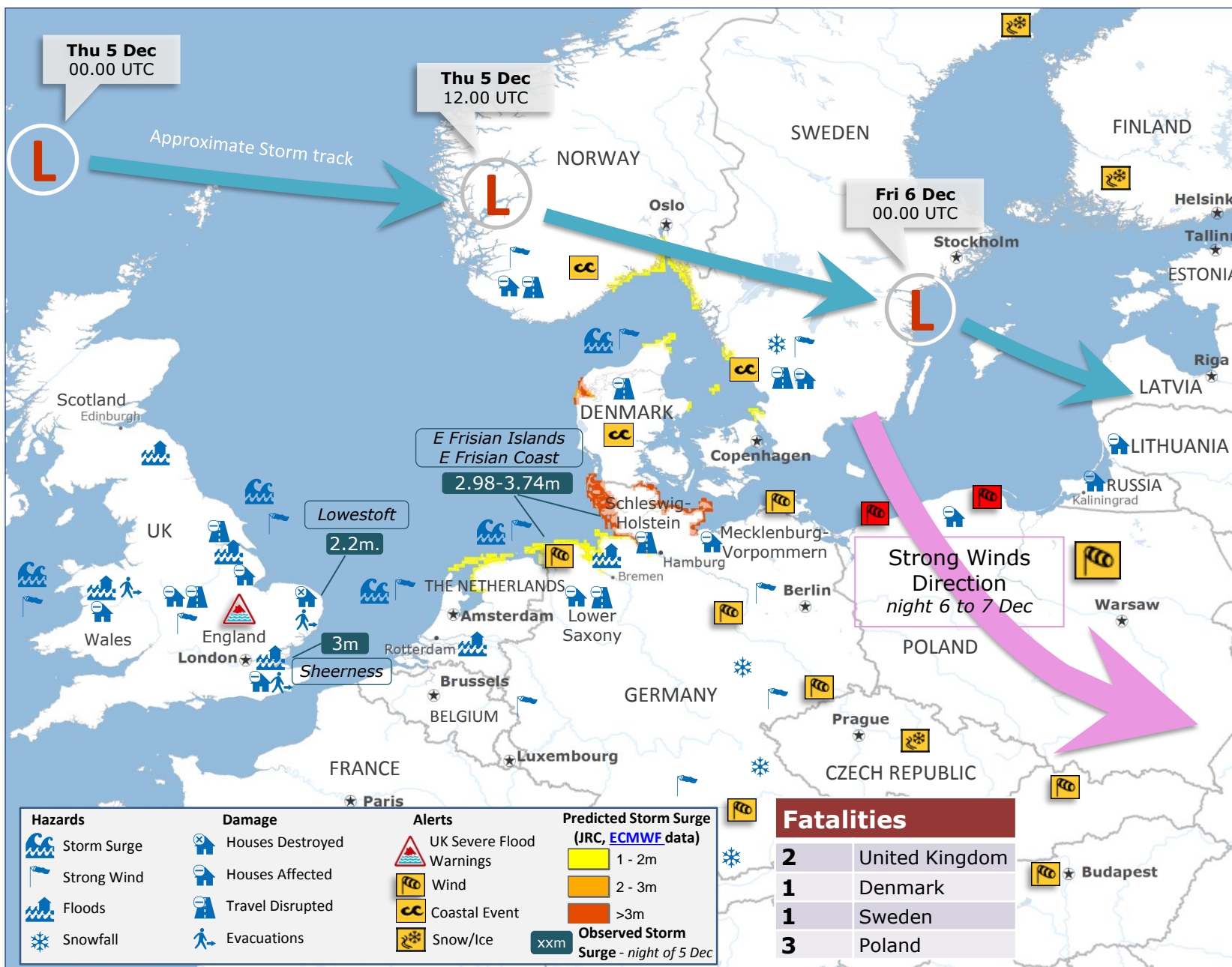


6 Dec 2013: Northern Europe - Severe weather



SITUATION

- The deep low pressure area (Storm "XAVER") moved from north of the UK towards southern Sweden and the Baltic Sea, affecting many northern European countries with very strong winds, storm surge and causing casualties, floods, power cuts and traffic disruptions.
- UK:** Strong winds (gusts >200km/h observed in Scotland) killed 2 people and caused significant air and land traffic disruptions. Storm surge combined with a high tide caused coastal flooding and forced evacuations mostly along the eastern coast of England, but also in northern Wales. Power cuts occurred in Scotland.
- Germany:** Strong winds and storm surge still predicted for the northern coasts. Coastal flooding is reported, with water levels of around 3m above the mean high water, along the East Frisian coast. Extended traffic disruptions, accidents and power cuts were caused by flooded roads and fallen trees in most of the northern states of Germany, with the extreme NW coasts most heavily hit.
- Denmark:** one person was killed by the strong winds and extended road, rail and air disruptions were reported. Storm surge is expected also on 6 December.
- Sweden:** One person was killed and two are missing, while extensive power cuts and traffic disruptions have also occurred.
- Poland:** Three people were killed and extensive power cuts occurred in northern Poland.
- Power cuts were experienced also in **Lithuania**, **Russia** (Kaliningrad) and **Norway**, with traffic disruptions reported in the latter as well.

Sources: [BBC](#), [UK Met](#), [UK Environment Agency](#), [German Hydrology](#), [Danish Meteo](#), [Local Media \(1,2,3,4, 5\)](#), [EUMETNET-MeteoAlarm](#), [UK Oceanography](#), [German Meteo](#), [ECMWF](#)