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NEWSLETTER #1

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The **FUTURESILIENCE newsletter** is designed to keep you updated with the latest project developments. You can find the latest news and events and all information about the Future Resilience Labs at a glance. Enjoy reading!

About the project

The FUTURESILIENCE (Creating FUTUre societal RESILIENCE through innovative, science-based co-creation labs) project is a Coordination and Support Action funded by the European Commission's Horizon Europe programme (HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ERA-01). The project will last 3 years and aims to strengthen European **economic and social resilience** through an enhanced ability to **adapt and quickly respond to future crises** by facilitating the fast and effective use of policy relevant research and innovation (R&I) findings.

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The '**Future Resilience Labs**' are at the core of the project and will discuss and test policy relevant R&I findings through **10 labs**: three pre-identified cases (BAPEMED, Chios and Murcia) working on health, climate change, migration, the financial crisis and urban planning, and seven selected through an open call (see below). The idea is to discuss strategies aiming at **reducing vulnerabilities and increasing capacities of territories to be prepared for multiple types of possible crises**.

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Latest news

Project Launch

The FUTURESILIENCE kick-off meeting, held on 17th January 2023, was a hybrid event held online and at the EFIS Centre premises in Brussels (Belgium). The meeting set the scene for the FUTURESILIENCE extraordinary journey!

The kick-off meeting focused on the description of the rationale of the project and the setting the scenes for coordination. The work-package leaders presented the intended structure of tasks and deliverables and the full consortium, assisted by the advisory board, planned the key action points for the first year.

LAUNCH WEBINAR

SESSION 1
THE ROLE OF R&I IN FOSTERING RESILIENCE

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SESSION 2
ANTICIPATORY RESILIENCE

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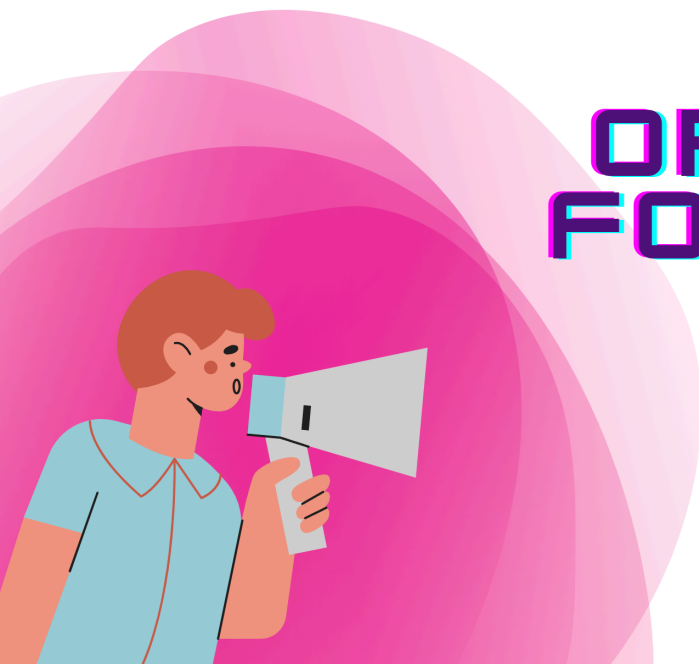
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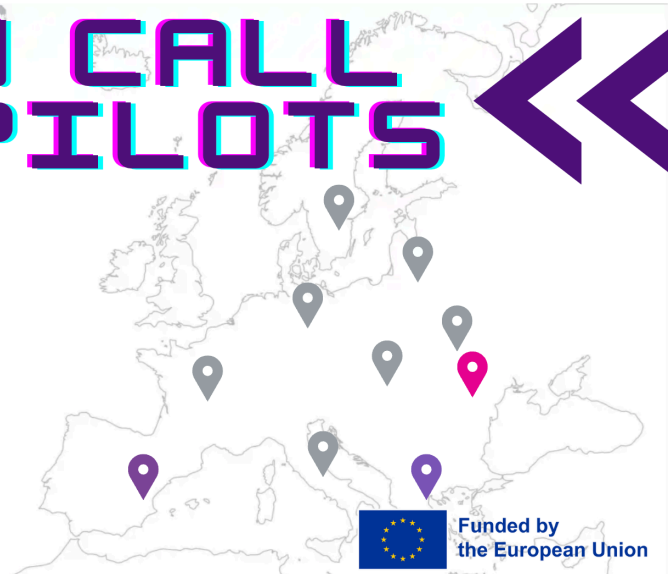
The FUTURESILIENCE official launch webinar took place on 22nd March 2023. The event was the first opportunity to publicly present the project and discuss the key question: **how can R&I and foresight help in fostering resilience?** The webinar featured contributions from several consortium members on: 1. overview of current crises as part of human-being life and different approaches that could be implemented to manage these crises; 2. anticipatory resilience as the right adaptation and transformation approach; 3. transformative innovation policies; 4. individuals' perception about future itself and future events; 5. foresight and the need to imagine distinctive and divergent futures and be prepared for them.

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OPEN CALL FOR PILOTS



Open call for pilots

The FUTURESILIENCE project includes an **experimental phase** that will include 10 Future Resilience Labs and will **provide financial support to third parties** to contribute to the objective of **reducing vulnerabilities and increasing capacities**. To this end, an open call has been launched inviting application to become one the additional seven labs. What can you get out of applying?

- Financial support available: up to €60k funding per lab
- Tailored support from experts on resilience, foresight and cross-cutting topics (e.g. urban development, agriculture, migration, climate change, etc.)
- Joining a community of practice on societal resilience and exchange of experiences in mutual learning activities with other Future Resilience Labs and experts.
- Deadline for applications: 12th October 2023 15:00 CET

Check all the [information on the open call here](#).

You can also [watch the recordings](#) of the info webinar! The webinar provided information about the open call by presenting the project, the key topics addressed in the call, a detailed step-by-step on how to apply and what to expect from joining the project. It also included examples of the already set up Future Resilience Labs in Chios (Greece), Murcia (Spain) and BAPEMED (Bulgaria). Download the [webinar slides here](#)!





Events



FUTURESILIENCE at the EU Knowledge Valorisation Week

The EU Knowledge Valorisation Week took place in Brussels on 25-28 April 2023, gathering multiple stakeholders from policy, academia, business and the private sector as well as civil society and citizens.

Matias Barberis from EFIS Centre, the FUTURESILIENCE project manager, participated in the Valorisation Café “Science in the cockpit for policy in turbulent times.” The session was moderated by Sergiu-Matei Lucaci and Izaskun Lacunza from the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology was the co-panellist.

Matias highlighted that we are living in a complex world, where turbulence is becoming a new ‘normal’ and that we need to **merge science and policy-making knowledge, tools and skills** to reduce uncertainty to a minimum and to better understand how people deal with the consequences of complexity, in order to **be prepared to react** to what could happen if they take one or another decision. You can watch the recordings of the Valorisation Café “Science in the cockpit for policy in turbulent times” [in YouTube](#).

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Participation in SEEDS Annual Workshop (Ferrara, Italy)



The SEEDS (Sustainable Environmental Economics and Dynamics Studies) Annual Workshop was held in Ferrara (Italy) at the University of Ferrara on 3-5 May 2023. Prof. Gianfranco Franz (UNIFE) and Matias Barberis (EFIS Centre) participated and presented a paper that analysed the case of Emilia-Romagna in Italy as a good practice in terms of the quick ability to respond to an unexpected crisis – the earthquake in 2012 – and to approach the recovery phase by articulating both a top-down approach and a bottom-up process.

Participation in Societal Impact of Science Conference (Halifax, Canada)

The conference is annually organised by the Network for Advancing and Evaluating the Societal Impact of Science (AESIS Network) and this year's edition was held on 19-21 June 2023 in Halifax, Canada.



Matias Barberis (EFIS Centre) was invited to chair a session on citizen engagement, aimed at discussing challenges and opportunities in engaging citizens to understand scientific evidence and its role in public policy. The FUTURERESILIENCE project was featured by presenting an overview of the citizen engagement process in the process of building resilience. Moreover, Matias presented the 'Future Resilience labs' approach as a way to connect citizens with science and policymakers.

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