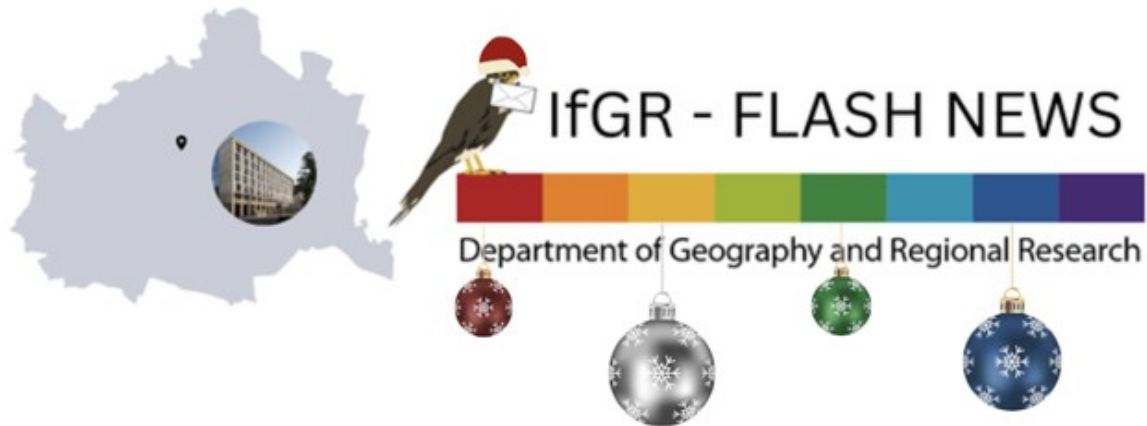




## IfGR - Flash News - Christmas Edition 2024



### Dear Viennese Geographers,

Unfortunately, we will not have a January newsletter, but I want to ensure that every contribution still finds its place and that the interesting information is shared with the institute. Therefore, we are bringing you a special edition for the Christmas season, so you still have something to enjoy reading! Wishing you wonderful holidays and a "Guten

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## 1. Our Guests

- Currently, there are six Chinese scholarship holders guesting in the ENGAGE working group: **Lei Zhang** is a professor at the National Institute of Emergency Management at the Chinese Academy of Governance (CAG). **Li Zhengguo** is working as a researcher at the Xi'an Center of Geological Survey, while **Dongdong Yang** holds a PostDoc position at the Northwest University in Xi'an. **Liang Yang** and **Sixuan Sun** are PhD students at the China University of Geosciences and **Shaoqiang Meng** is a PhD student at Tongji University in Shanghai.

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## 2. News

### CPT Workshop

On October 30, 2024, the CPT (cone penetration testing) device from Royal Eijkelpamp has been delivered to the ENGAGE working group. The device has been gratefully funded by an IP-grant of the University, organized within our FGGA. Led by experts from Royal Eijkelpamp, the CPT workshop comprised a theoretical input on how the system works and how the gained data can be used. It also included a practical exercise outside of our IfGR-garage in the UZA II. The workshop participants included staff of the Faculty of Geosciences, Geography and Astronomy (FGGA) and beyond, with colleagues from the TU Vienna, also included international guests, e.g. from the Netherlands, Greece and Denmark.

### **No Room for Harassment**

We want to give no room for harassment! To tackle this, there should be more awareness, as every member deserves to feel safe and respected. To create this change, we emphasize the importance of starting every new lecture with an awareness slide, highlighting our commitment to a harassment-free environment.

This serves as a reminder that we all play a role in a positive and respectful atmosphere. Together, let's create a safe, inclusive learning environment.

### **PARATUS Stakeholder Workshop 2024**

The second stakeholder Workshop of the PARATUS Project, which is looking at multi-hazard and -risk assessments along the Brenner Corridor together with various stakeholders, took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 in "Materi am Brenner". The 40 participants of the workshop joined a social simulation game, identified on future scenarios and contributed to MHRA (Multi-hazard Risk Assessment) guidelines. Also, a fieldtrip to South Tyrol, dealing with recent impressive natural hazards including forest fires, snow avalanches, floods and landslides and their management, was organised together with the Geological Survey of South Tyrol – it was a great success!

### **New Tools**

At some point, there will be an opportunity to purchase tools like ChatGPT, Grammarly, and DeepL through the ZID platform.

### **Research cooperation between Taiwan and Austria**

An OeAD Austria-Taiwan cooperation project was granted to PI Philipp Marr, Thomas Glade, Sophia Sternath, Edoardo Carraro and Robert Kanta from the ENGAGE working group. The objective of this project is to use existing and ongoing monitoring data from Taiwan's large-scale landslide areas and from the Austrian NoeSLIDE project to further enhance the technical capabilities of both Taiwan and Austria in slope monitoring, analysis and modelling. Therefore, the teams will visit the field sites in Taiwan and Austria for around 10 days in 2025 to learn from each other the respective landslide monitoring

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## **3. Project Update**

### **EUMA Update**

#### **Third Specialized EUMA Workshop**

The third specialized workshop of the EUMA Project recently concluded at the Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) at the University of Twente, The Netherlands. Project coordinators of the ENGAGE Working Group Prof. Thomas Glade, Annika Fröwis, and Sophia Sternath from the University of Vienna were present on-site, exploring UT-ITC's extensive expertise in Geo-Information for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and the options to utilize these within the planned new postgraduate Master program on "Civil Protection, Disaster Management and Resilience", to be established at the university's PGC (Postgraduate Centre).

#### **Upcoming Event: EUMA Winter School**

The EUMA Winter School for practitioners and professionals in DRM (Disaster Risk Management) will take place from January 6–10, 2025, at the University of Bonn, Germany. This program will focus on managing multi-hazard and systemic risks from scientific, operational, and communication perspectives. Registration remains open until the end of November, with limited spaces available.

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