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Making our Coastal Areas Safer – an International Conference will present a set of tools to help reduce risk and increase resilience in the face of storms at our coasts.

Researchers, stakeholders, coastal zone managers, and decision makers from all over Europe will gather at Deltares, Delft, Netherlands, 5-7 April 2017 for an interactive tour through the new set of tools for managing storm risk on Europe's coasts.

The key importance of this Conference, organised by the RISC-KIT project, is that it will showcase strategies to cope with intense storm events in a variety of coastal areas, taking into account different coastal types and features, land uses, hazard types, socio-economic and environmental characteristics demonstrated in these areas, along with their cultural and institutional variability. The Conference is the culmination of three years of research and developments towards the creation of a flexible toolkit for efficient and comprehensive coastal risk management, which will benefit coastal communities.

Representatives from all of Europe's major sea basins will take part in a three-day event that comprises lectures by the RISC-KIT toolkit developers, demonstrations of the RISC-KIT tools, and perspectives from coastal end users for whom the tools were developed.

April 5th is a day dedicated to End Users during which decision makers and government agents will enjoy a tour through the Storm Impact Database; a repository of historical storm and impact data for past events in Europe; Coastal Risk Assessment Framework, designed to identify areas of increased coastal risk on a broad scale; the Hotspot Tool, designed to look in detail at risks at particularly vulnerable points on the coast; the Web-based Management Guide, a resource for determining the best Disaster Risk Reduction methods for specific circumstances; and the Multi-Criteria Analysis, a method by which local priorities and opinions can be incorporated into risk evaluation, preparedness strategies and amelioration approaches.

April 6th and 7th will see contributions from project researchers who will describe the application of the RISC-KIT tools on European case study sites, and invited guest who will present on concurrent European and national projects. During these two days, there will also be insights from a series of international experts who have accompanied the project from its launch. Through this event, RISC-KIT aims to implement the acquired knowledge in the best possible way, to enhance the success of hazard management and increase risk resilience in coastal zones, in close collaboration with the local end-users and stakeholders.

For more details about the project RISC-KIT, please visit our website <http://www.risckit.eu>).

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RISC-KIT (Resilience-Increasing Strategies for Coasts – toolKIT) project: Providing the means to enhance societal capacity to anticipate and respond efficiently to coastal risk.

The aim of the RISC-KIT project is to deliver an open-source and open-access toolkit, to reduce risk and increase