

White
Missing, insufficient, outdated or suspicious data.


Green
No particular awareness of the weather is required.


Yellow
The weather is potentially dangerous. The weather phenomena that have been forecast are not unusual, but be attentive if you intend to practice activities exposed to meteorological risks. Keep informed about the expected meteorological conditions and do not take any avoidable risk.


Orange
The weather is dangerous. Unusual meteorological phenomena have been forecast. Damage and casualties are likely to happen. Be very vigilant and keep regularly informed about the detailed expected meteorological conditions. Be aware of the risks that might be unavoidable. Follow any advice given by your authorities.

Red
The weather is very dangerous. Exceptionally intense meteorological phenomena have been forecast. Major damage and accidents are likely, in many cases with threat to life and limb, over a wide area. Keep frequently informed about detailed expected meteorological conditions and risks. Follow orders and any advice given by your authorities under all circumstances, be prepared for extraordinary measures.


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 **Wind**

 **Snow/Ice**

 **Thunderstorms**

 **Fog**

 **Extreme high temperature**

 **Extreme low temperature**

 **Coastal Event**

 **Forestfire**

 **Avalanches**

 **Rain**

 **Flood**

 **Rain-Flood**

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If the icon on country level has a dark background: The country doesn't issue warnings for this awareness-level!

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Rain and/or floods

Flooded areas, boats rowed along streets and people despairingly trying to salvage whatever they can, these are the images we so regularly see on the television, but by then of course it is too late. The site www.meteoalarm.eu gives advance warnings on when and where in Europe so much rain is expected that flooding will result, and also on how great is the risk of torrential downpours.

If Meteoalarm shows droplets in an area coloured red then it's better to avoid travel in that part of Europe, as the situation may be life threatening.

Major floods are usually the result of persistent intensive rainfall. Melt water from snowfields can also raise river levels considerably. If under such circumstances active rain cells repeatedly pass over the catchment areas of rising rivers they will soon burst their banks. This happens especially in the winter when there is little evaporation, the vegetation can hardly retain any water, and the ground is saturated. All the water, including that from higher ground, cascades into streams and rivers unable to cope with it.

Danger from river flooding

But rivers can also burst their banks even in fine, dry weather. Most of the time this is caused by extensive rainfall at upstream locations along the river and/or because of melting snow. Avoid unpleasant surprises if you're planning a journey through parts of Europe where rivers are found.