

Focus

The **COSIGHT lab** aims to foster societal resilience through citizen participation in an environment where democratic values and social cohesion are shrinking. The goal is to create **new forms of dialogue among diverse stakeholders**, including citizens, civil society, and policymakers, on contentious issues. This involves developing a blueprint for resilience-strengthening participatory processes. The COSIGHT Lab is facilitated by Cociety, a network of 10 non-profit civil society organisations in Hamburg and Berlin, aiming to strengthen societal resilience.

Approach

The lab builds on the evidence-based dialogue format "CoSaturday," initiated by Cociety. **CoSaturday gathers a diverse panel of 100 citizens** from various socio-demographic backgrounds to discuss controversial topics. Through this, COSIGHT strives to identify success factors for resilience-promoting citizen participatory processes.

The project aims to positively influence policymaking, prototype and test a method/tool that can serve as a blueprint for participatory citizen involvement projects not only in Europe but also beyond, offering a framework for diverse actors to facilitate meaningful citizen engagement initiatives.

Challenges

The lab will focus on the following challenges:

- Increasing societal conflict and problem-solving skills.
- Enhancing individual and societal responsibility, thereby **promoting self-efficacy for realising positive future scenarios**.
- Mitigating societal polarisation.
- **Empowering citizens** by giving them a voice in addressing current and future societal challenges and ensuring that this voice influences policy-making.
- Strengthening and **developing resilience-promoting citizen processes**.



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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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COSIGHT LAB

A participatory resilience foresight lab to empower civil society for future challenges and unexpected changes

