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Learning on policy uptake

This year began at full speed for the project and its 10 FutuResilience Labs, with a range of activities carried out at both local and regional levels, as well as within the wider community of labs and stakeholders. **We are gaining momentum**. Our 10 labs have recently held their final community workshops to design policy solutions aimed at strengthening societal resilience. In early April, we also gathered in Östersund, Sweden for a simulation exercise. This was an opportunity to validate various components of our project, including the use of evidence in policymaking, strategies for knowledge valorisation, and approaches to engaging with policy and stakeholders.

With a strong emphasis on **knowledge valorisation for policy uptake**, the labs have served as experimental spaces for testing policies, applying a diverse set of tools and approaches with a forward-looking mindset. As the experimentation phase draws to a close, we are now preparing for the wrap-up phase. We begin this new stage by showcasing the work done by the 10 FutuResilience Labs. This webinar series marks a significant milestone, offering an open look into the processes and insights developed across the labs, and presenting snapshots of their methodologies, results, and key lessons learnt. You can already **save the date**!

SOCIAL INTEGRATION & RESILIENCE
7. MAY
11.00-12:30H

CLIMATE, DISASTERS & RESILIENCE
21. MAY
10.00-12:00H

URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING & RESILIENCE
26. JUNE
11.00-12:30H

DIGITALISATION & RESILIENCE
3. JULY
11.00-12:30H

DATA, GOVERNANCE & RESILIENCE
16. JULY
11.00-12:30H

Looking forward to seeing you during the results webinars, we remain open to multiply opportunities for collaboration and innovative thinking to build a more resilient Europe.

Matias Barberis
Project Coordinator

Featured news

Policy feedback: challenges, learnings and opportunities to build resilient societies

Three online roundtables explored how to build resilience in climate, social integration, and digitalisation. Participants emphasised the importance of nature-based solutions, cross-border communication, education, inclusive spaces, people-centred technology, and community strengths. Shared experiences revealed the need for trust, equity, and bottom-up insights in policymaking.

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Building climate resilience in Gran Canaria: insights from local communities

Local communities in Gran Canaria identified climate threats and gaps in policy response. By using **Maptionnaire** to gather community input, residents called for nature-based solutions, better infrastructure, and participatory policymaking. A gap between perceived risks and current policies exists. Their insights underscore the importance of integrating lived experience and community knowledge into climate strategies. This community-driven approach allows for building long-term climate resilience and liveability on the island.

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FutuResilience strengthens collaboration for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

FutuResilience has partnered with the Disaster Risk Stakeholder Hub and EU initiatives to bridge science and policy. Through shared tools, datasets, and best practices for informed, sustainable decision-making, the Hub connects over 2,500 stakeholders from all levels, promoting data-driven, collaborative responses to disaster risk across Europe. This collaboration strengthens efforts to bridge science and policy for disaster risk reduction.

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Co-creating policies for societal resilience: a simulation exercise

A workshop at the Risk and Crisis Research Centre at Mid Sweden University in Östersund, Sweden, immersed participants in a simulated crisis scenario to co-create policy responses. By combining emotional engagement with strategic thinking, the exercise revealed innovative ideas and highlighted how immersive, collaborative methods can shape resilient and inclusive policies.

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Updates from the FutuResilience Labs

CHIOS Lab (Greece)

The CHIOS Lab hosted the last policy workshop, bringing together local authorities, researchers, and civil society to refine resilience strategies and address climate, economic, and social challenges. Based on the previously prepared scenarios, participants assessed the long-term impacts of policy decisions, identified key actions to strengthen local preparedness and adaptability, and explored innovative approaches to enhancing community resilience. The discussions highlighted the importance of **cross-sectorial collaboration** in shaping effective, future-proof policies.

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FICTIONS Lab (Portugal)

After the success of four workshops with manufacturing operators at the dst company, the FICTIONS Lab conducted a follow-up survey on attitudes towards digital technology in the workplace with the same participants who had completed it at the beginning of the project. The data suggest that workers who participated in the training and workshops had changed their attitudes towards digital technology at work, becoming more aware of how technology might impact on well-being.

The Lab also held a final workshop with manufacturing operators and a group of external specialists to evaluate the project's outcomes in terms of methodology and policy recommendations. The results were positively assessed, particularly the methodological contributions, which included recruitment via a company, use of a **Lead User approach**, training on emerging technologies, and implementation of speculative design artefacts.

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BAPEMED Lab (Bulgaria)

Drawing on the extensive resources available in the FutuResilience Knowledge Base, the team pinpointed potential policy solutions for the developed scenarios. The selected policies will be considered for adaptation to the local context, topic of the workshop scheduled for end of April 2025. A key challenge to discuss is that resilience of the healthcare system is closely linked to policies and measures across other social sectors, highlighting the need of cross-sectorial collaborative mechanisms. Demonstrating strong support and commitment to the project, the Deputy Minister of e-Government participated in the Policy Roundtable on Resilience and Digitalisation, where he presented the challenges and achievements in the digitalisation of the healthcare sector in Bulgaria.

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MULTILOCAL Lab (Estonia)

The third MULTILOCAL workshop brought together experts, policymakers, and local stakeholders to test policy measures for future local governance. Using the Local Tax Calculator, participants explored how demographic changes, digitalisation, and mobility trends impact municipal revenues and services.

Key themes included the adaptation to tax models for hybrid living, ensuring access to social services regardless of residence, and strengthening cooperation between municipalities. The workshop highlighted how data-driven tools can support better planning and help local governments respond to population shifts and changing needs in a more resilient and future-proof way.

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SCRL Lab (Slovenia)

The past few months of the Slovenian Cyber Resilience Lab have focused on policy-making sessions, preparing policy solutions, and engaging in dissemination activities. Since the last policy-building workshop, SCRL has consolidated all information into five policy solutions, three of which are entirely new, and two represent adaptations of policies retrieved from the FutuResilience Knowledge Base. Additionally, SCRL is developing guidelines for policy-making stakeholders, outlining the necessary steps and areas that must be addressed to achieve cyber resilience.

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COSIGHT Lab (Germany)

In the last workshop held early February 2025, the COSIGHT Lab developed two policy approaches to formally guide low-qualified refugee women and adolescents into the labour market. The first is the set up of a "Holistic Education Centre" for affected women, continued through the "Impact Partnerships" of Hamburg, Germany. The second policy approach is the presentation and discussion of COSIGHT Lab's findings on labour market integration for disadvantaged young people with a panel of high-profile economists and politicians, planned for end of April 2025. The COSIGHT Lab has also produced a summary of expert interviews conducted within those FutuResilience Labs that deal with different kinds of social conflict, evidencing four factors to promote societal resilience: strong communities, participative policy design, improved infrastructure and diversity.

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LIQUIDHOUSING Lab (Spain)

The third policy design workshop of the LiquidHousing Lab took place end of January 2025 aiming to identify policies to address the liquid housing issue with a resilience perspective and building on the scenarios outlined in the previous workshop. Participants coming from various institutions validated, in focus groups, 21 housing policies drawn from the FutuResilience Knowledge Base, other European initiatives, and practices from different Spanish regions. Policy options were categorised into five groups: housing policies, cohabitation initiatives, governance, social housing management, and integration and training policies.

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TIMES Lab (Italy)

The latest workshops were dedicated to co-design and validate with stakeholders innovative solutions to address the phenomenon of spontaneous volunteering during emergencies. Solutions included a unified portal, logistical hubs, communication tools, and training programmes. The outcomes provide concrete and replicable tools for future adaptation strategies and form an integrated ecosystem capable of better responding to future adverse events. The Lab has demonstrated how solidarity and innovation can transform crises into opportunities for collective growth.
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MURCIA Lab (Spain)

The last workshop held on January 2025 gathered local stakeholders to evaluate 30 climate adaptation policies, previously selected based on evidence and expert knowledge. The policies covered a wide range of areas: data generation, planning and strategies, intervention projects, emergency management, governance, and evaluation. Each policy was individually assessed for its usefulness in each of the six future scenarios developed in the previous workshop, using a colour-coded system to reflect their relevance, adaptability, or limitations. The session highlighted the need for integrated responses, the challenges of relying on slow regulatory changes, and the importance of regularly updating strategies. It also reaffirmed the value of cross-sectoral collaboration to improve urban resilience.
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IMMER Lab (France-Germany)

The IMMER Lab devoted the last range of activities to community-building exercises among the project participants and partners, looking to strengthen the continuity and sustainability of the lab through a local community of practice.

Participants discussed possible ways of future cross-border cooperation under the framework of a "*neo-portulan*" (a strategic instrument to identify risks and vulnerabilities by continuous foresight), the "*diffusion of the elaborated narratives to a greater public*" (comics, videos, podcast, video games, etc.) and the establishment of "*resilience kits*" (as a set of instruments and methods which continuously accompany individuals and organisations during the resilience process).
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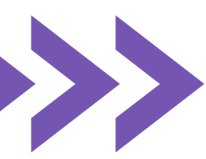
3rd Mutual Learning workshop

The third FutuResilience Mutual Learning workshop was held online in March 2025, focusing on the learning from and exchange of the 10 FutuResilience labs on their policy design phase. Participants encountered common challenges such as holding long-term engagement from policymakers and siloed approaches among different government sectors. To overcome these challenges, the Labs proposed solutions such as early engagement with stakeholders, cross-sector collaboration, and proactive community involvement to address the short-termism often seen in policy decisions. Ultimately, the group highlighted the need for improved communication strategies tailored to decision-makers and the importance of incorporating diverse voices in policy discussions.

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Events

Project Results Webinars

The results webinar series marks a key milestone and an opportunity to showcase the process and insights gained from the different labs, highlighting their results, methodologies, outputs, and key lessons learnt. Save the dates for the upcoming webinars!

The **first results webinar** will focus on two labs, CHIOS & COSIGHT, which approach different aspects of a shared challenge: the urgent socio-economic and governance issues arising from migration crisis and social conflicts, offering practical tools and policy insights to enhance societal resilience.

The **second results webinar** will focus on MURCIA & TIMES labs, which discuss on how to build climate resilience: strengthening local communities preparedness to disaster and the definition of efficient and effective urban policy solutions to face climate change emergencies.

Registrations are open for both webinars!

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