### Communicating the EEA-CATDAT database of past and present European disaster damage to the public

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### https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/economic-losses-and-fatalities-from













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According to a report by the World Bank, major floods and earthquakes can reach 7 to 17 percent of GDP in some European countries based on the report's modelling <sup>1</sup>. In Europe in total, 1 672 recorded disasters cumulated 159 438 deaths and US\$ 476.5 billion in economic damages from 1970–2019 <sup>2</sup>. Although floods (38%) and storms (32%) were the most prevalent cause in the recorded disasters, extreme temperatures accounted for the highest number of deaths (93%), with 148 109 lives lost over the 50 years <sup>2</sup>.

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# Why is having reasonable disaster numbers important?









### As numbers go down in history.... And are used over and over again.

# What is the history of CATDAT?



- One of the world's largest socioeconomic databases for disasters.
- Currently housed at Risklayer, a company in Karlsruhe, Germany, and Adelaide, Australia.
- Risklayer is not your average company as we do a lot of outreach of disaster data, open data, and publicly collect datasets where needed
- Constantly being improved and collected from many sources!





## What is the history of CATDAT?



Used by many groups around the world at different times.



# What is the history of CATDAT?



- Used directly and indirectly around the world.
- However, there are many databases and definitions out there with varied methods of collection and uses.

#### 2008 Sichuan earthquake in numbers

87,150 Number of people killed and missing 4,800,000 Number of people left homeless

**7.9**м

**\$137.5**bn

Strongest earthquake to hit China since 1950

nina since 1950 Money spent on rebuilding the affected areas

**1,700**km

Distance from epicentre to Shanghai, where tremors were felt

#### Ten costliest earthquakes, 1900-2013

Estimated direct loss at time of event (USD, Purchasing Power Parity adjusted)



Source: CATDAT Damaging Earthquake Database, v5.1800, 26.03.2013

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-22398684

# Economic losses from natural disasters counted

() 18 April 2016

By Jonathan Amos BBC Science Correspondent, Vienna

Natural disasters around the globe have resulted in economic losses of roughly \$7 trillion since 1900, according to a new calculation from scientists.

Their database, which contains some 35,000 events, reveals the catastrophes have also resulted in more than eight million deaths.

The analysis should assist governments with crisis planning and response, the researchers say.

Their results were presented at the European Geosciences Union meeting.

\$7tn is equivalent to about £5tn or €6tn.

The team, led from the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany, scoured the media and old records for all the information it could find on floods, droughts, storms, volcanoes, earthquakes, and wildfires.

https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-36078527

# What is **EEA-CATDAT**?



- A subset of the CATDAT database which has been collected since 2003, including all types of disaster event losses, footprints, and (year) aggregate losses (economic, insured, casualties, affected people ...) for multiple perils, in Europe for weatherrelated (and geophysical) disasters.
- Sourced on all scales via ad-hoc action, projects, and initiatives.





Economic losses from climate-related extremes in Europe



### **Example: 2023 Turkey Earthquake**







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what was the economic damage in the turkey earthquake of 2023?

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According to a World Bank rapid damage assessment repor very large earthquakes of February 6 caused an estimated \$ Türkiye, which is equivalent to **4% of the country's 2021 GDI** recovery and reconstruction costs will be much larger, poter

I hope this helps!

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According to a report by The Guardian, the death toll of the expected to rise and WHO says **26 million people** need assi quakes, measuring 7.7 and 7.6 magnitudes, devastated ten the country to **39,672** as of February 18, 2023<sup>2</sup>.

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# **Example: 2023 Turkey Earthquake**



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- What definition of economic damage are they using?
- 1. Cost to replace the damaged infrastructure?
- 2. Cost to reconstruct?
- 3. Cost on paper of the damaged infrastructure (i.e. already delapidated)?
- 4. Cost to reconstruct well i.e. improved codes, improved land etc.?
- 5. Cost to insurers, scaled-up?
- 6. Cost to the government in terms of economic flows?

This can differ by 6 times or more!

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### **EEA-CATDAT: Standardisation** and Improvement!

- Exposure reanalysis checks of past events.
- Loss values collected from official "complete" sources rather than a news article
- Language checks
- Transcription checks
- Completeness checks including examining when various thresholds are exceeded.
- Definition checks from sources (i.e. economic loss, "affected" etc.)
- Number corrections
- Splits of events, where at all possible.

# Now, why does this matter?!

 Because decision-makers read often only a few things, and although there are some journalists/researchers who make a large effort to understand the topic of disaster damages, quite a few don't.

## Work over the next 5 years....

- Thus EEA-CATDAT needs to work hard to become transparent at an event level and openly present damage statistics to help researchers and journalists understand what numbers come from where. (Consensus Building)
- There will always be uncertainty in a damage estimate but opening it up is key and educating through public outreach (Education)
- Collaboration and improvement through the MYRIAD-EU Project including footprints (Industry-Academia Overlap)
- Providing further tools for journalists to adjust the data for their "definition" of damage or loss and to aggregate subsets of the data. (Dataviz)









