Comment on nhess-2021-394
Anonymous Referee #3


The authors present a “Brief Communication” on “Critical Infrastructure impacts of the 2021 mid-July western European flood event”. The collection of information is helpful, but only limited scientific conclusions are presented. However, presenting the material as a brief communication seems justified to me. I agree with the authors, that the material can be helpful for further studies. I also agree with the comments of the other reviewers so far. I recommend publication of the paper after some minor corrections.

I only have a few additional remarks:

Figure 1: More detailed rainfall maps for Germany and neighboring countries are available in this report: https://www.dwd.de/DE/leistungen/besondereereignisse/niederschlag/20210721_bericht_starkniederschlaege_tief_bernd.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=10 (e.g. Figure 6).

Section 2.4: Additional information on solid waste for the Ahrweiler region is available on the website of the ‘Kreisverwaltung’:

https://kreis-ahrweiler.de/es-waren-keine-abfaelle-sondern-erinnerungsstuecke/
Line 143: Dottori et al. is missing in the reference list.

Minor editorial remarks:

Line 60: „euro“ -> „Euro“; „40km“ -> „40 km“

Line 129: „euro“ -> „Euro“