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# Emergency Warning with DAB+

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## Flooding disaster in 2021

- Heavy flooding
- Several parts of Germany
- Mid-West was hit the hardest
- Cell phone networks were destroyed
- Warning and communication weren't possible



## Broadcasting helped and can even help better in the future

- Exposed sites
- Often additional power supply
- 1-to-many not 1-to-1 communication (no overload)
- Devices for receiving widely spread
- Regional demarcation possible
- DAB+ is growing
- > 30% of the German households and> 40% of the Bavarian households areequipped with at least one DAB+ receiver



#### DAB+ provides an alarm function

- ETSI Standard: Alarm Announcement
- Every program in a multiplex is interrupted
- Even other multiplexes can be linked to the alarming multiplex
- New Receivers now available
- DRD e.V. association forms a proposal to World DAB with minimum requirements for an international standard and advanced functionalities
- TOP FEATURE: wake up function (alarm in stand by mode)
- Important for the warning mix





#### Testbed in Bavaria

- Test alarms twice a day
- Testing of devices and network operations
- Automation and connection to the central warning unit

DEMO: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73gpyoVfzro</u>

