

## **Communication aspects of high impact weather: the Pukkelpop storm case**

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August 18, 2011, the biggest death toll in Belgium due to severe weather occurred since 1953 during the Pukkelpop festival in Kiewiet, near Hasselt. Was this forecast? Was this thunderstorm truly exceptional or not? Which warnings were issued? Did they reach the organisers of Pukkelpop? Why or why not? Are there lessons to be learned? If yes, has action been taken already by all partners? Was the disaster an accident waiting to happen? I will try to answer these questions.