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# **ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVIII**

## **May, 5-7+9, 2025**

### **Status Report of the ICG/NEAMTWS (2024-2025)**

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# North-East Atlantic, Mediterranean and connected seas Tsunami Warning and mitigation System

## WG1 - Hazard assessment and modelling

(J. Macias / A. Gailler)

## WG2 - Seismic, Geophysical and Sea Level Measurements

(A. von Gyldenfeldt / D. Cambaz)

## WG3 - Public Awareness, Preparedness and Mitigation

(C. Valbonesi / R. Partheniu)

## Task Team on Tsunami Exercises

*C. Ozer Sozdinler / M. Charalampakis*

## Task Team on Operations

*A. Piatanesi / F. Carrilho*

## Task Team on Documentation

*N. Kalligeris / S. Lorito*

## Task Team on Tsunami Ready

*E. Daskalaki / M.A. Baptista*

## New Task Team Non seismic tsunami sources

F. Romano / R. Omira

## New Task Team Governance

I. A. Ayerbe / D. Cambaz



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## NEAMTWS MEETINGS 2024-25

13 May 2024: ICG/NEAM Steering Committee (online)

11 April 2024: Coastal Cities and Communities Joining Tsunami Ready, Ocean Conference, Barcelona

24-25 May 2024 CoastWAVE Project- Phase 1 Closure Meeting, Alexandria, Egypt

Coastal Horizons: ... Strengthen Resilience to Coastal Hazards, 57 IOC Exec. Council, June 202 – Side Event

Nov. 2024: Global Symposium, Banda Aceh, Indonesia

26 Nov. 2024: ICG/NEAM Steering Committee

27-29 Nov. 2024: ICG/NEAMTWS XIX Session

2024: Several TSp meetings

**2025: Santorini situation meetings**

**2025: Lisbon TSP meeting on PTF application (March)**

**2025: Tsunami Source meeting**

**2025: Istanbul NEAM Steering Committee (May)**

# Major Workshop

- Partners and Stakeholders Convened in Alexandria, Egypt 24-25 May 2024
- CoastWAVE Project- Phase 1 Closure Meeting







## Major International Workshop

80 International  
Experts Participated

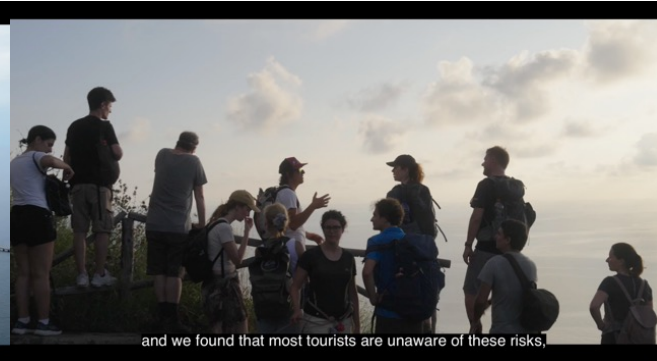
- Stromboli Workshop,  
Organized by INGV,  
Italy 5-7 October  
2024

Focus on volcanic tsunami  
observations, modeling,  
hazard assessment, and  
forecasting



# A movie on Stromboli tsunami EWS

presented at the 2024 NEAM ICG, Paris, Nov. 2024





# NEAM participation in the Global Symposium, Banda Aceh, Nov. 2024



Thanks  
Harkunti  
and staff !

# **Tsunami source meeting** with a special focus on two high-risk zones: the Hellenic Arc and the Azores-Gibraltar Fracture Zone

*UNESCO HQ, Paris, March 2025*

CoastWave2.0 Project

- Known Hazards and looking beyond
- Learning from history: major tsunamis revisited
- Open Science and data standardization (EPOS)
- Probabilistic Approaches (NEAMTHM18)
- Moving forward



# Some D&R and news from the last NEAM ICG

- ✓ **Reaffirmed** the target to have a total of **25 UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognized communities** in NEAM countries by the end of 2026...
- ✓ **Noted** the official closure of Phase I of the European Union DG-ECHO CoastWAVE project on 30 June 2024 and the external evaluation carried out...
- ✓ Also **noted** the official start of Phase II of the new **CoastWAVE Project (CoastWAVE 2.0)** 'Scaling-Up and Strengthening the Resilience of Coastal Communities in the NEAM and its kick-off workshop on 6 November 2024;
- ✓ **Agreed** to adopt the **threat levels** as requested by the Task Team on Tsunami Watch Operations...
- ✓ **Decided** to establish the **new Task Team on Governance** and conduct the next NEAMWave exercise in March 2026 (**NEAMWave26**);
- **Projects** Related to NEAMTWS (EU), EPOS, GeoInquire, GTM, NEAM-COMMITMENT: NEAM Collaboration fOr iMproved tsunaMi rlsk miTigation and manageMENT
- Also appreciates the increase in number of **actions submitted** (Ocean Decade Call 7) in the NEAM region endorsed and submitted **to Ocean Decade**
- Appreciates the newly recognized UNESCO-IOC **Tsunami Ready Communities** in Egypt (Alexandria), France (Cannes), Greece (Samos), Italy (Minturno), Spain (Chipiona) and Türkiye (Büyükçekmece) in 2024;





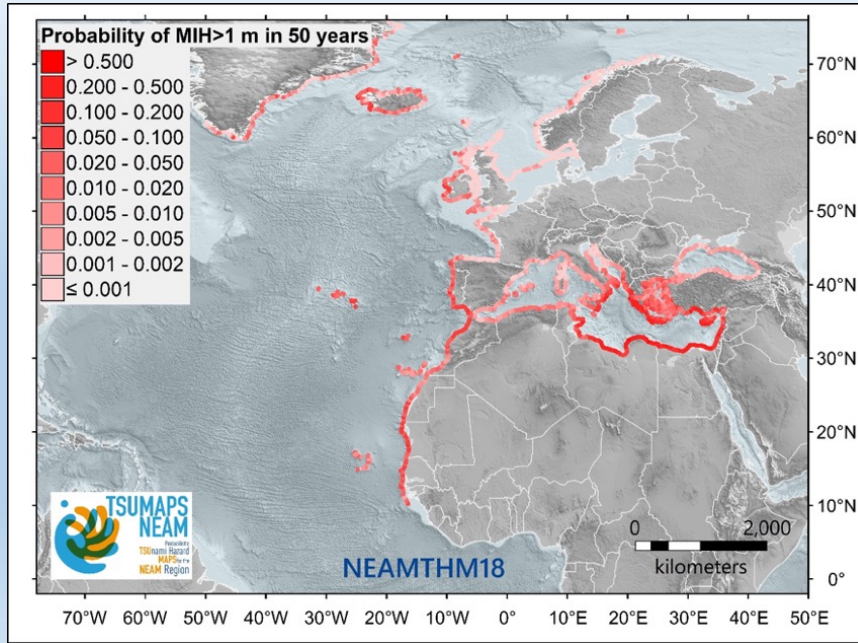
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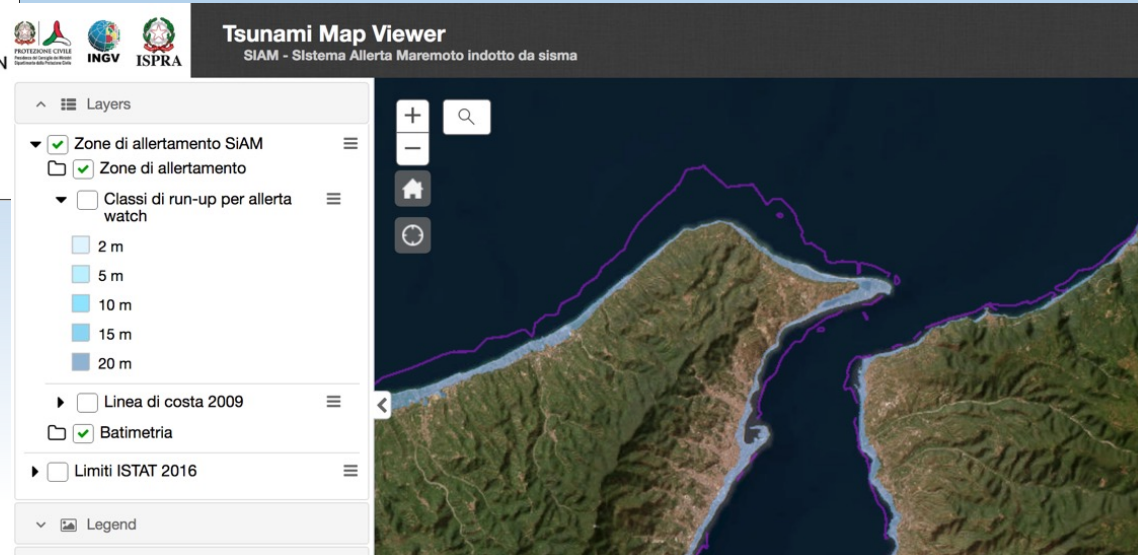
**PILLAR 1 - HAZARD 2024**

# S-PTHA assessment at national and local level (for defining inundation zones)



- In some countries (e.g. **Italy**) the TSUMAPS-NEAM S-PTHA were used to define the **inundation zones**.
- In the DG-ECHO NEAM-Commitment project (Feb. 2025) the approach will be applied to **Spain Greece, Cyprus**, to have inundation maps at national scale, agreed with Govt/CP authorities

- Other approaches at **regional / local scale** are being adopted (e.g. France, Larnaca/Cyprus, Stromboli, etc.)
- Larnaca, Cyprus Hi-Res local PTHA (within CW.1 project)





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**PILLAR 2 - WARNING 2024**

# Exercises

Monthly communication tests (1/month) by each of the 5 TSP

Concern on no response from some MS

Capacity to receive warning in case of real events

Statistics on telecom

T.A.A.R - select event

Event	Parameters
Origin time (UTC)	2024-02-06 07:38:29
Latitude	39.940
Longitude	-20.510
Depth	30.8
Magnitude	6.1MW
Region	Azores Islands Region
Agency	simul
ID	-
[type]	Random

Ok Cancel

Last Event  
 Random Event  
 Scenario  
 Internal EXERCISE Database  
 External EXERCISE Database  
 Communication Test Message  
 REAL Database

IPMA

NEAMWave Exercises

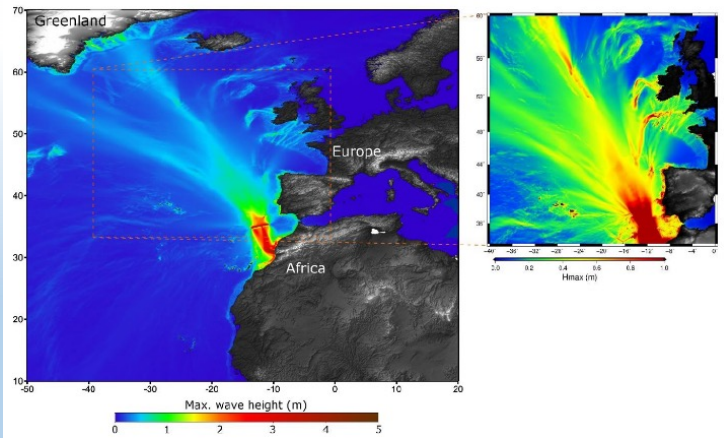


NEAMWave23 Report available

Scenario NE Atlantic (Portugal, France)

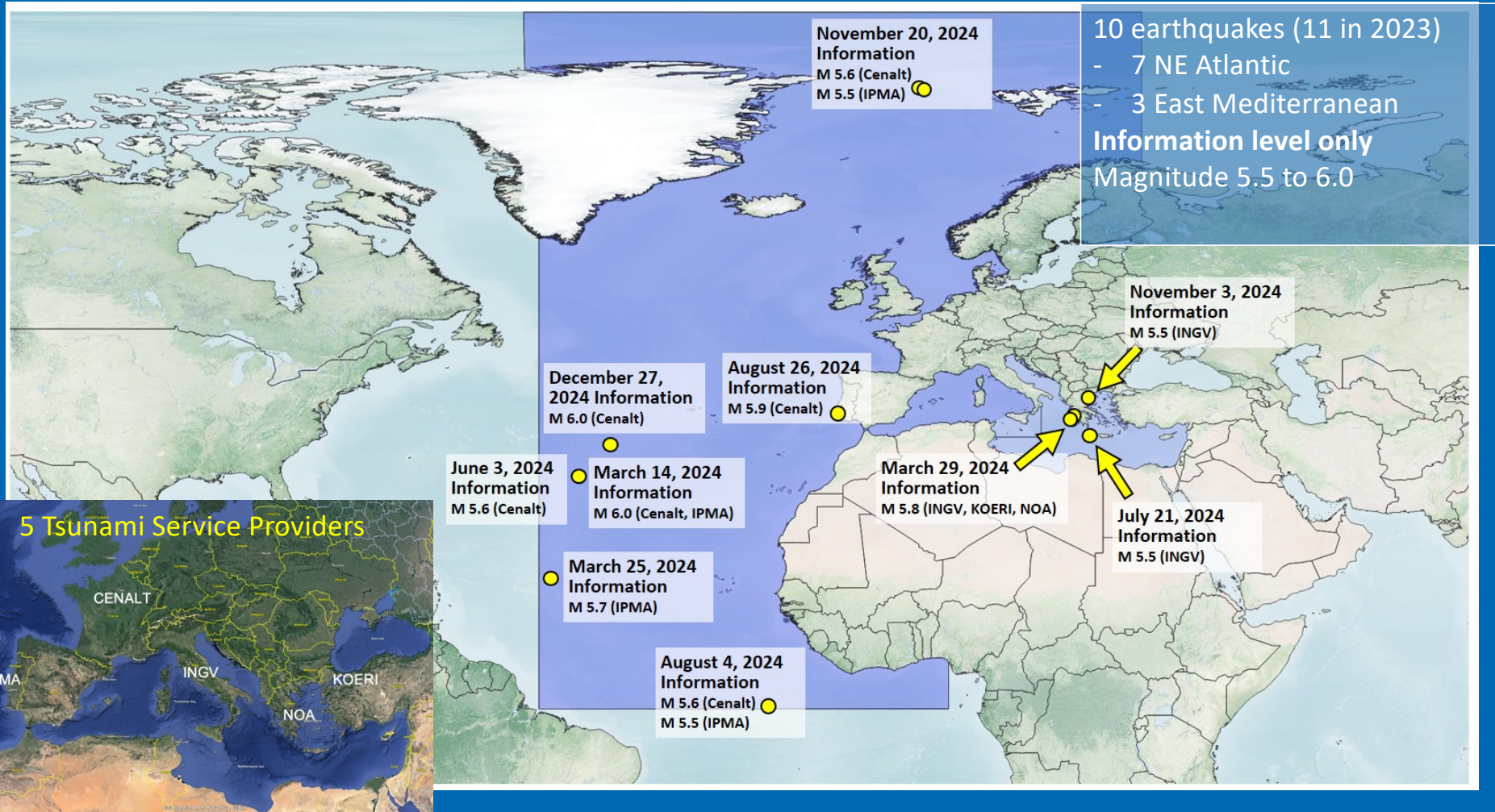
Scenarios Mediterranean (Italy, Greece, Turkey)

**Next NEAMWave** scheduled on Spring 2026



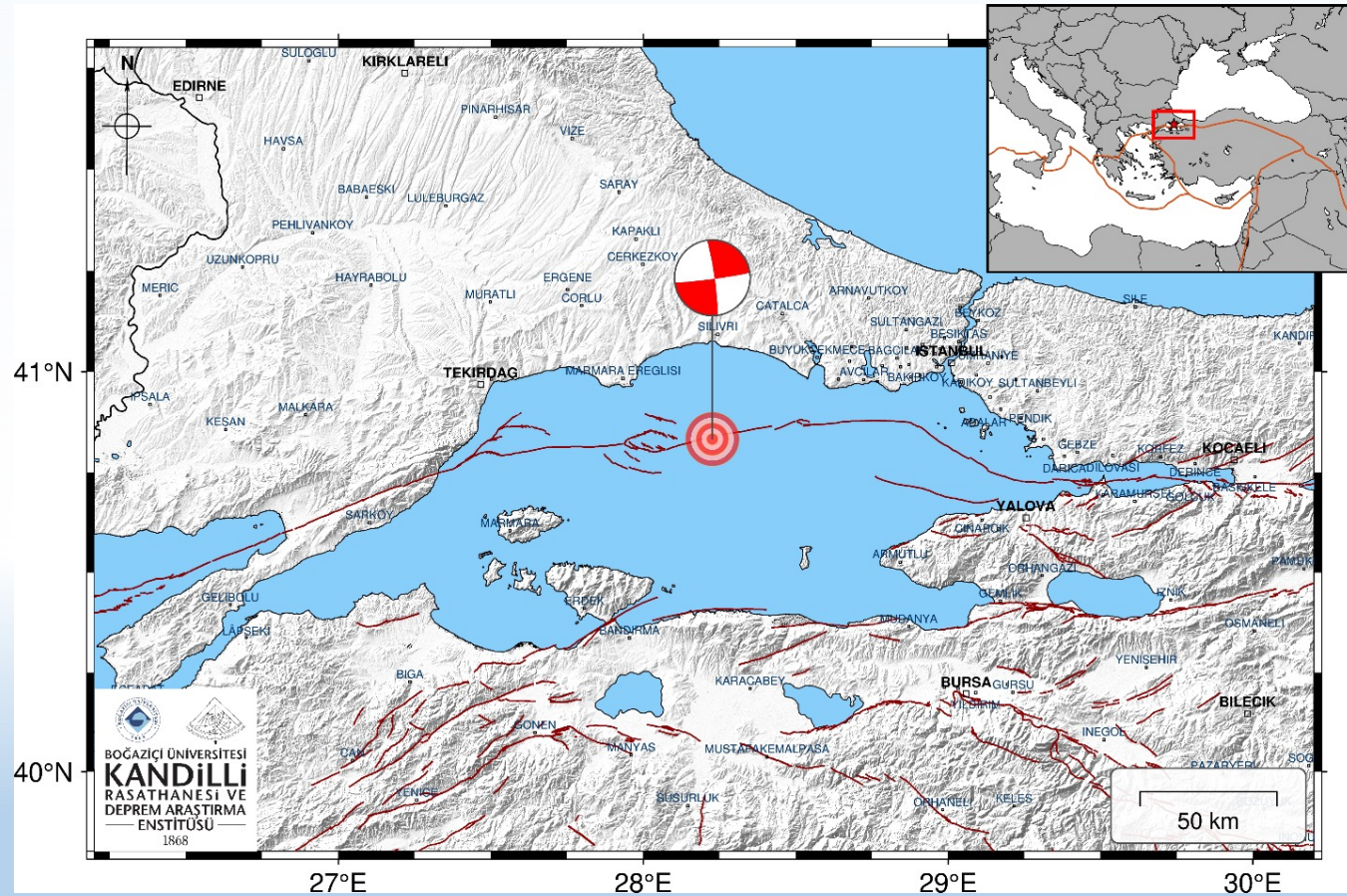


# NEAMTWS 2024 Events

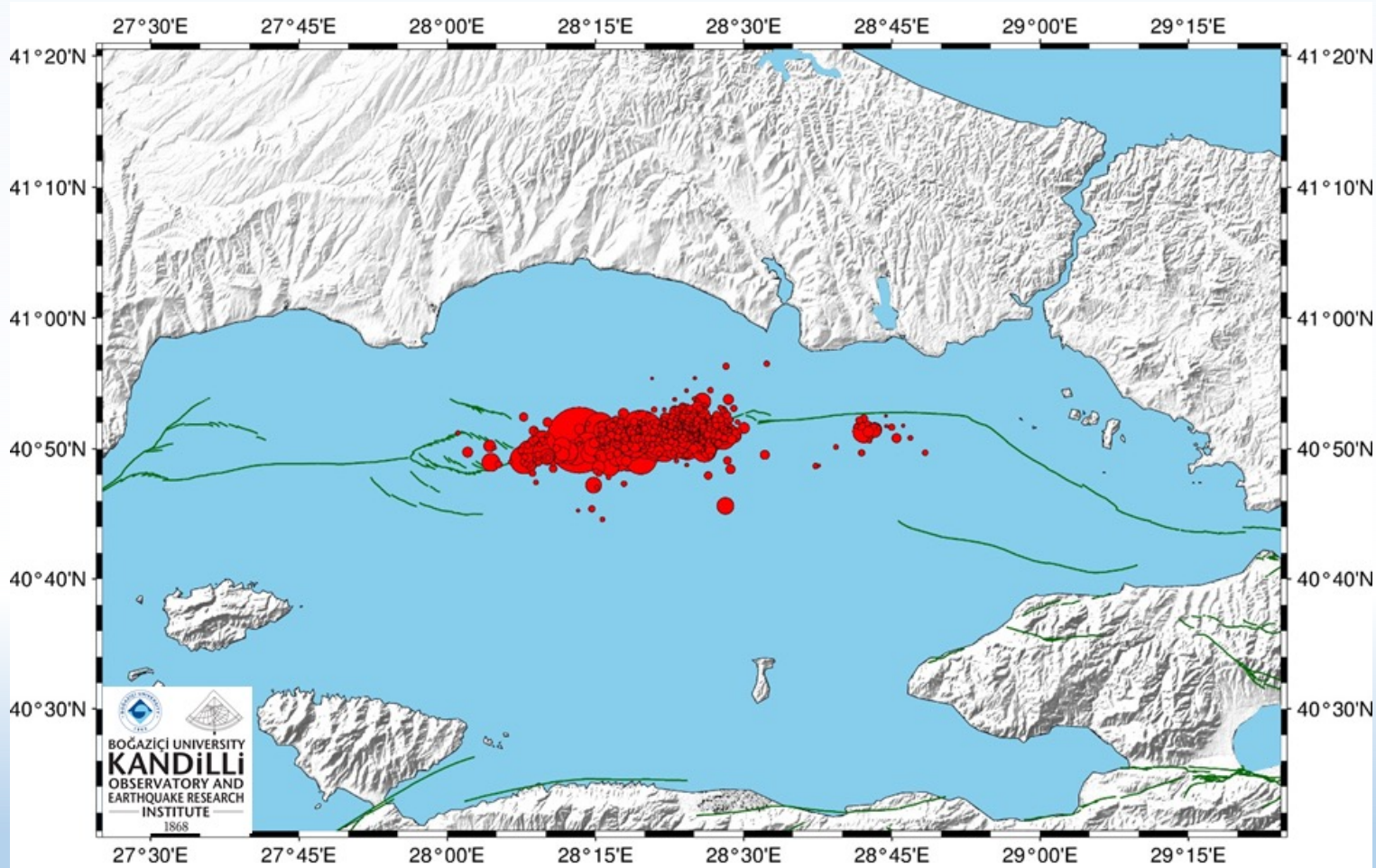




# Advisory for a Mw6.3 earthquake in Marmara Sea on April 23, 2025

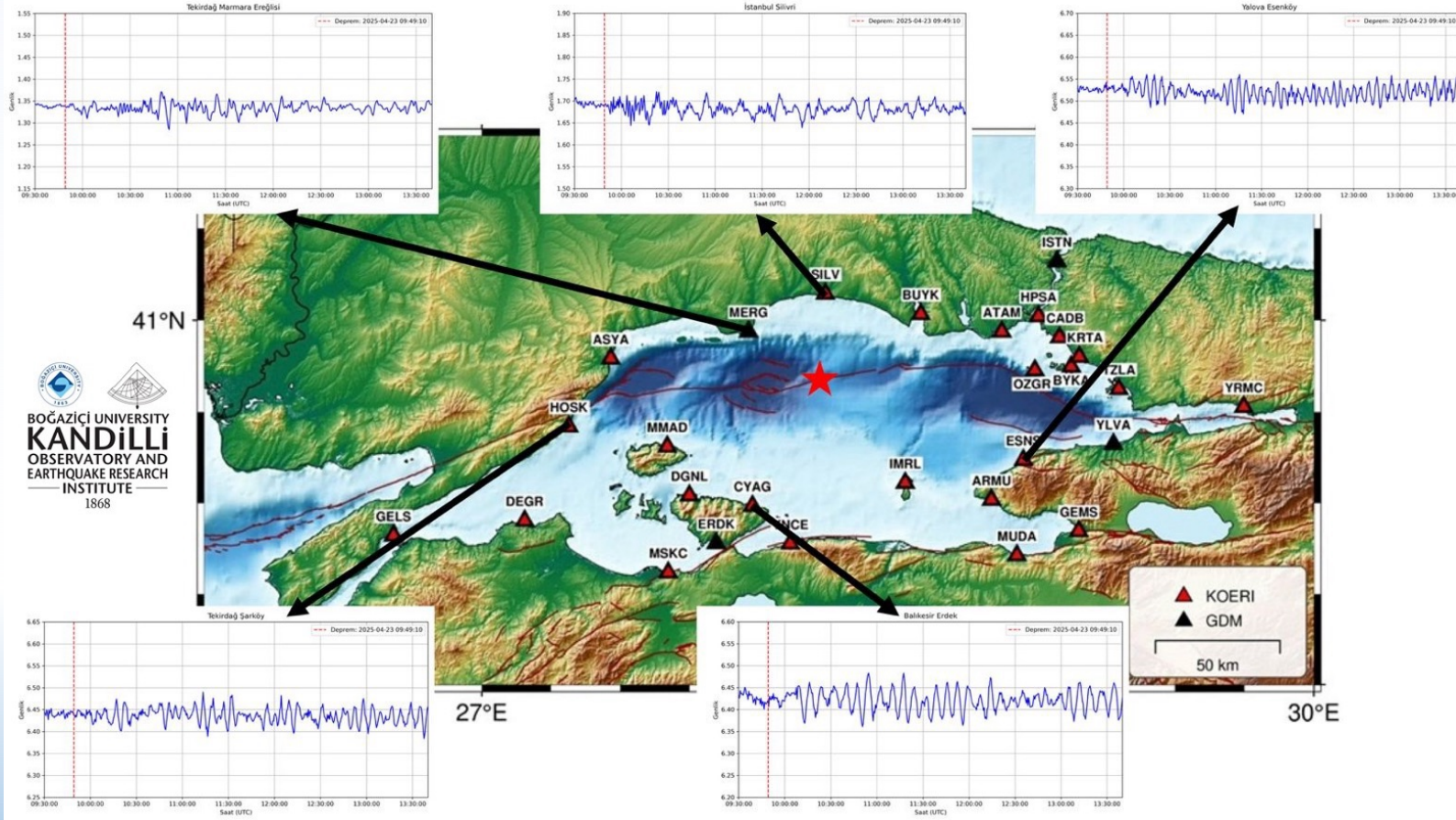


Location map of the Marmara Sea (23.04.2025, 09:49:09 UTC) earthquake.



Marmara Sea earthquake activity (***M1.1-M6.1: 575 earthquakes***) in between ***23.04.2025 - 29.04.2025***





Sea level measurements in the Marmara Sea region

COUNTRY	GAUGE LOCATION	LAT	Lon	TIME	AMPLITUDE (M)	PERIOD (MIN)
TURKIYE	ISTANBUL SILIVRI	41.0724	28.2390	0950Z 23 APR	00.03	02.1
TURKIYE	TEKIRDAG M.EREGLI	40.9690	27.9622	0954Z 23 APR	00.02	06.4
TURKIYE	YALOVA ESENKOY	40.6183	28.9532	1003Z 23 APR	00.04	04.8
TURKIYE	BALIKESIR ERDEK	40.4924	27.9761	1006Z 23 APR	00.06	06.4
TURKIYE	TEKIRDAG SARKOY	40.7098	27.3143	1010Z 23 APR	00.05	06.4

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 005  
NEAM TSUNAMI SERVICE PROVIDER KOERI (TURKIYE)  
ISSUED AT 1150Z 23 APR 2025

...  
AN EARTHQUAKE HAS OCCURRED WITH THESE PRELIMINARY PARAMETERS  
ORIGIN TIME - 0949Z 23 APR 2025  
COORDINATES - 40.86 NORTH 28.23 EAST  
DEPTH - 10.00 KM  
LOCATION - TURKEY  
MAGNITUDE - 6.3 [Mwp]

MEASUREMENTS OR REPORTS OF TSUNAMI WAVE ACTIVITY.

COUNTRY	GAUGE LOCATION	LAT	LON	TIME	AMPLITUDE (M)	PERIOD (MIN)
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### *Media/News*

<https://www.newsbomb.gr/kosmos/story/1644087/nyxta-agonias-stin-konstantinoypoli-oi-ektimiseis-karastathikai-synolaki-gia-ton-seismo-ton-6-2r>  
<https://gazeteoksijen.com/turkiye/marmara-denizi-tarihinin-ilk-tsunami-alarmina-sistem-nasil-calisti-240518>

# How did the system work in the first tsunami alarm in the history of the Marmara Sea?

The 6.2 magnitude earthquake that occurred off the coast of Silivri on April 23 also brought Istanbul's current preparedness capacity against tsunami risk to the agenda. The warning given by the Kandilli Observatory in the sixth minute of the earthquake was recorded as the first tsunami alarm in the history of the Marmara Sea.

Tsunami recorded (up to 6cm) at many of the 24 tide gauges located in Marmara Sea

<https://gazeteoksijen.com/turkiye/marmara-denizi-tarihinin-ilk-tsunami-alarminda-sistem-nasil-calisti-240518>



# INGV TSP message

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 001  
NEAM INGV IT-NTWC TSUNAMI SERVICE PROVIDER  
ISSUED AT 0953Z 23 APR 2025

... TSUNAMI ADVISORY ...  
THIS ALERT APPLIES TO TURKIYE

... TSUNAMI INFORMATION ...  
THIS ALERT APPLIES TO ALBANIA ... ALGERIA ...  
BOSNIA\_HERZEGOVINA ...  
CROATIA ... CYPRUS ... EGYPT ... FRANCE ... GREECE  
... ISRAEL ...  
ITALY ... LEBANON ... LIBYA ... MALTA ... MONACO ...  
MONTENEGRO ...  
MOROCCO ... SLOVENIA ... SPAIN ... SYRIA ... TUNISIA  
... UK

THIS ALERT IS ADDRESSED TO ALL COUNTRIES AND  
INSTITUTIONS SUBSCRIBED  
TO THE SERVICES OF INGV TSP IN ITS MONITORING  
AREA

THIS MESSAGE IS ISSUED AS ADVICE TO  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. ONLY  
NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES  
HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE  
DECISIONS REGARDING THE OFFICIAL STATE OF  
ALERT IN THEIR AREA AND ANY  
ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE.

AN EARTHQUAKE HAS OCCURRED WITH THESE  
PRELIMINARY PARAMETERS  
ORIGIN TIME - 0949Z 23 APR 2025  
COORDINATES - 40.91 NORTH 28.21 EAST  
DEPTH - 19 KM  
LOCATION - TURKIYE  
MAGNITUDE - 6.3

ALERT LEVEL IS ASSIGNED ACCORDING TO THE  
ABOVE ESTIMATIONS OF



Initial message issued by  
INGV-TSP **4 minutes** after the  
earthquake.

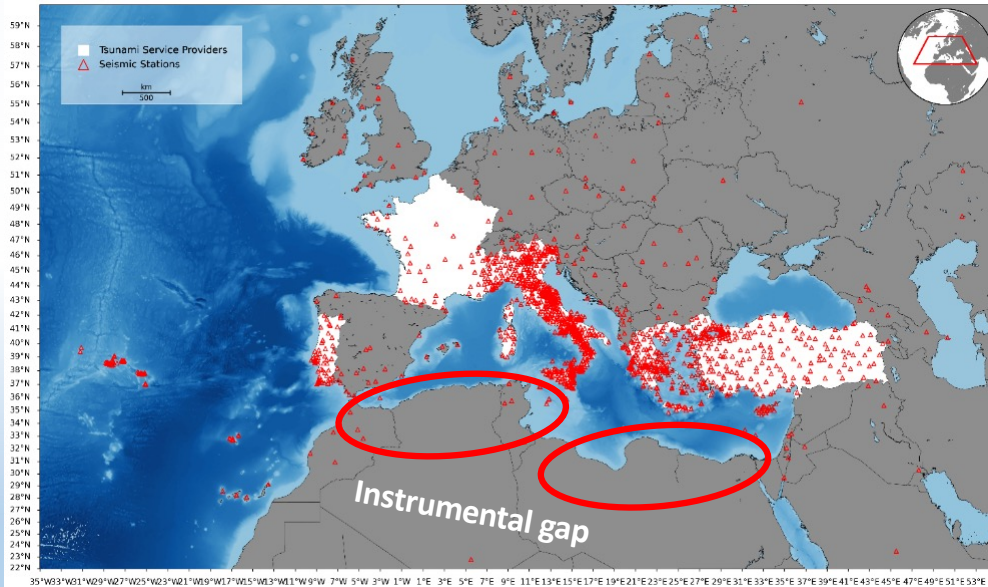
Three more messages with  
readings and END.

PTF testing OK

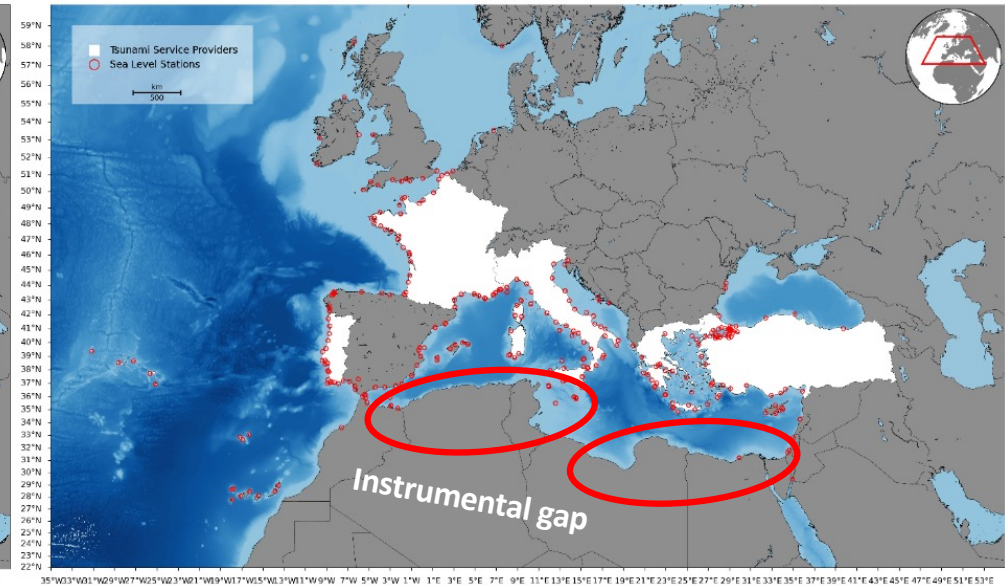
# Seismic, Geophysical and Sea Level measurements

## Seismic and Sea Level Data Base in NEAM REGION (2024)

### Seismic Stations Monitored by TSP

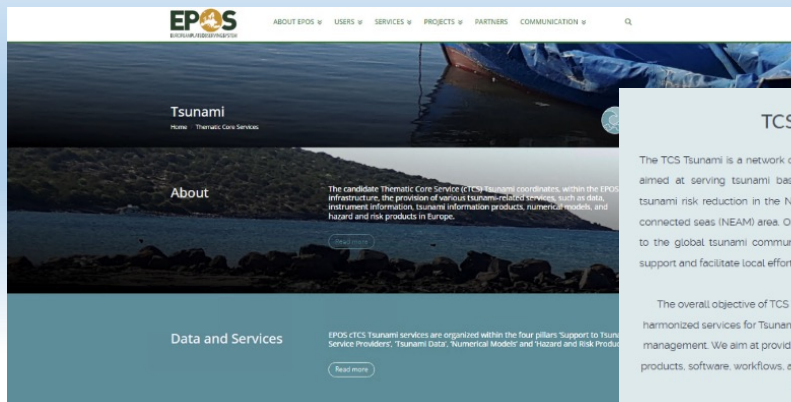


### Sea-Level Stations Monitored by TSP



# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: EPOS EU Research Infrastructure

## – Establishment of the Technical Core Service (TCS) Tsunami (February 2024)



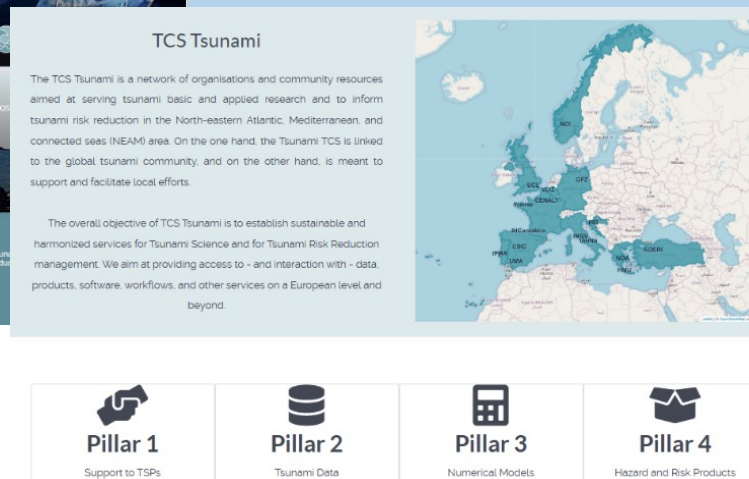
[tsunamidata.org](https://tsunamidata.org)

*(Started September 2024)*

## EPOS-ON Horizon Europe project funds the development of the TSP-IOT prototype

This service is a **virtual access** to a web service including a **common database** (forecast points, sensor locations, bathymetry and topography models, etc.) that, along with **additional tools** will help warning centres to make their **early warning operations interoperable** and consistent, and to increase redundancy and fall-back solutions during event processing.

This activity is supported in the framework of EPOS (European Plate Observing System) – The European distributed Research Infrastructure for solid Earth science



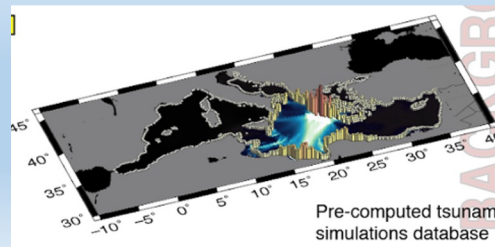


# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: **PROBABILISTIC TSUNAMI FORECASTING**

## **PRE-CALCULATED SCENARIOS EARLY WARNING VERSION**

It works in near-real time at the INGV Tsunami Warning Centre

It is in the Calibration/Validation + Threshold definition phase towards the fully Operational Phase



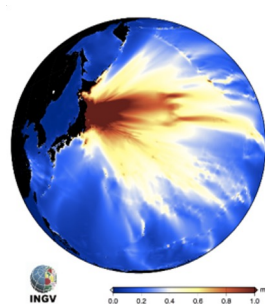
Targeting few to tens of seconds execution time.

Using hundreds to thousands pre-calculated scenarios

## **On-the-fly SCENARIOS (Urgent Computing) POST-EVENT ASSESSMENT VERSION**

Prototype for event analysis at INGV and potentially other Tsunami Service Providers worldwide. Global scope.

Simulation ensembles to be run from scratch on large enough HPC clusters in urgent computing mode.



Targeting minutes to tens of minutes execution time

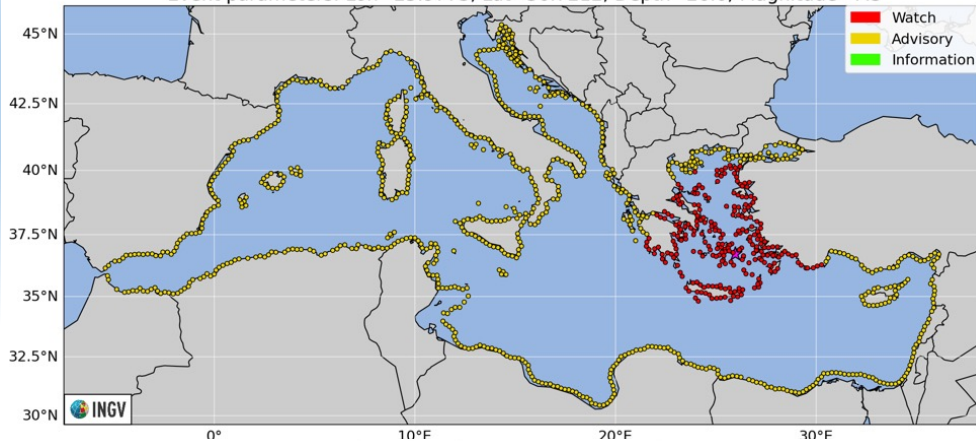


# TESTING PROBABILISTIC TSUNAMI FOREC

## Alert levels at POIs - matrix

Epicentral Region: GR\_Lixouri\_Ionian-Islands

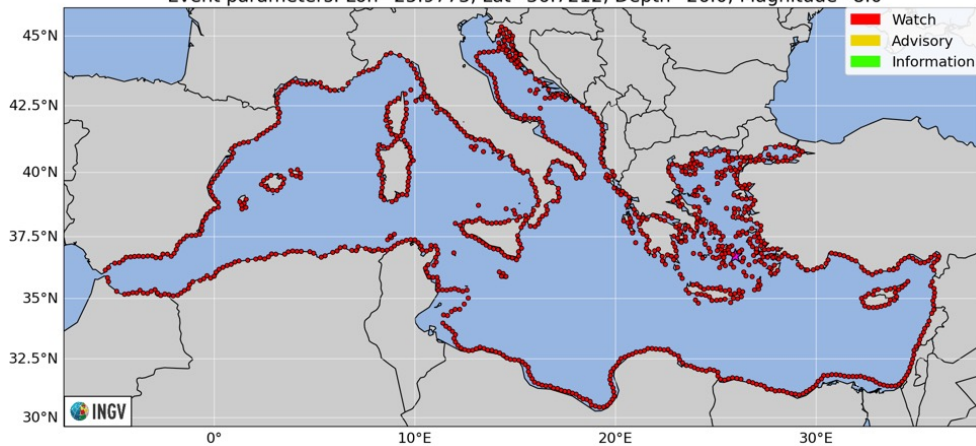
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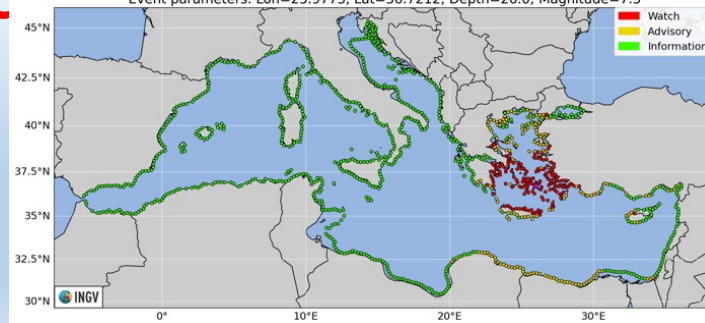
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## Alert levels at POIs - p84

Epicentral Region: GR\_Lixouri\_Ionian-Islands

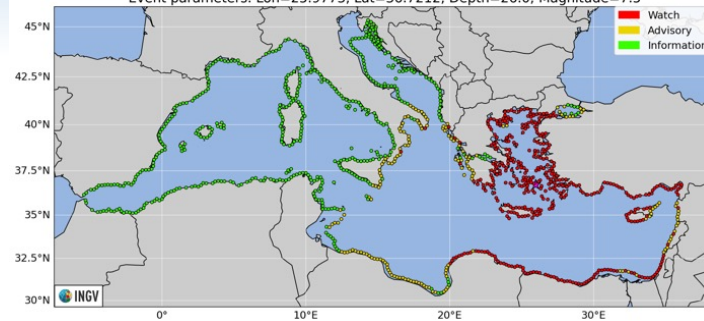
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## Alert levels at POIs - p98

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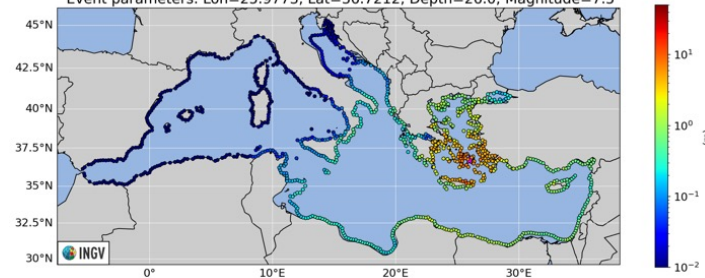
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## Hazard map - p98

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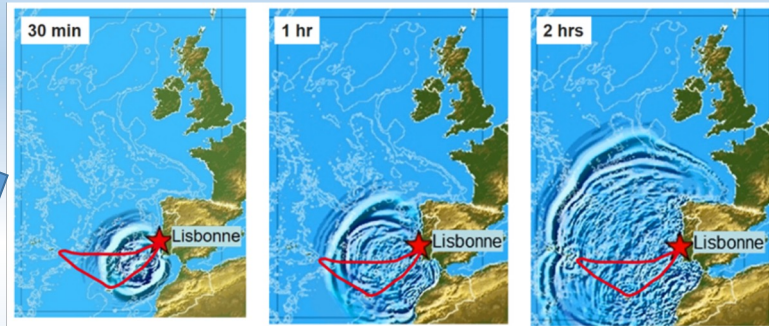


# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: **SMART CABLES**

- New Submarine Cable Ring connecting Portugal Mainland-Azores-Madeira
- **Supported by Portugal**
- Operational in second half of 2026



Timeline of 1755-like tsunami propagation in NE Atlantic

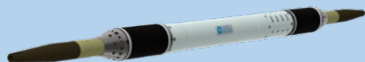


## MISTS: Mediterranean Integrated Science and Telecom System

European Initiative: Pacific Peering and ASN Partnership / Scientific Community  
Integrating telecommunications and climate monitoring in Europe

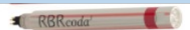


CC Node (ASN)



Accelerometer & Digitiser  
(Nanometrics)

Pressure sensor (RBR)



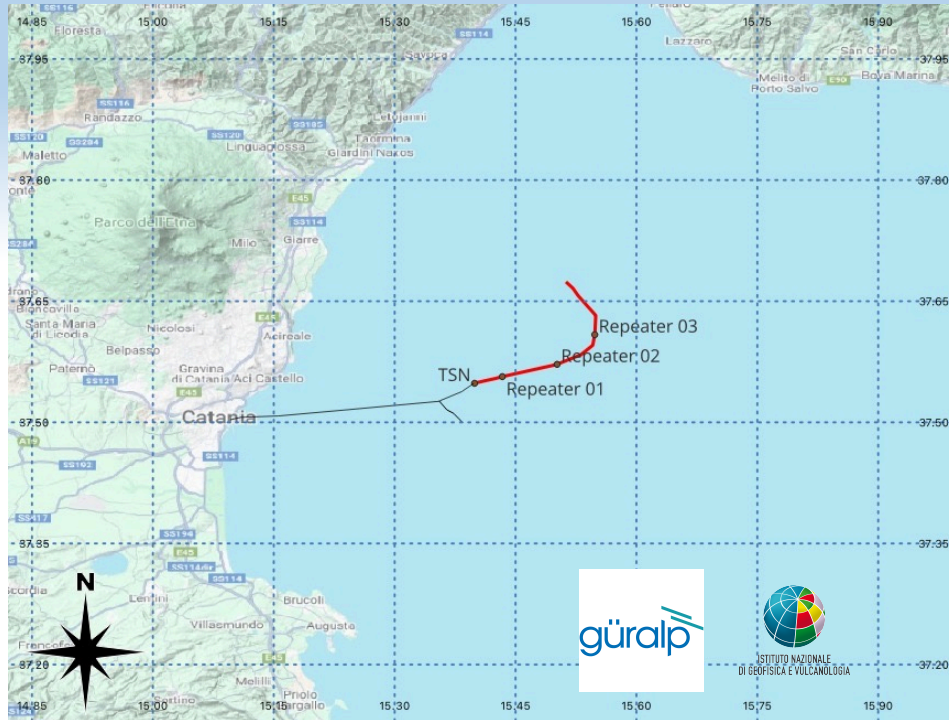
Pressure sensor (RBR)

Temperature  
sensor (RBR)



# WESTERN IONIAN SEA INFRASTRUCTURE/1

## Deployed December 2023



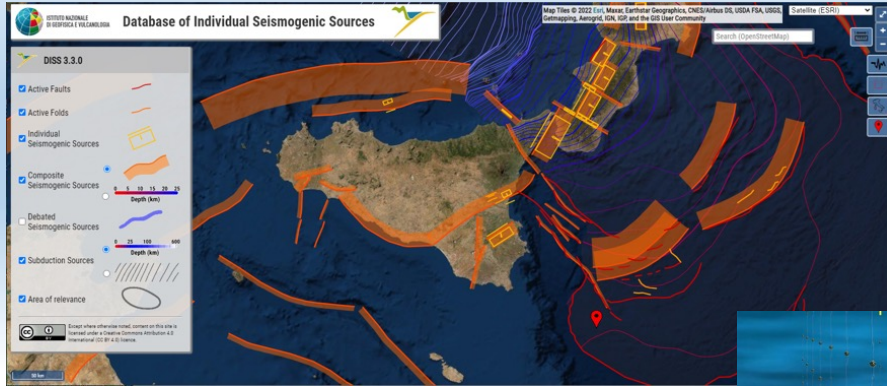
- Technical problems at the Repeaters
- At the moment we receive data from the pressure sensor at the Calypso Observatory (- 2039 m)



G.Marinaro, EMSO - INGV

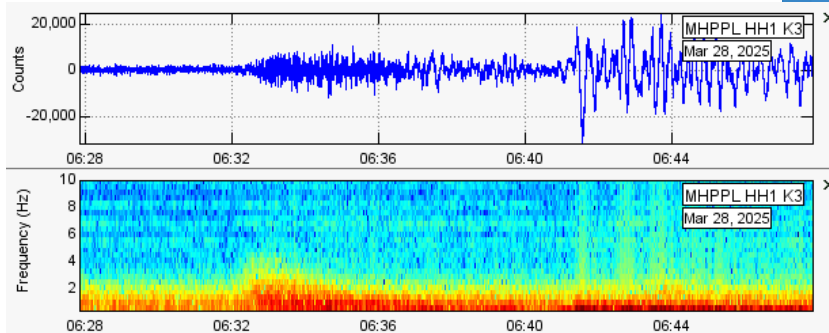


# WESTERN IONIAN SEA INFRASTRUCTURE/2



3500 m depth

Myanmar M7.7 earthquake March 28

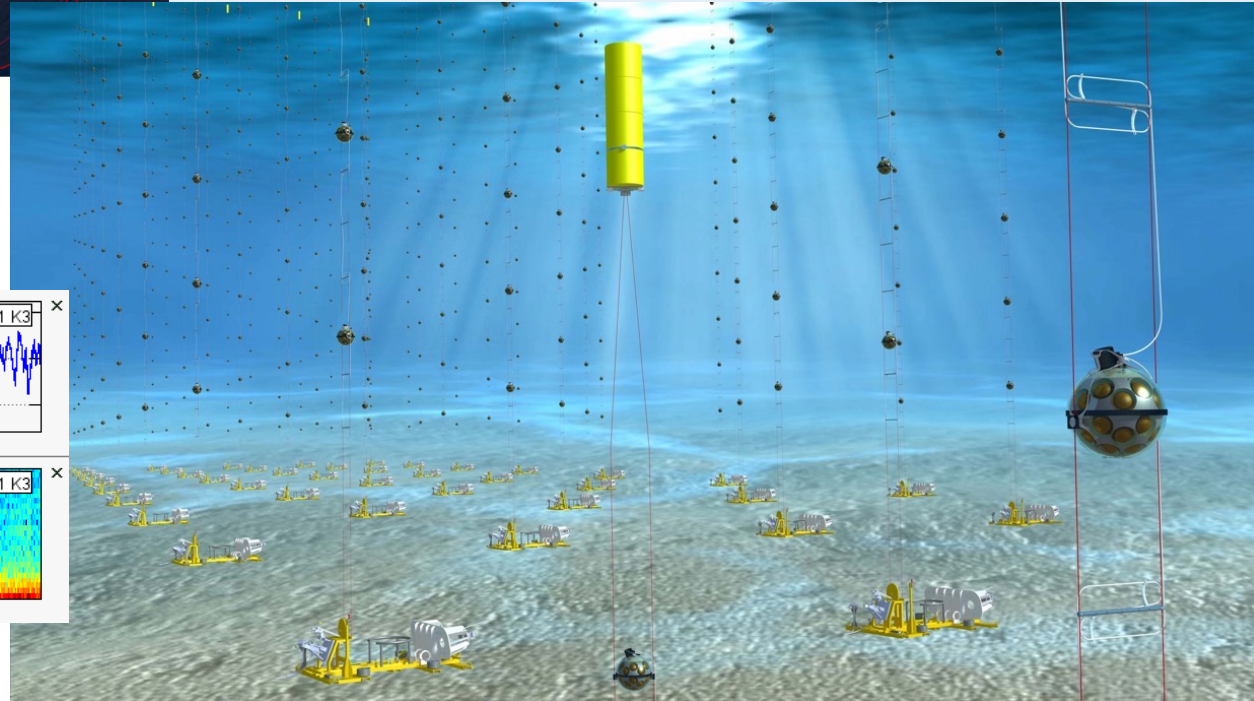


A deep sea-floor Observatory for neutrinos

BB seismometer, P-T sensors

Courtesy of Sergio Scirè, INGV-Palermo

INGV-PA, INFN-LNS, INFN-RM1, INFN-BA





# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: **NON-SEISMIC TSUNAMI SOURCES**

The local TEWS is based on the combination of 2 elastic beacons equipped with 2 pressure sensors each at -14 and -50m depth  
The system was designed and managed by the LGS of the University of Florence.

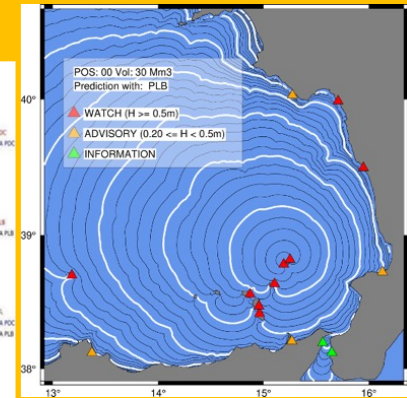
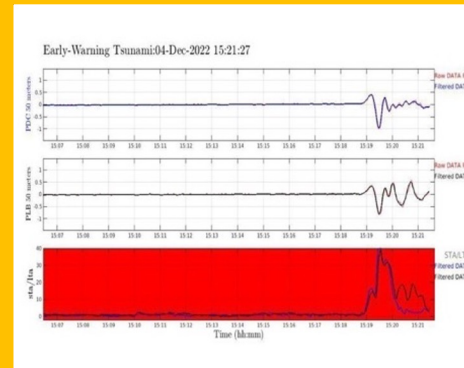
In Dec. 2024 one of the beacons disappeared.

Soon (May-June 2025) we will install a cabled buoy in a close area (then reinstall the elastic beacon).

A new offshore pressure sensor was installed in Panarea (Nov. 2024).



## Local TEWS for Stromboli volcano, Italy



# Stromboli natural laboratory for non-seismic (volcanic) tsunami warning



December 2002 tsunami (>10m runup)



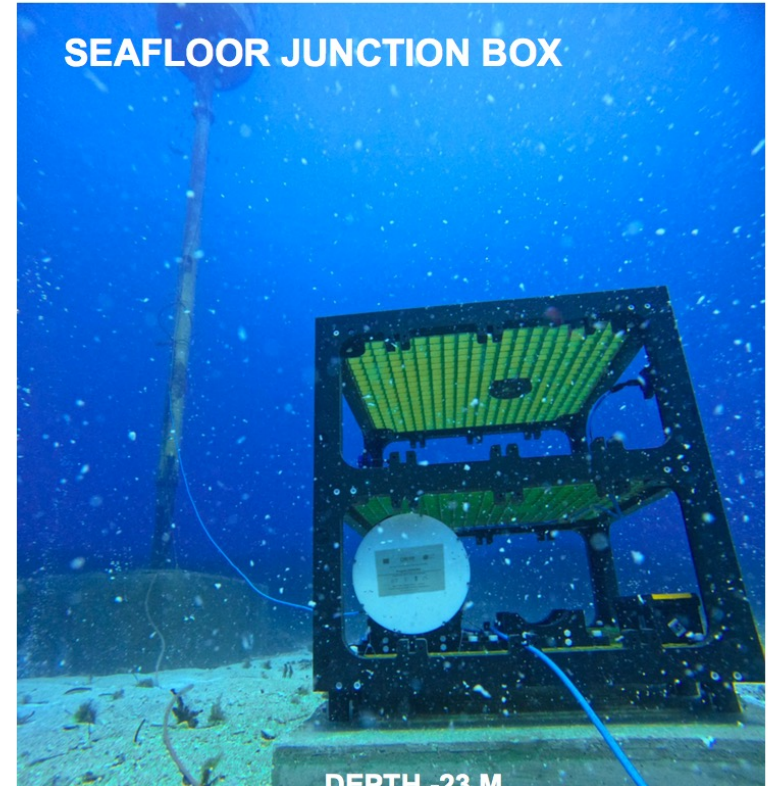


# MULTIDISCIPLINARY SEAFLOOR OBSERVATORY PANAREA

POLE BEACON



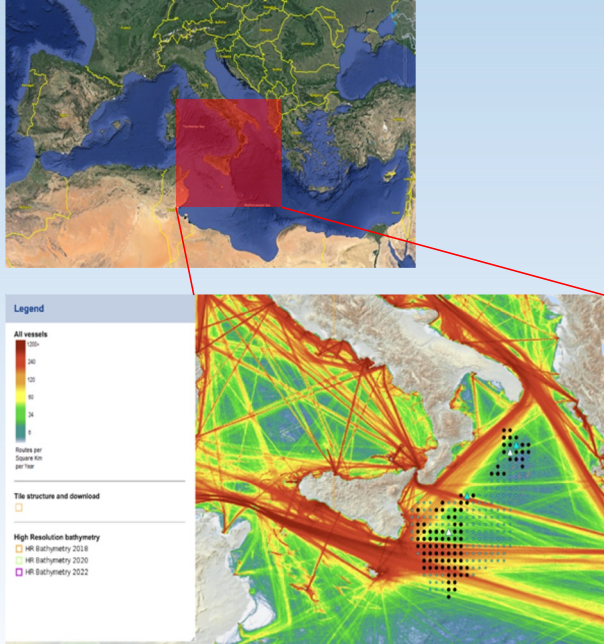
SEAFLOOR JUNCTION BOX





# ONGOING ACTIVITIES: **TSUNAMI BUOYS**

- 2 tsunami buoys will be installed in the Ionian sea in July 2025 (INGV with MSM-Sonardyne), at 2600 and 3200 m depth, first in NEAM region (PNRR-MEET project)





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**PILLAR 3 - MITIGATION  
2023-2024**

# Tsunami Ready Implementation in NEAM REGION

11 Countries  
15+ Communities

**6 Recognized in 2024**

...more coming!

Chipiona



El Jadida



Loulé



Büyükçekmece



Cannes



Marzamemi



Otranto



Marsaxlokk



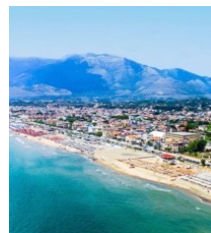
Israel



Palmi



Minturno



Stromboli



Larnaca



Samos



Alexandria





# International, National, Local Engagements

## City Mayors and Governor



Cannes, France



Büyükçekmece, Itanbul, Turkeye



Alexandria, Egypt



Chipiona, Spain



Samos, Greece



Minturno, Italy

# Communication and Outreach

## Technical Documents

1. ICG/NEAMTWS -XVIII Summary Report
2. Evaluation of IDSL
3. IDSL Manual, User Guides and Maintenance Plan
4. Sea Level Related Coastal Multi-Hazard Risk Perceptions of the Communities in Alexandria, Büyükçekmece, Chipiona, El Jadida, Larnaca, Marsaxlokk, and Samos, [IOC. Technical series](#)
5. Final CoastWAVE Project Report
6. Final Project Evaluation Report
7. NEAMWave 23 Evaluation report (in progress)
8. NEAM Operational User Guide (in progress)
9. Best Practices, Guidance, Challenges, Lessons Learned in Implementing UNESCO IOC Tsunami Ready (in progress)

## ➤ [Story Maps:](#)

- [Traveling through Mediterranean tsunamis](#)
- [Indian Ocean Tsunami 2004 twenty years after](#)

➤ **Meny videos and News/posts on TSPs websites**  
**[Including a 5 million views on 2020 SAMOS tsunami:](#)**

## ➤ Videos Produced and Published

- 2 Stromboli Volcano - Tsunami Warning System documentary, 3 min, 10 min versions) (launched in November 2024)
- 2 Malta videos





# Communication and Outreach

Explaining Stromboli tsunami alert system in Sign Language  
INGV Open Day, February 2025



Virtual tsunami pool (CAT-INGV)  
Genova Science Festival, October 2024







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