

Focus

The **TIMES lab** builds on the unprecedented floods that affected the city of Cesena and the entire Romagna area on 16th and 17th May 2023. There were around 100 municipalities affected in the Emilia-Romagna region, 22 waterways flooded and 80,000 landslides mapped in the hilly areas. This affected the people, businesses, and infrastructure.

In this disaster situation, a remarkable wave of solidarity pervaded Cesena, with numerous **civic volunteers** supporting the Civil Protection system, demonstrating a powerful reaction during the emergency. The people response, risk awareness, communication and coordination between groups of volunteers and the Civil Protection system emerged as the challenging core issues to face.

Approach

The TIMES Lab builds on the foresight methodology to design future scenarios that bring together the social response in emergencies, new governance schemes, and planning tools in the preparation and response to future crises. The lab will focus on three strategic areas: civil protection, social and community welfare, as well as digital and communication.



Destination

- Establish a **knowledge base** on the dynamics of social resilience at the city level during a crisis situation.
- Update the **Civil Protection Plan** of Cesena with volunteer management tools
- Define **strategies and digital response tools** to the emergency to strengthen the communication and coordination between groups of volunteers and the Civil Protection system.
- Model an **approach that can be transferred** to other municipalities as "good practice" of Civil protection.



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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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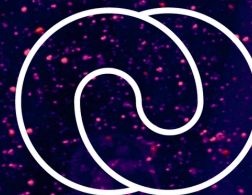


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Technology and Innovation to
enhance societal resilience in
response to future crises



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