Heavy rains affected several areas of Serbia over the last week, causing floods and landslides, especially in central and western regions.

On 7 March, an emergency situation has been declared for 17 cities and municipalities in central and western parts of Serbia (see map), and on 10 March, the Serbian government declared an emergency situation on the entire territory, due to the floods in these 17 cities and municipalities.

As of 8 March, 118 persons were evacuated by fire and rescue units of the Ministry of Interior. Additionally 710 households have been flooded.

Safety and security measures have been undertaken in the form of mobilization and deployment of water pumping capacities as well as specialized water rescue teams.

Intense precipitations are forecasted for 13-14 March for the southern and central parts of Serbia, affecting the same areas that have received extensive rainfalls during the previous days.

According to the Serbian Hydrometeorological Service (as of 11 March morning), warnings have been issued for several rivers south of the Danube (see map) to exceed the first national alert level during 11-12 March.

Sources: Serbian Ministry of Interior, Serbian Hydrometeorological Service, JRC, COSMO-LEPS.