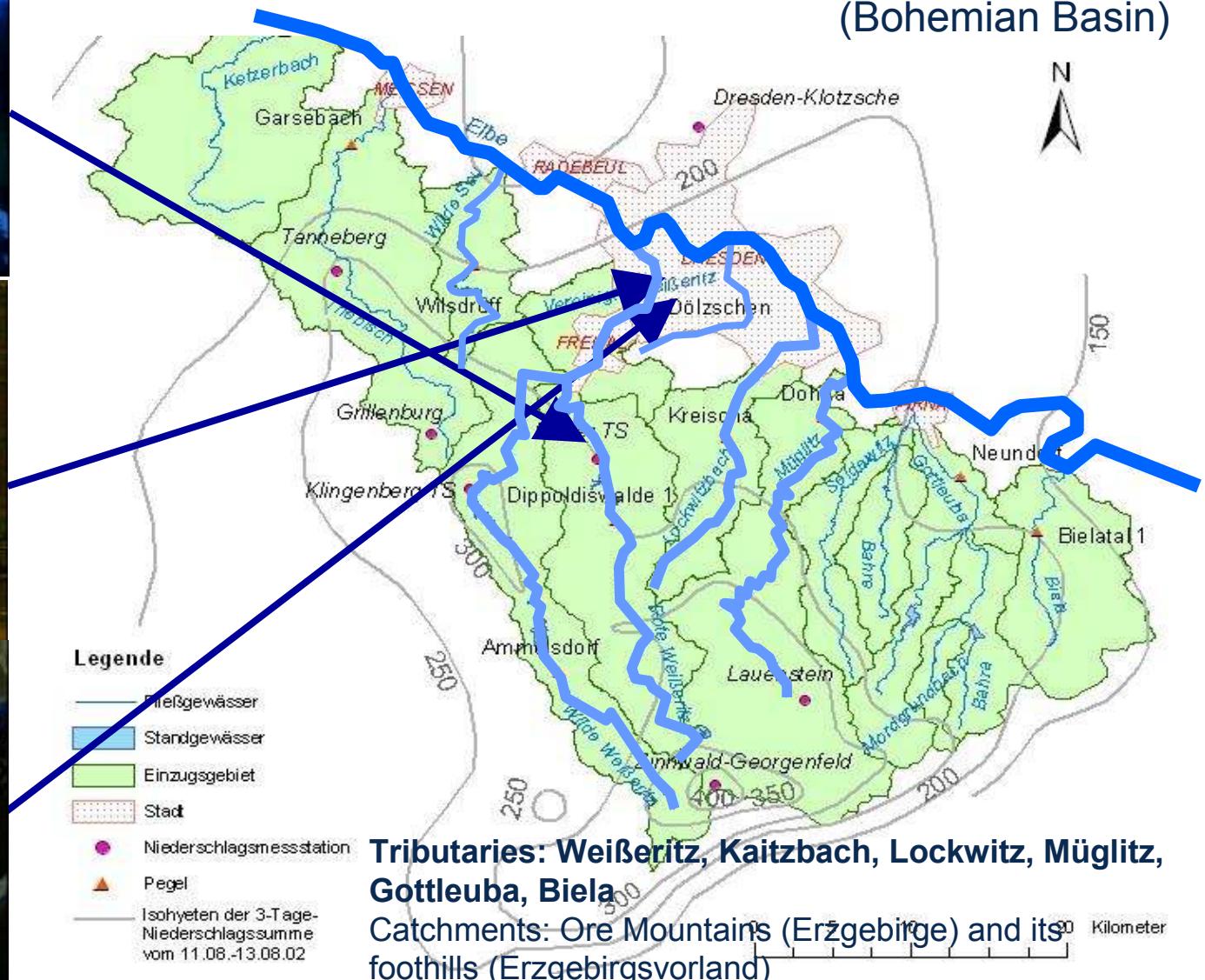
Case Study: Dresden 2002



Dresden, 17.08.2002: Inundation of the historic city centre, due to the flood of the river Elbe –
940 cm above gauge datum (normal: 200 cm)



River Elbe - Dresden gauge: 53096 km² catchment area (Bohemian Basin)



Italy: Case Study LODI

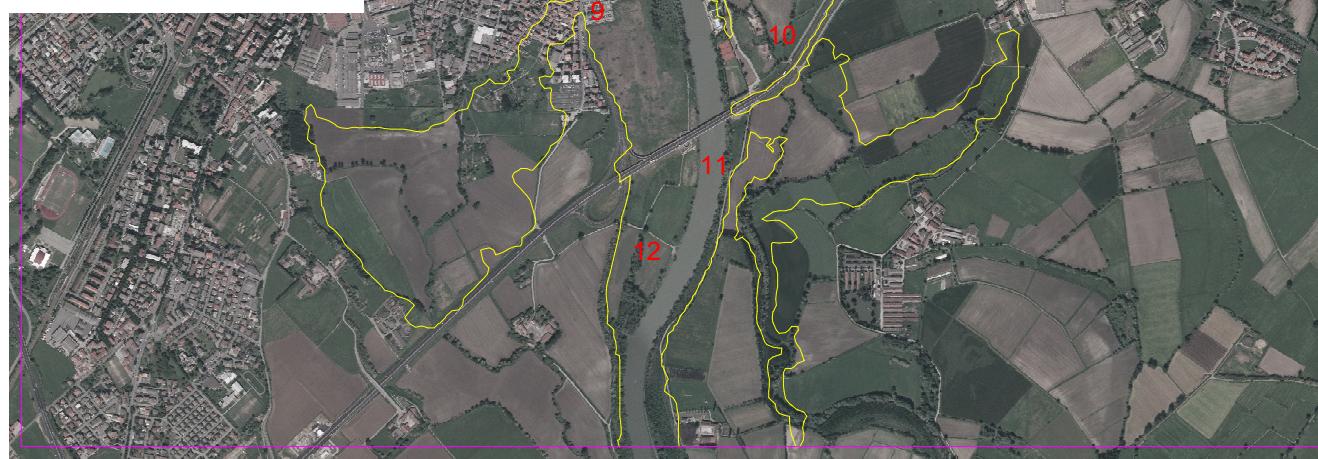
Simulation 1D and
2D



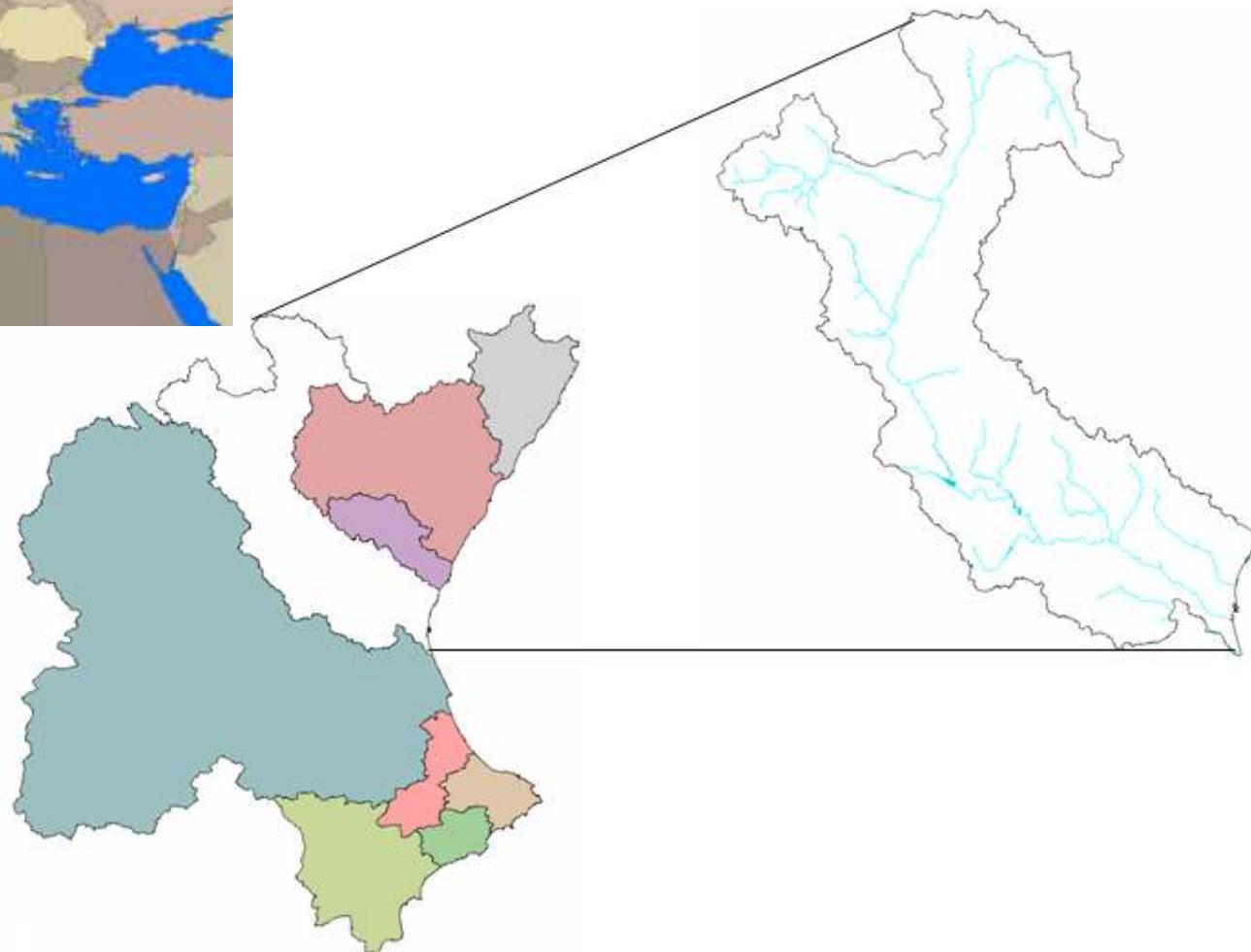


Flooded area for
a return period of
200 years

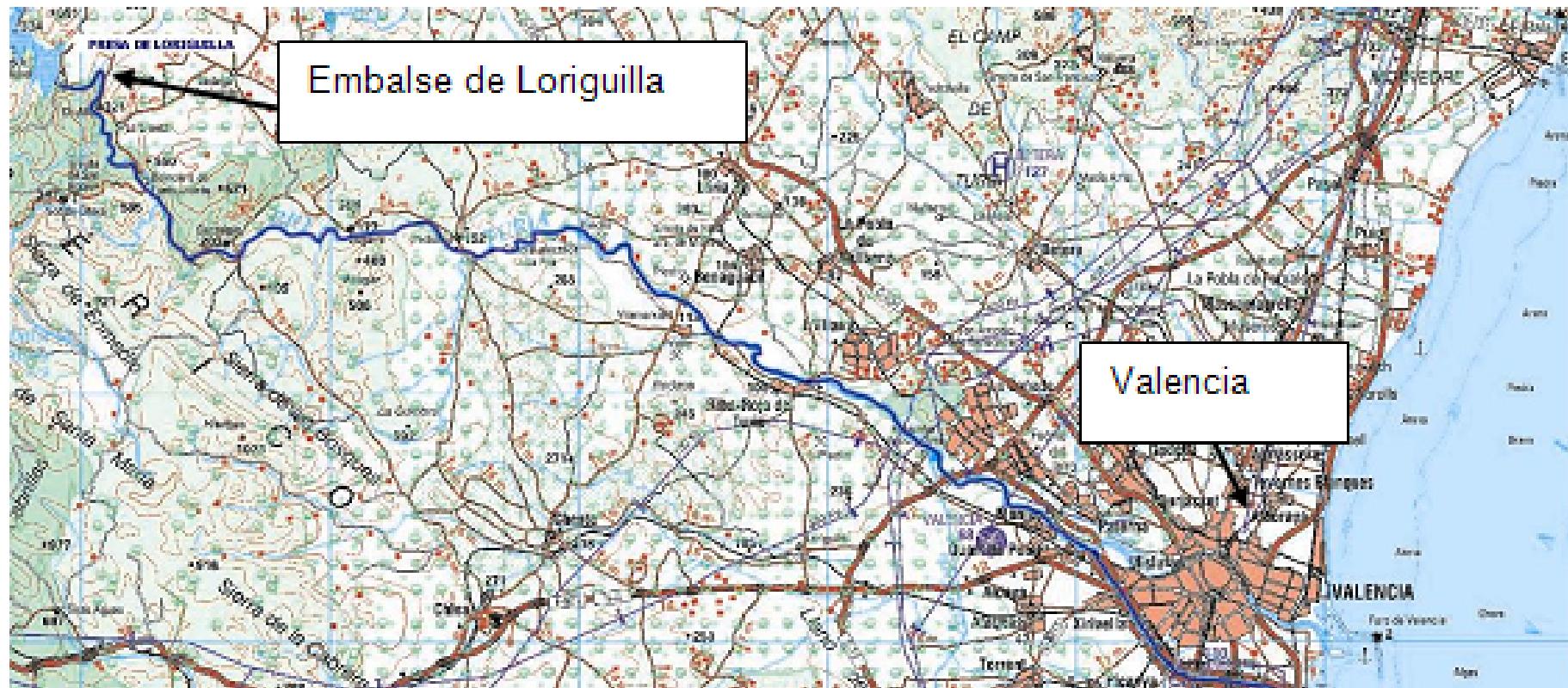
Position of water
elevation gauges

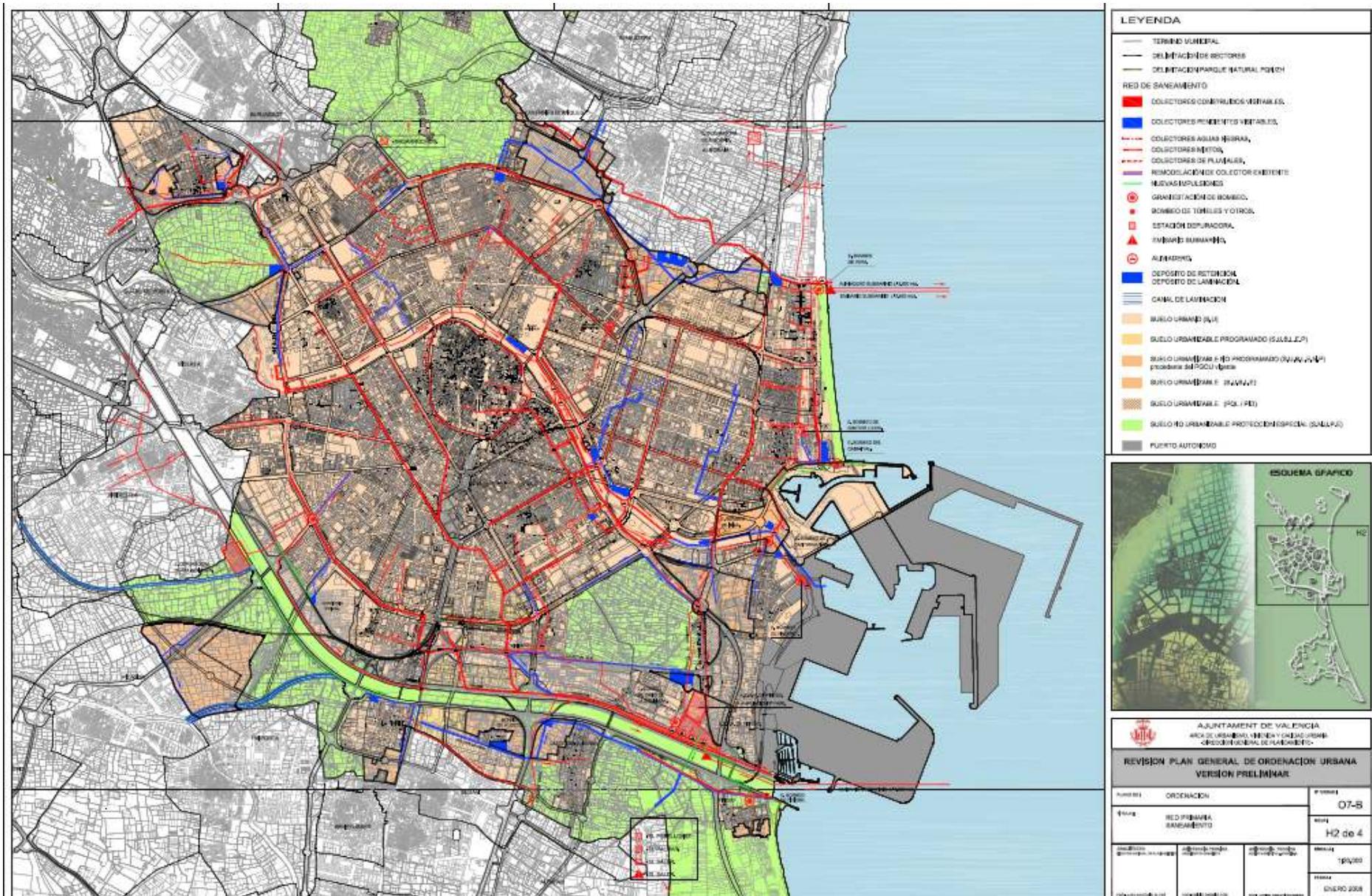


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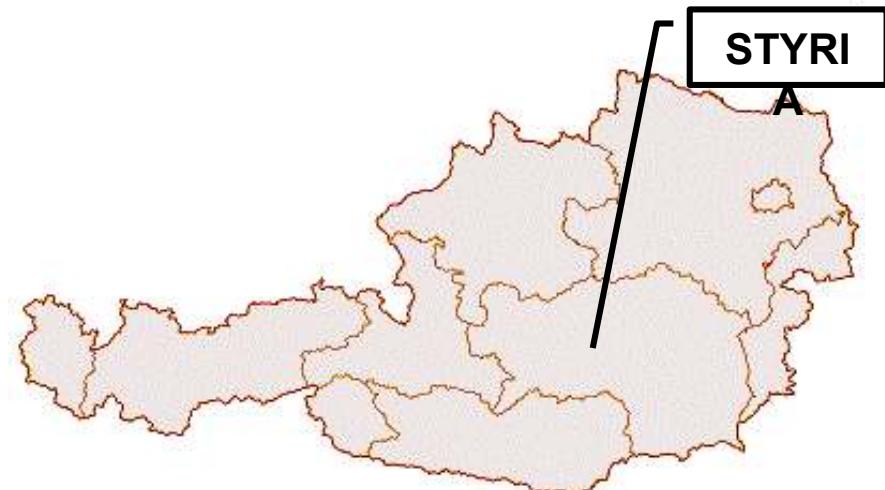
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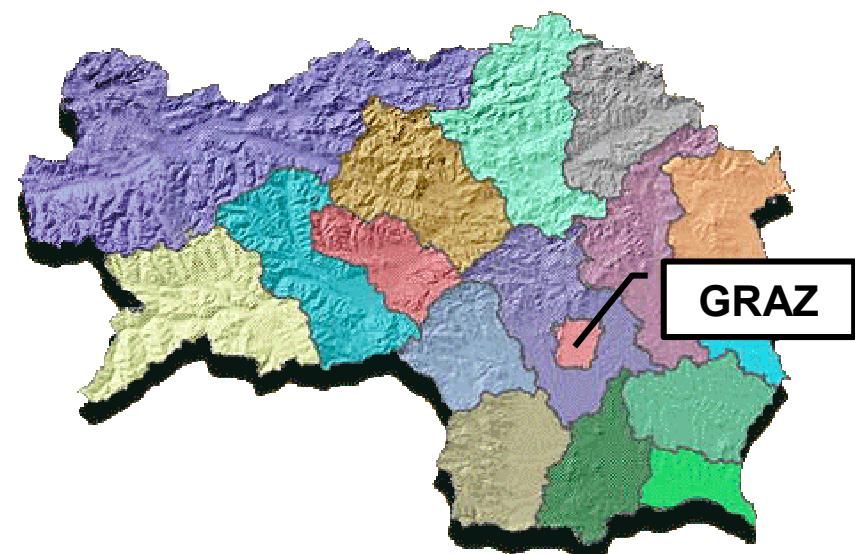
CASE STUDY AUSTRIA



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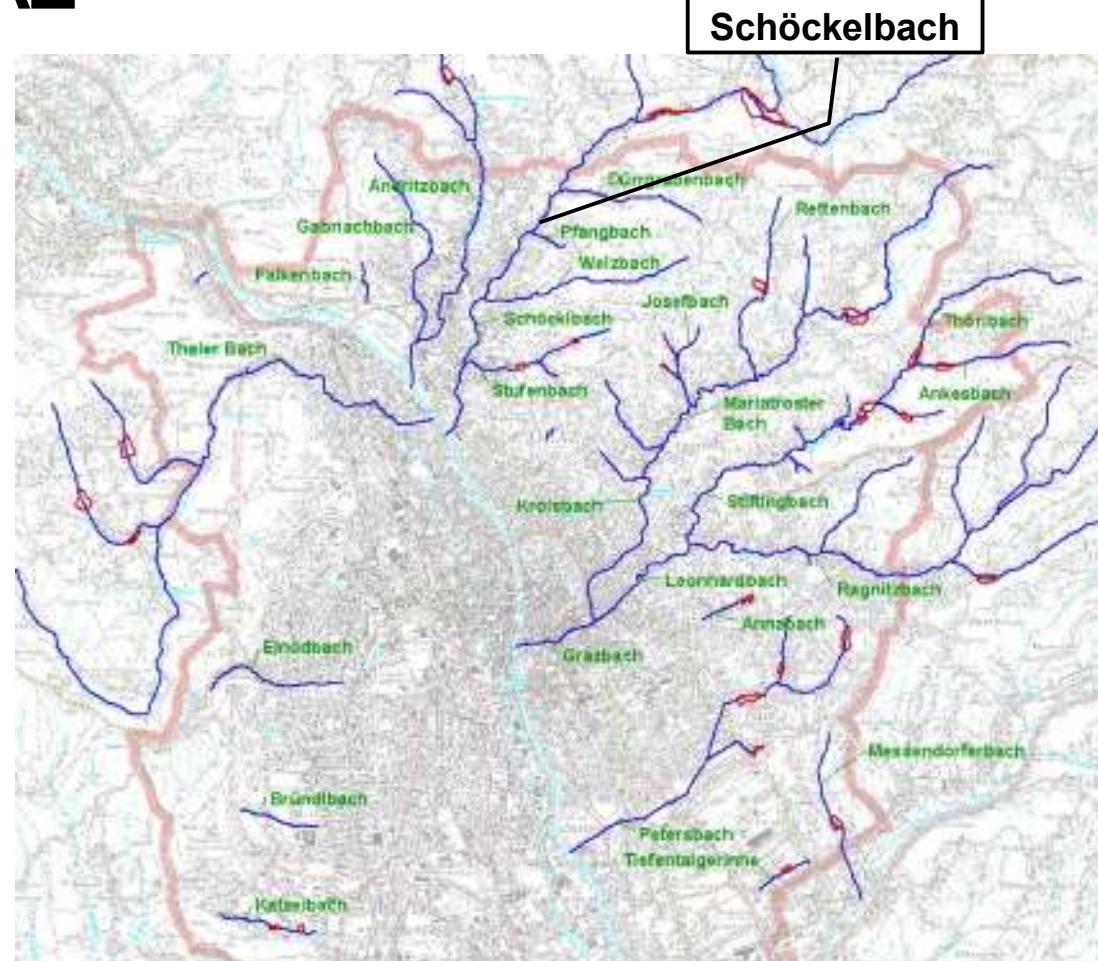


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CASE STUDY GRAZ

Stream network: 270 km
in the urban area: 125 km

Catchment area: 140 km²
in the urban area : 70 km²



[Source: Freiland Umweltconsulting ,Sachprogramm Grazer Bäche Studie 2006
Freiraumplanung, Bericht Gewässerökologie', 2006]

FLOOD EVENT 18-07-2009 Schöckelbach Graz-Andritz



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Expected outputs

- Detailed knowledge about the causes of flood events
- Public opinion poll with statistical evaluation
- Best strategy of risk communication
- Checking the interaction between flood propagation and temporary measures
- Transfer of knowledge (information boards, publications, workshops)
- Improved action plan for the action forces

Homepage

<http://www.sufri.tugraz.at>



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Project

PROJECT

In the recent past, flood events occurred ever more frequently, and with snowballing effects for the landscape and its habitants. As a result of the current situations in many European cities that relate to flooding the demand of the population for absolute safety becomes top priority. In terms of the implementation of the Floods Directive in 2007 a broad basis of knowledge and tools, as well as the development of improved strategies for flood risk management are required. Particularly in regard to urban areas flood protection and retention are more problematical than in rural areas due to limited space in combination with a high density of population. Flood analyses have shown that structural measures of flood protection are limited applicable and that absolute protection is not feasible. The residual flood protection has to be achieved with non-structural measures such as forecast models, risk communication, and disaster control. Improving the risk awareness and increasing, thus, the public participation, respectively, is essential for coping with the effects in order to achieve an effective flood management.

The project aims for a risk based management of the consequences of disaster flood in flood-prone urban areas especially in consideration of the national differences, and will lead, thus, as a consequence to recommendations for good practice. To analyse national proceedings, infrastructure, the efforts of rehabilitation, as well as the public's risk perception, case studies of vulnerable European cities will be undertaken: Dresden/Germany, Graz/Austria, Florence and L'Orbi /Italy, Valencia/Spain