

## **Meteoalarm: a new pan-European service on severe weather**

On World Meteorological Day, 23 March 2007, the Website [www.meteoalarm.eu](http://www.meteoalarm.eu) will be launched. It will provide a snapshot of where severe and potentially dangerous weather might occur over the following 48 hours.

Meteoalarm.eu has been developed by Eumetnet, the European weather services network, with the support of WMO. The warnings are provided by the various National Weather Services in Europe.

The Website is easy to understand, using a combination of symbols and colour codes to represent different types and severity of weather events. The service includes a vast amount of weather phenomena such as heavy rainfall with flooding; coastal storm surges and high tides; thunderstorms; extreme heat or cold; snow and avalanches.

Meteoalarm.eu will be presented to the international press on the morning of 23 March 2007 at El Escorial in Madrid. Eumetnet cordially invites all European press correspondents to join them for the launch of Meteoalarm. Journalists are asked to register their interest at [persvoorlichting@knmi.nl](mailto:persvoorlichting@knmi.nl) by 19 March 2007 at the latest.

Further information on the launch day's programme and on the Meteoalarm service can be found at [www.knmi.nl](http://www.knmi.nl).

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