

## Focus

Chios island became a focal point for refugees fleeing war and persecution, arriving by sea from Turkey. The island struggled to cope with the large numbers, leading to overcrowded and unsanitary camps. The influx strained resources and created tensions within the local community, including concerns about integration, long-term housing, mental health, economic impact and social cohesion.

## Challenges

The main challenges are:

- **Humanitarian Crisis:** Addressing the immediate needs of refugees and migrants, including shelter, food, and healthcare.
- **Distribution of Resources:** Ensuring equitable allocation of resources to both local residents and migrants, preventing strain on local services.
- **Public Perception and Xenophobia:** Managing public perception and reducing xenophobia through community engagement and awareness campaigns.
- **Social Integration:** Promoting social inclusion and integration of migrants into the local community through educational and cultural initiatives.
- **Security Concerns:** Addressing security issues and ensuring the safety of all community members.

## Destination

The lab offers several advantages to Chios island community:

- **Gaining knowledge and resources:** access to new ideas, best practices, and potential funding opportunities.
- **Building capacity:** developing new skills to tackle local challenges more effectively through inclusive workshops.
- **Influencing policy:** Sharing successful practices as way to contribute to shaping European urban development policies.
- **Building partnerships:** fostering connections with organisations across Europe, paving the way for future collaboration.
- **Global perspective:** developing solutions that are both locally relevant and aligned with wider European goals.



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### Stakeholders Engagement

Process  
kick-off

Mapping  
stakeholders,  
needs and  
perspectives

Informative  
webinar

Interviews

Online  
questionnaire

Framing the challenges

Factor  
analysis

Scenarios  
development

Workshops

Policy  
analysis



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# What is FUTURESILIENCE?

The FUTURESILIENCE project aims to strengthen European economic and social resilience through an enhanced ability to quickly respond to future crises. This will be achieved by facilitating the fast and effective use of policy relevant research and innovation (R&I) findings through 10 pilot cases called 'FutuResilience Labs'. During the experimentation, multiple stakeholders will discuss and test evidence-based strategies tailored to their specific context and matching their local needs.

## Project consortium



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# CHIOS LAB

Strengthening the governance of migration in Chios Island



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