Severe weather, including heavy rain, snow, strong winds and storm surges have been affecting southern Europe - in particular, central-southern Italy, Greece and Malta - over the last few days. Flash floods have resulted in casualties and damage.

According to media, as of 26 February at 14.00 UTC, seven people have died in Italy, while one person is still missing (Sicily). Furthermore, one person has been reported dead in Greece (Crete). Media report that the supplying water line has been seriously damaged in Malta (Gozo).