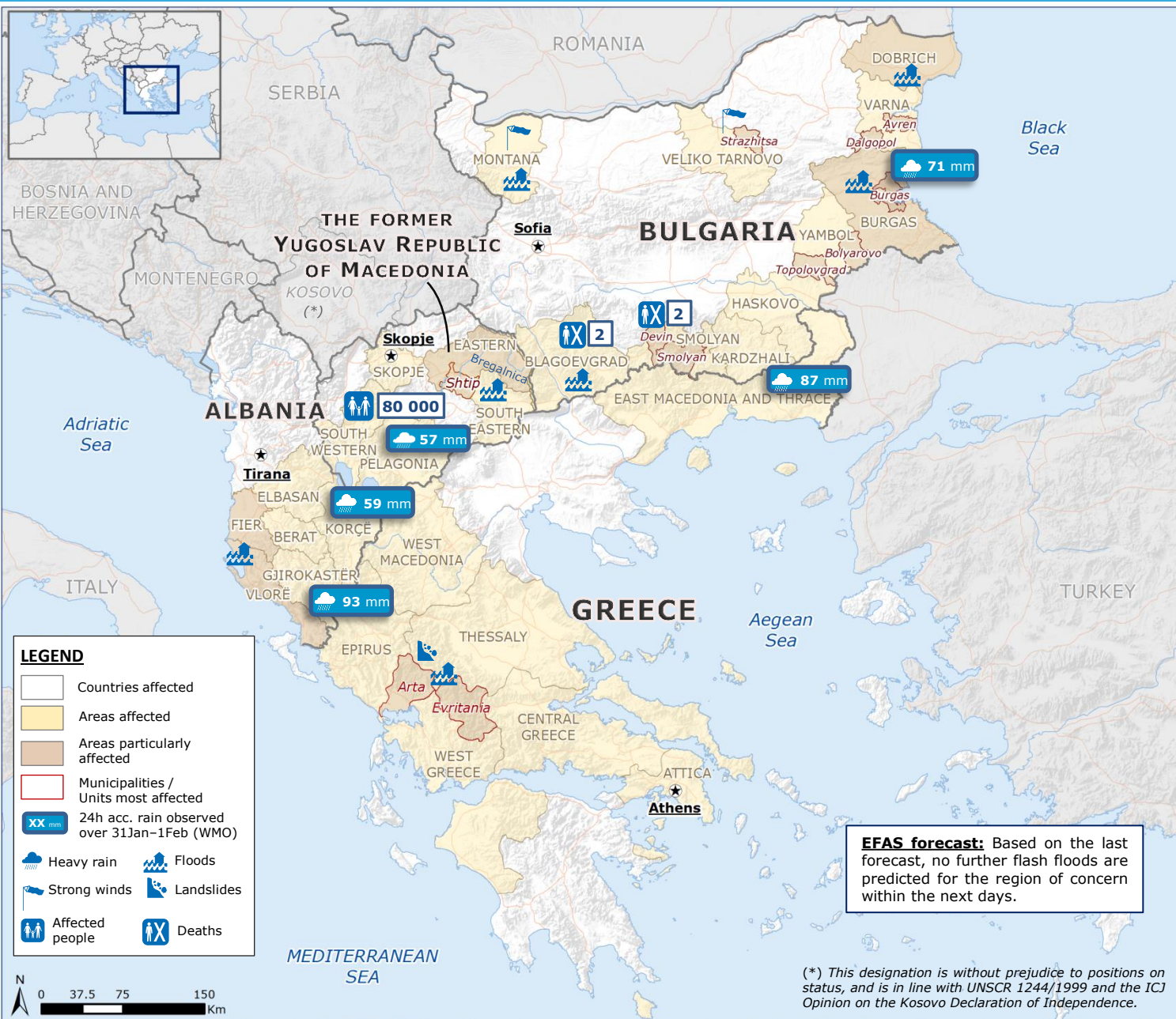


2 February 2015: South-Eastern Europe – Severe weather



SITUATION

ALBANIA

- Heavy rain and snow affected several areas of southern Albania in the last two days, causing rivers to overflow and floods. Fier and Vlore are the counties most affected (according to media).
- Media reported hundreds of homes and roads flooded; no deaths reported (as of 2 February).

THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

- Heavy rains and snow melt caused severe flooding in the last few days. The situation is most alarming in the eastern part of the country along the river Bregalnica.
- According to national authorities, 80 000 people are affected. Evacuations have been ordered in several areas and the electricity system has been partially disrupted.
- According to the media, Shtip town is the most affected. The water supply system has been altered.
- As of 2 February morning, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has not requested international assistance.

BULGARIA

- Heavy rain and strong winds caused flooding in several districts in Bulgaria, including the districts of Smolyan, Burgas, Haskovo, Dobrich, Varna, Montana, Kardzhali.
- 4 people were killed: two in Blagoevgrad district and two in Devin (Smolyan). One woman is reported missing in Petrich area. Several houses were flooded and the electricity supply is partially disrupted, while a state of emergency in was declared for the following municipalities: Smolyan, Devin, Dalgopol, Avren, Topolovgrad, Strazhitsa, Bolyarovo and Burgas.
- As of 2 February, the flood situation in the country is normalizing, according to local authorities.

GREECE

- Heavy rain caused flash floods, landslides and river overflow in several parts of Greece in the last few days.
- Several areas in western parts of Greece are reported flooded, due to rivers overflow. Mostly affected are the regional units of Arta and Evritania. Media reported several damaged roads and bridges, as well as several people evacuated in these areas. A State of Emergency has been declared in Arta (Epirus region) on 1 February.
- On 2 February, the Copernicus Emergency Management Service was activated by the Greek General secretariat for Civil protection-Directorate for Emergency Planning and Response.

Sources: JRC EFAS, Copernicus EMS, National Authorities, media