

Interactive comment on “Forecasters priorities for improving probabilistic flood forecasts” by F. Wetterhall et al.

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This is an interesting discussion paper regarding how to improve HEPS. I think that this is generally an interesting paper that fits into the requirements for publication in HESS. I will limit my comments to things not already raised by reviewer 1. Here are some discussion points for the authors to consider:

[1] In how far is the discussion here place specific? All authors are from Europe. If this is not generic beyond Europe, then title and abstract should reflect that.

[2] If this is Europe focused, then how would the discussion change for other parts of the world? Have other groups in other parts of the world already solved some of these

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issues, or are they handling them already significantly better?

[3] It would be useful to have more background about the people involved in the survey. What is their background? Institutions? Roles? Etc. Could be additional information in the supplemental material.

[4] It would make the article nicer to read if you would include some examples (from published work or grey literature), rather than a purely conceptual paper (though with survey results). Could you include some examples where existing forecasts fail? Are there examples of the kind of decision-making tools that you would use? It would help make this more tangible.

[5] In how far is this discussion of general interest to hydrology? Are there questions here (or opportunities for advancement) that have a much broader relevance? How do the modelling issues discussed here relate to the general search for flexible modelling structures in hydrology (for example)?

This is a nice start for a discussion. I think by making it more concrete with examples, by stating the scope more clearly and by defining better the group of participants, it will become even more helpful.

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