
River flooding: Area simultaneously affected in EU has grown by 50% in past 50 years

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River flooding costs billions of euros annually in the EU. When one river floods, others nearby often do so at the same time – extending the overall impact beyond the border of an individual drainage basin. With this in mind, this study analysed the spatial extent of flood events across Europe from 1960 to 2010, using data from the European Flood Database (EFD). The research presents key findings for flood forecasting, risk financing and flood-mitigation policy.

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