

Outcome of Case Study 3 Economic effects of adapting Critical Infrastructure

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Narrative of Case Study 3

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What is the main narrative of the case?

- Rising temperatures and changing jet stream patterns cause more frequent and less predictable periods of heat and drought in Central Europe's summers.
- They also cause more frequent low waters of the river Rhine, the most important inland waterway, as in 2018.
- Reduced or stopped inland water transport has severe socioeconomic effects. Affected industries include energy production, paper and steel production, tourism, logistics (transport of goods and raw materials).
- The case investigates the risk and the socioeconomic effects in a metropolitan region.
- The method uses extensions of the IC method and co-production workshops.



Subjects of Case Study 3

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- Risk of negative effects of extended low water / drought periods of the river Rhine on logistics and infrastructure
- Impacts on
 - harbour and customers
 - supply chains and logistics
 - citizens / work force
 - energy and industrial production
- Outcomes (work in progress)
 - Validated qualitative IC / regional refinement of national ICs
 - Case documentation
 - Insights on adaptation measures / plans, other risk reduction measures



Low water |C|

Bereich der Wirkkette





Status of Case Study 3

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- Risk of negative effects of extended low water / drought periods of the river Rhine on logistics and infrastructure
- Using value chains
 - identifying core processes and supporting processes
 - distinguishing internal risk factors and external ones (upstream: fuel supplies, logistic services; downstream: power and heat demand, market effects)
- In-depth (semi-)quantitative analysis for energy supplier
 - mapping risk elements from ICs onto the value chain (done)
 - identifying final impacts (done)
 - developing risk matrices (on-going)
 - generating narratives (planned)



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Developments of Case Study 3

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What ecological/ political/ managerial/ economic development(s) are on display in the case?

- Scale: connecting national-level Impact Chains with regionalised ones
- CCA/CP Community: bringing multiple regional stakeholders together for a joint risk analysis City of Mannheim has formed an alliance with industrial firms for climate protection
- Economical sector / fields of action: focusing deeper down on a single organisation (energy supplier)
- The developments in the dynamic field of regional, national and European policies



Policy relevance of Case Study 3

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What's the policy relevance to be extracted from your case, with regard to CC risk?

- The regional analysis exhibited some specifics. Mannheim has dozens of emergency wells that guarantee water supply even when the groundwater level is dropping.
- During low water levels of the Rhine, companies change transport modalities. This may lead to competition for and overdemand of alternative means (road and rail transport). In times of stressed and aging infrastructure, this may cause logistic congestions and affect industrial production.
- Industry has already some business continuity measures in place.
- There are national plans for strengthening inland water transport and EU plans for equalizing the depth of the riverbed.



Findings of Case Study 3

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What are scientifically important findings?

- Extending the IC method by mapping risk elements on a company's value chain allows for a differentiated risk analysis
- Outlook: Parts of the analysis could be shared in parts with suppliers and customers
- The scheme is extendable to a value system for investigating risk propagation (cascading effects)



IC Improvements of Case Study 3

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Reflect on relevance for the ambition to improve the Impact Chain methodology.

- Some improvements have been achieved:
- The structuring of intermediate impacts and associated sensitivities and capacities by national field of action facilitates the reporting and the adaptation planning.
- Others: multi-stakeholder format, moderated online structured co-production workshops
- The use of value chains is a candidate for improvement but awaits final evaluation.

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