

# EWENT

## INVITATION LETTER

To the  
**EWENT Dissemination Seminar**  
29-30 May 2012

World Meteorological Organization  
7bis, Avenue de la Paix  
1211 Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are cordially invited to the final dissemination seminar of the EU FP7 Project *Extreme weather impacts on European networks of transport* (EWENT, FPT7-TPT-2008-RTD-1) to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 29 to 30 May 2012. The meeting will be hosted by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).



The EWENT project addresses the European Union (EU) policies and strategies related to climate change, with a particular focus on extreme weather impacts on the EU transportation system. The main purpose of the project is to assess the costs and consequences extreme weather is causing to EU transport system. In addition to governmental authorities mitigating and adapting to climate change, the project results are useful to businesses, project financiers and insurers.

The results can be leveraged in various ways, such as the creation of sizing criteria for infrastructures, identification of needs for enhanced maintenance capabilities, development of cooperation among authorities and preparedness for exceptional conditions. The pre-engineering of co-European and national risk management methods and processes is one of the project's key tasks.

The Dissemination Seminar will present the key findings of the project and discuss the future of the transport system in a weather and climate context. The presentations and discussion will represent the state-of-the-art in current understanding of the impacts weather and climate has on the way we can move people and goods within the European Union.

**Participants are requested to register by May 15 latest.** The seminar is booked in order of registration. There will be no conference fee. Participants are strongly advised to make their hotel booking in Geneva (or neighboring area) as soon as possible since the period is very busy with international events.

On behalf of the entire EWENT team, I hope to meet you in Geneva for an inspiring seminar.

Yours sincerely,

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Next pages: registration links, WMO contact, agenda

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ONLINE until 15 May via the following link:**

<http://bit.ly/HMRz3f>

For further information on practical arrangements, please turn to the WMO contact person:

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You may find information about WMO at <http://www.wmo.int> , including location information at [http://www.wmo.int/pages/visitors/index\\_en.html](http://www.wmo.int/pages/visitors/index_en.html) .

- For Hotels in Geneva, Please see [the list of hotels](#). Please book your accommodation early as hotels fill up quickly.
- For more information about the EWENT project, see the project website: <http://ewent.vtt.fi/>
- Please find attached a preliminary draft agenda for the seminar.






## AGENDA

EWENT DISSEMINATION SEMINAR 29-30 MAY, 2012 IN GENEVA, WMO



### Tuesday 29 May

- 12:00 Registration and coffee 
- 13:00 Welcome addresses; working arrangements**
- 13:30 Keynote Presentation**  
Mr Philippe Crist, OECD International Transport Forum
- 14:00 Adverse weather affecting transport in EU: present climatology and future outlook**  
Dr Heikki Tuomenvirta, Finnish Meteorological Institute
- 14:30 Impacts and consequences of adverse weather**  
Dr Thorsten Muehlhausen, German Aerospace Center
- 15:00 *Coffee break*
- 15:30 Special issue: inland waterways and extreme weather – EWENT and ECCONET projects' results**  
Dr Juha Schweighofer, via donau, Austria
- 16:00 Special issue: freight and logistics**  
Dr Johanna Ludvigsen, Institute of Transport Economics, Norway
- 16:30 Cost estimation of extreme weather events across EU27**  
Mr Marko Nokkala, Technological Research Centre of Finland
- 17:00 Enhancements of the European Severe Weather Database**  
Dr Kathrin Riemann-Campe, European Severe Storms Laboratory
- 17:30 Discussion and closing of the first day**
- 18:00 *Social event, WMO Restaurant Attic*

### Wednesday 30 May

- 09:00 Weather-induced vulnerability and adaptation options - findings from the WEATHER project**  
Dr Claus Doll, Fraunhofer Institut
- 09:30 Risk panorama for extreme weather – what phenomena and consequences should be in the focus?**  
Ms Riitta Molarius, Technological Research Centre of Finland
- 10:00 Adaptation and mitigation options for the EU, member states and local governments**  
Dr Pirkko Saarikivi, Foreca Consulting Ltd.
- 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 EWENT outputs and materials – a summary and utilisation potential**  
Dr Pekka Leviäkangas
- 11:30 Stakeholders views**
- 12:00 Wrap-up and discussion**
- 13:00 *Closure* 