

FIRES

Norway – Forest Fire

- A bush fire broke out in Flatanger, central Norway, on 27 January and rapidly spread to settlements. As of 28 January, local authorities assume that more than 70 buildings have been burnt down. The limited number of access roads to the area makes the operation more complicated.
- The fire is currently spreading further to the Sørnesset peninsula. The village of Hasvåg is reported to have been burnt down and the situation is also difficult in Hårstad and Småværet villages. There are no reports of people killed or injured. The affected area is poorly inhabited. (Norwegian Civil Protection)

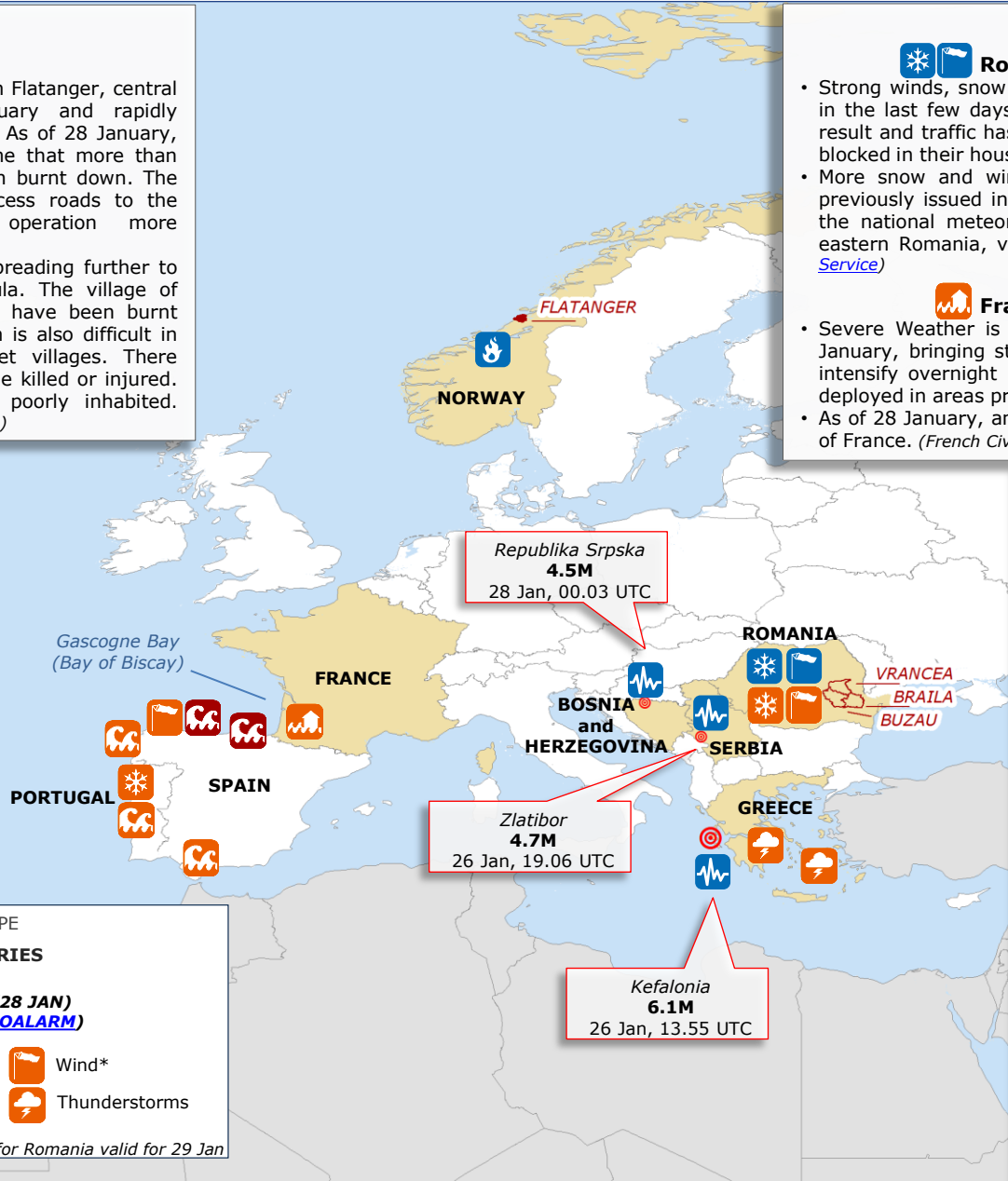
SEVERE WEATHER

Romania – Severe Weather

- Strong winds, snow and ice has been affecting central and south-eastern Romania in the last few days. Several highways and national roads have been closed as a result and traffic has been restricted. Intervention teams provide support to people blocked in their houses or in vehicles on roads. No fatalities have been reported.
- More snow and winds are forecasted for the following days. A Red Alert was previously issued in the counties of Buzau, Vrancea and Braila. As of 28 January, the national meteorological service has issued an Orange Alert in 8 counties in eastern Romania, valid for 29 January. ([Romanian Government](#), [National Meteorological Service](#))

France – Severe Weather Forecasted

- Severe Weather is expected to further affect the south of Gascogne bay on 28 January, bringing strong gust winds and generating waves up to 7m high. It will intensify overnight 28 to 29 January. Several national intervention teams remain deployed in areas previously affected by floods.
- As of 28 January, an Orange Alert for Floods is in effect for the south-western parts of France. (French Civil Protection)



EARTHQUAKES

Greece – Strong Earthquake

- On 26 January, 13.55 UTC, an earthquake of magnitude 6.1M, at a depth of 12.35km, hit the island of Kefalonia, Ionian Islands, western Greece. The epicenter was located approx. 7km NE from Argostoli, the island's main city. USGS-PAGER indicates shaking up to "Severe" for 2 000 people. A series of aftershocks followed, including one of magnitude 5.3M (depth 6km) on 26 January at 18:45 UTC.
- Consequent to the earthquake, Kefalonia was declared in a State of Emergency on 27 January. Worst affected is the town of Lixouri. As of 28 January, media report seven people lightly injured and tens of buildings having sustained damage that ranges from light to serious. Hundreds of people are sheltered in ships while damage assessment is still ongoing.
- No significant tsunami risk was generated by this earthquake. ([GDACS](#), [NOA](#), [USGS](#), [Media](#))

Republic of Serbia– Earthquake

- On 26 January, 19.06 UTC, an earthquake of magnitude 4.7M, at a depth of 5km, hit the mountain region of Zlatibor, western Serbia. As of 28 January, no damage has been reported. ([GDACS](#))

Bosnia and Herzegovina– Earthquake

- On 28 January, 00.03 UTC, an earthquake of magnitude 4.5M, at a depth of 2km, hit the northern region of Republika Srpska. As of 28 January, media report possible minor property damage, but no injuries. ([GDACS](#), [Media](#))

COUNTRIES - EUROPE
 AFFECTED COUNTRIES

METEO ALERTS (28 JAN)
(EUMETNET - METEOALARM)

	Coastal Events		Wind*
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	Snow/Ice *		

* Alerts for Romania valid for 29 Jan