

Weather



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Europe Tactical (UPDATE): Alerts for adverse weather issued in multiple countries, disruptions ongoing in Nordics due to Storm Hannes on December 28; remain abreast of updates

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Current Situation

- Authorities in multiple countries have issued alerts and warnings for inclement weather conditions on December 28. Details of which are as follows:
- In **Finland, Norway, and Sweden**, winter storm Hannes has prompted widespread transport and utility disruptions, driven by strong winds, heavy snow, and ice. Power outages have affected more than 120,000 households in Finland, over 40,000 households in Sweden, and over 32,000 households in Norway, primarily due to downed power lines and storm-related infrastructure damage. In Finland, operations at Kittila Airport (KTT) were temporarily suspended on December

27 after strong winds pushed two aircraft off the runway into a snowdrift.

- Additionally, two fatalities linked to the storm were recorded in Sweden on December 27.

Source: [BBC](#)

- In **Sweden**, strong wind warnings by the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) remain in effect across multiple central and northern counties, including Dalarna, Gavleborg, Jamtland, Norrbotten, Uppsala, Vasternorrland, and Vasterbotten, throughout December 28.

Source: [SMHI](#)

- Separately, in **Germany**, authorities have issued renewed warnings for black ice, particularly in Berlin and parts of Brandenburg and Saxony-Anhalt, where hazardous road conditions have led to a surge in traffic accidents and overcrowding at emergency rooms as per December 28 reports.

Source: [RBB](#)

- In **Romania**, Meteoalarm, Europe's weather service, has issued red alerts, the highest on a three-tier scale, for wind across the central region of the country through the morning hours of December 29.

Source: [Meteoalarm](#)

- In **Spain**, Agencia Estatal de Meteorologia (AEMET), Spain's meteorological agency, has issued red and orange alerts for rain, the highest and second-highest on a four-tier scale, in Andalucia and Valencia on December 28.

Source: [AEMET](#)

- Flash floods have been reported in Malaga as well as in other parts of Andalusia on December 27-28. Emergency services are ongoing in affected areas.

Source: [Facebook](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Adverse weather impacts are expected to persist in affected countries through at least December 29, with the Nordics facing the highest risk of continued disruption from strong winds, snow, ice, and sub-zero temperatures, while southern Europe remains exposed to flooding and landslide risks.
2. Transport disruptions are likely to continue in the aforementioned areas, particularly affecting road and rail networks due to black ice, snow accumulation, and wind-related infrastructure damage. Localized aviation delays and temporary airport suspensions remain likely, especially at regional airports in the Nordics, including northern Finland, northern Sweden, and coastal Norway, as evidenced by the disruptions recorded at KTT in Finland.
3. Utility disruptions, particularly power outages, are expected to be restored unevenly, with rural and forested areas remaining vulnerable to prolonged outages and secondary failures as weather conditions fluctuate.
4. Residual disruptions, including traffic accidents, falling trees, and infrastructure damage, are expected to persist in the coming days.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in the aforementioned countries in Europe on December 28 and in the coming days are advised to remain abreast of the authorities' updates regarding weather-related risks.
2. Allot for travel disruptions, including delays or cancellations of rail, flight, and public transport services due to inclement weather conditions across the affected areas.
3. Charge essential electronic devices such as cellular phones, laptops, and tablet computers ahead of the planned power outage, and initiate energy-saving functions on these devices as needed.
4. Disconnect all surge-prone devices such as computers, televisions, and appliances to prevent potential damage.