

Interactive comment on “The flood of June 2013 in Germany: how much do we know about its impacts?” by A. H. Thieken et al.

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This paper is an excellent study of losses in Germany that resulted from the 2013 flood in Central Europe. In addition to the collection of a huge amounts of information and in addition to surveys executed with people and businesses affected the paper provides a systematic approach to loss and demonstrates its value. This systematic approach includes (a) various risk categories (direct loss, indirect loss, health, transportation) and follows (b) a scheme that has been developed by the European Joint Research Center (JRC). This re-port is an excellent example, one of the few existing ones, where this type of systematic approach is followed and not just data collected that happen to be available. The authors convincingly demonstrate the value of evaluation with this methodology. They also make the point that this type of systematic approach should be developed by scientists, has been developed by JRC and endorsed by a larger

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scientific community through IRDR (Integrated Research on Disaster Risk, Peking), however, the collection of this type of data should be organized by public institutions.

The paper is very well written, understandable to a broad audience and still of high scientific value. It should be published as it is.

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