

24 April 2014: Eastern Europe – Floods

Most affected areas
(Serbia: Municipalities, Romania: Counties)

Other affected areas
(Serbia: Districts, Romania: Counties, Bulgaria: Provinces)

Serbia: Possible level increase in the next 48h
Bulgaria: Increasing tendency
Romania: Rivers* on Orange Alert (as of 23 April)
(*Rivers or parts of the rivers)



SITUATION

- SERBIA:** As of 24 April, due to the recent floods, **six municipalities** in southern Serbia are **most affected** (see map). Currently the most vulnerable locations are the villages near **Krusevac** in the Rasina County.
Forecast: According to national information, water levels are decreasing within the Velica Morava River near Čuprije and Bagrdan below the first alarm level (out of three alarm levels). A new rise of water level is expected in the South Morava (Juzua Morava) River and its tributaries, the upper course of the Western Morava (Zapadna Morava), Ibar, Lim, Jadra, upper Drina and Kolubara with a possibility for local flooding.
- ROMANIA:** The recent floods affected 85 villages (at the height of the event, 21 April), especially along the river Vedea. 49 localities in **six counties** are reported affected, **175 houses flooded**, 4 591 ha of agriculture flooded and **13 houses affected by landslides**.
Forecast: A number of rivers in southern Romania exceed the first and partially also the second alert level. Main Danube river is not affected (National Institute of Hydrology and water Management forecast until 25 April, as of 23 April).
- BULGARIA:** Several villages were affected by floods around **Belogradchik** (Vidin province) and **Montana** (Montana Province), due to river overflow, which caused damage to houses and infrastructure (media).
Forecast: According to national information, water levels are currently high and showing an increasing tendency in the **Yantra** and **Pyce** river, both tributaries of the Danube, as well as in the **Struma** and **Middle Maritza** river (thresholds are not yet exceeded).
- BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA:** Due to the rainfall, there has been a rise in the water levels of the rivers. Water levels of the river **Vrbas** exceeded the "critical point" near the village of **Delibašino**.
Forecast: As the rain continues, a further rise in the water level of a number of the rivers (particularly in the northern areas) is expected.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

Sources: JRC/EFAS, National Authorities, National information, media