

We would like to thank Anonymous Referee and the Editor for his/her interest in the topic and for valuable comments to improve the manuscript. A point-by-point response to the comments is as follows.

**E: Editor**

**A: Authors**

**General comments:**

**R:** I only have a minor comment. Very recently, a paper by Buchecker et al. (2013) has been published on Natural Hazards and Earth System Science. The paper explores the role of risk perception in making flood risk management more effective. As the paper also refers to flood risk in Zurich, I think it would be worth mentioning it and briefly discuss potential links between the two studies

**A:** the suggested Reference has been included into the manuscript that has been improved accordingly. Moreover, a new Reference has been also included, it refers to the very recent outcomes of a study addressing the most important (structural) adaptation measures for the case of the Sihl river in Zurich. Finally, the paper has been improved for the linguistic aspect as well.