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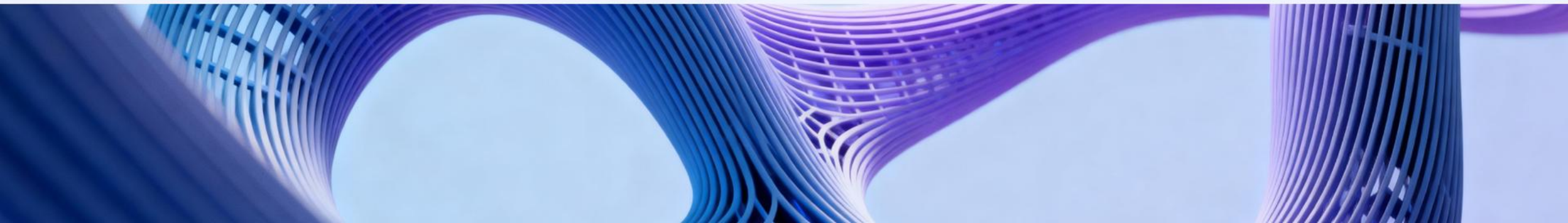
NEEDS 2026 Conference

Societal Resilience in Times of Cascading Crises and Disasters

FULL PROGRAM



28–30th of April 2026,
Kaunas, Lithuania



April 28 th	
8:00-9:00	Conference Desk Open, registration
9:00-10:30	<p>Opening session, Room 202 (Aula)</p> <p>Welcome</p> <p>Prof. Eugenijus Valatka, Rector, Kaunas University of Technology</p> <p>Prof. Aistė Balžekienė, Chair, NEEDS2026 committee, Kaunas University of Technology</p> <p>Dr. Nathan Clark, Network of European Emergency and Disaster Studies, Vrije University Amsterdam</p> <p>Dr. Farid Karimi, Project leader, Horizon Europe DeCrises, University of Jyväskylä</p> <p>Keynote session I <i>Moderated by Aistė Balžekienė</i></p> <p>Prof. Chris White, Professor, University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom</p> <p>Assessing the Cascading Impacts of Natural Hazards on Critical National Infrastructure</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	<p>Parallel sessions 1.1 – 1.3</p> <p>1.1. Climate Adaptation and Flood Risk (Room 202(Aula))</p> <p>1.2. Community Resilience in Practice (Room 208)</p> <p>1.3. Governance for Resilient Futures (Room 209)</p> <p>Workshop (Nathan Clark): <i>Workshop on Approaches for Engaging Younger Generations in Disaster Resilience</i> (Room 106)</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch break (provided on-site, vegan options included)

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	1.1. Climate Adaptation and Flood Risk	1.2. Community Resilience in Practice	1.3. Governance for Resilient Futures	Special session 1. Workshop
Room	Room 202 (Aula)	Room 208	Room 209	Room 106
1	<p><i>Central-European Countries resilience to common shocks: The case of multiple floods.</i> M. Modica, G. Breglia, Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy, D. Dimarcoberardino, Università di Macerata, Italy</p>	<p><i>Creating Democratic Resilience through Heritage and Nature Volunteering</i> T. Bryer, University of Central Florida, United States</p>	<p><i>Beyond Fragility: (Re)Humanising Disaster Risk Governance in South Sudan and Somalia</i> K. Peters, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom</p>	<p><i>Workshop on Approaches for Engaging Younger Generations in Disaster Resilience</i> N. Clark, Vrije University Amsterdam, The Netherlands, K. Orru, S. Hansson, University of Tartu, Estonia, C. Casareale, Save the Children, Italy, K. Boersma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands</p>
2	<p><i>Identifying Barriers to Inclusive Community Engagement for Flood Resilience</i> S.Karki, Independent, The Netherlands, K. Z. Canete, Erasmus University, The Netherlands, R. Shrestha, Catholic Relief Services, The Netherlands, E. Hendriks, University of Twente, The Netherlands</p>	<p><i>Societal psychological resilience following the COVID-19 pandemic in The Netherlands: Average scores and associated factors.</i> I. Rahmon, E. Marra, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, The Netherlands, M. Bosmans, Nivel, The Netherlands, M.I Dückers, University of Groningen, The Netherlands</p>	<p><i>Building Societal Resilience through Eco-Social Policies: Carbon Taxation Scenarios in Lithuania</i> Ul. Kaklauskaitė, Vilnius University, Lithuania</p>	
3	<p><i>Educating for Flood Resilience: Co-Developing Effective and Inclusive School-Based Approaches with Children, Young People, and Educators</i> R. Cruz, Loughborough University, United Kingdom</p>	<p><i>Families as Peacebuilders: Dialogue, Trust, and Belonging</i> T. Vasykelych, Sv. Zaluzhna, I.Pashkevych, NGO Open Nations, Ukraine</p>	<p><i>Community Resilience for Disaster Risk Reduction: Perspectives from NGO Workers in New Orleans</i> K.- A. A. Chau, University College London, United Kingdom</p>	

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	Parallel sessions 2.1 – 2.3
13:30-15:00	2.1. Trust and Resilience in Crisis (Room 003) 2.2. Technological Innovation for Disaster Reduction (Room 208) 2.3. Urban and Local Resilience in Times of Polycrisis (Room 202 (Aula)) Workshop (Verena Flörchinger): <i>Community Resilience in Polycrisis: Transdisciplinary Approaches to Strengthening Crisis and Disaster Management</i> (Room 106)
13:30-15:00	Co-creation session (Andrew Powell): <i>Co-Producing Risk Using Digitally Mediated Conversation Analysis and Discursive Psychology</i> (Room 209)
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
	Parallel sessions 3.1 – 3.2
15:30-17:00	3.1. Diversity, Equity and Disability-Inclusive DRM (Room 208) 3.2. Conflict and Complex Emergencies (Room 003) Simulation (Kati Orru): <i>Disaster Preparedness Capacity Development: A Scenario-Based Exercise for Social Vulnerability Reduction</i> (Room 106) Roundtable discussion (Lauren Traczykowski): <i>Underrepresented Topics in Disaster Education: Disciplines that Global Disaster Curricula Often Leave Out</i> (Room 202 (Aula))

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1	<p><i>Transformation of Social Trust and Resilience in Local Communities in Crises</i> Y. Hlushchenko, National Technical University of Ukraine, I. Sikorsky, Kyiv Polytechnic University, Ukraine O. Korohodova, National Technical University of Ukraine, N. Chernenko, National Technical University of Ukraine</p>	<p><i>AI in Weather Warning: An Argumentative Delphi Study on Expert Hopes and Concerns</i> T. Kox, Weizenbaum Institute, Germany</p>	<p><i>Building Up Resilience: The Key Role of Local Administrations in Disaster Management. Research Results from Germany</i> N. Bock, P. Windsheimer-Kolla, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany</p>	<p><i>Community Resilience in Polycrisis: Transdisciplinary Approaches to Strengthening Crisis and Disaster Management</i> V.Flörchinger, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany, L. Aßmann, Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin – University of Applied Sciences, Germany, P. Goesmann, Gesundheitsamt Frankfurt am Main, Germany, M. G. Lombardi, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany, V.Leuschner, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany</p>	<p><i>Co-Producing Risk Using Digitally Mediated Conversation Analysis and Discursive Psychology</i> A. Powell, Centre for Peace and Security, United Kingdom</p>
2	<p><i>Reducing Communication-Related Vulnerability to Disasters: A Framework for Capacity Development</i> S. Hansson, K. Orru, University of Tartu, Estonia</p>	<p><i>Producing Integrated Science Advice in Disease X Simulation Exercises</i> C. Waltz, B. Blokland, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands, F. Overbosch, J. de Boer, T. Cesuroglu, A. Schreijer, Pandemic and Disaster Preparedness Center, The Netherlands</p>	<p><i>Residential Communities in Cascading Polycrises: Enhancing Resilience in Multi-Flat Housing Environments</i> R. Savimaa, J. Puusalu, E. Muuga, Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, Estonia</p>		
3	<p><i>From Community Action to Early Warning: Participatory Preparedness for Cascading Risks</i> R. Velea, R. Laterza, F. Sabatini, A. Rossi, Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia, Italy</p>	<p><i>A Spatial Analysis of Socio-economic Social Vulnerability to Technological Risks: The Case of Lithuania</i> P. Budrytė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania</p>	<p><i>Multiple Crises and Their Dual Effects on Lithuania's Medium-Sized Cities: Challenges and Opportunities</i> G. Pociūtė-Sereikienė, R. Ubarevičienė, D. Burneika, Institute of Sociology at the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Lithuania</p>		
4		<p><i>Uncertain Skills, Invisible Voices: The Personal Barriers to Socio-Technical Change</i> J. Zenteno Hopp, Vestlandsforskning, Norway, T. Myksvoll, NORCE, Norway, D. Furberg, Vestlandsforskning, Norway</p>	<p><i>Factors and Pathways for Enhancing Decision- Making in Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Resilience Building</i> E. Hendriks, University of Twente, The Netherlands, N. Clark, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands, K. Boersma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands, R. S. Trogrlic, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria, S. Webb, Care International, United Kingdom M. de Rooter, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands, M. Wolf, TRUSTEQ, Germany</p>		

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3.1 Diversity, Equity and Disability-Inclusive DRM

Room 208

- 1 **Career Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Times of Cascading Crises**
R. Rudaitienė, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania
- 2 **Climate Stress, Peer Support, and Vulnerabilities among Migrant Truck Drivers**
Sz. Parzniewski, H. Wu, Dalhousie University, Canada
- 3 **Boosting Psychological Resilience and Wellbeing in War-Affected Universities: Experience of the Erasmus+ Project BURN.**
I. Zadorozhna, Yu. Kostiuk, Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Ukraine

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3.2. Conflict and Complex Emergencies

Room 003

- Responding to Mass Casualty Incidents: A Ten-Year Retrospective Following the Pulse Nightclub Shooting in Orlando, Florida, USA**
S. Zavattaro, T. Bryer, University of Central Florida, United States
- Building Resilience in Lviv Oblast against Cascading Crises: Lessons from the 2025 Floods**
N. Zachosova, B. Khmelnytsky National University of Cherkasy, Ukraine, K. Khan, Zaporozhye State Technical University, Ukraine, T. Koroj, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania
- Polycrises in International Law: Meaningful Concept or Meaningless Buzzword**
C. Shucksmith-Wesley, S. McArdle, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

15:30-17:00

Special session 4. Roundtable discussion

Room 202 (Aula)

- Underrepresented Topics in Disaster Education: Disciplines that Global Disaster Curricula Often Leave Out./ Underrepresented Topics in Disaster Education: A Project**
L. Traczykowski, Aston University, United Kingdom, D. Cubie, University College Cork, Ireland, S.Hatchwell, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

15:30-17:00

Special session 5. Simulation

Room 106

- Disaster Preparedness Capacity Development: A Scenario-Based Exercise for Social Vulnerability Reduction**
K. Orru, S. Hasson, K.Nero, University of Tartu, Estonia

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8:30-9:00 Conference registration

9:00-10:00 **Keynote session II** *Moderated by Audronė Telešienė*
Dr. Fabia Hüsler, Head of National Drought Program, Federal Office for the Environment FOEN, Switzerland
From Early Warnings to Action: How Scenario-Based Simulation Exercises Strengthen Drought Preparedness
Moderator: Audronė Telešienė

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:30 **Parallel sessions 4.1 – 4.4**
4.1. Displacement Dynamics and Refugee Integration Strategies (Room 209)
4.2. Technological Innovation for DRR (Room 106)
4.3. Perception, Trust, and Recovery in Complex Disaster Contexts (Room 208)
4.4. Economic Resilience and Post-disaster Reconstruction (Room 003)

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

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Room	Room 209	Room 106	Room 208	Room 003
1	<p><i>Design and Praxis of an Arts-based Workshop to Explore Refugees' Experiences of Disasters in the UK</i> M. Gordon, University College London, United Kingdom</p>	<p><i>Mapping Resilience Gaps in Cascading Crises: Climate Misinformation Platforms as Socio-Technical Infrastructures</i> M. Mačiulienė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania</p>	<p><i>Perception, Emotion and Behaviour in Cascading, Compounding and Multi-hazard Disasters - An Integrative Review</i> S. Sen, F. Giardin, M. Gharesifard, W. Jager, A. Flache, University of Groningen, The Netherlands</p>	<p><i>Preparedness Capacity-Development for Social Vulnerability Reduction: Evidence from Disaster Scenarios in Europe</i> K. Nero, University of Tartu, Estonia, K. Orru, University of Tartu, Estonia, S. Hansson, University of Tartu, Estonia, M. Branlat, SINTEF, Norway, N. Clark, Vrije University Amsterdam, The Netherlands</p>
2	<p><i>Emergency Response Beyond Borders: Transnational Immigrant Capacities in Disaster Contexts</i> Sz. Parzniewski, H. Wu, Dalhousie University, Canada</p>	<p><i>Communication Technology for Critical Societal Functions: A Case Study.</i> L. Sundberg, Umeå University, Sweden, M. Granholm, Mid Sweden University, Sweden, C. Große, Luleå University of Technology, Sweden, E. Borglund, Mid Sweden University, Sweden</p>	<p><i>Equitable Community Engagement and Participation in Emergency Management: Challenge and Pathways Forward</i> J. Yeo, University of Maryland Baltimore County, United States</p>	<p><i>Sustaining Inter-Organisational Cooperation in Post-Disaster Recovery in Italy</i> L. Damaschin, R. Wittek, F. Giardini, University of Groningen, The Netherlands</p>
3	<p><i>Involuntary (Im)mobilities: Linking Children's Wellbeing to Drivers of Displacement and Parent Migration</i> M.O.I Kagan, L. Thalheimer, International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis, Austria</p>	<p><i>Will Places Survive Disasters? Learning from Recovery Policies through AI-Based Tools for Regional Planning</i> G. Breglia, Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy, F. Fantechi, University of Palermo, Italy</p>	<p><i>Recovery Pathways under Constraints: A Longitudinal Livelihood-Based Analysis of Post-Disaster Housing in the Self-Recovering Communities in the Philippines</i> I. Besarra, E. Hendriks, M. van den Homberg, K. Pfeffer, University of Twente, The Netherlands</p>	<p><i>Future Cost of Climate Change for Humanitarian Crises</i> J-P. Jäpölä, European Commission, European Commission (DG ECHO), University of Antwerp, Belgium, A. Berlin, Netcompany external service provider of European Commission, Ch. Fabri, University of Antwerp, Belgium, A. Hrast Essenfelder, European Commission (JRC), S. Marzi, Fincons SpA external service provider of European Commission (JRC), K. Poljanšek, European Commission (JRC), S. Van Passel, University of Antwerp, Belgium, S. Van Schoubroeck, University of Antwerp, Belgium</p>
4	<p><i>Secondary Risks Faced by Displaced Ukrainian Women and Children in Prolonged Crisis Contexts</i> A. Nalivaikė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania</p>	<p><i>Do Visual Design Elements in Wildfire Early Warning Messages Improve Comprehension and Protective Action among Non-Native Speakers in Sweden?</i> C. Crothers, Lund University, Sweden</p>	<p><i>Segmented Trust and Societal Resilience: How Information Divides Shape Vulnerability in Cascading Crises</i> G. Gulevičiūtė, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania</p>	<p><i>Between Suspension and Re-appropriation: Rhetorics and Politics of Reconstruction in Central Italy after the 2016–2017 Earthquakes</i> E. Mariani, University of Urbino "Carlo Bo", Italy</p>

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Parallel sessions 5.1 – 5.3

5.1. Volunteering and Civic Engagement (Room 208)

5.2. Health, Preparedness, and Community Resilience (Room 209)

5.3. Preparedness Frameworks and Capacities (Room 003)

Roundtable discussion (Robert Larruina): *The Power from Below: Grassroots Organising in Times of Polycrisis* (Room 202 (Aula))

Workshop (Holly Faulkner): *Multi-Criteria Decision-Making as a Decision-Support Tool for Building Disaster Resilience: Role-Play Exercise in Roskilde Fjord, Denmark.* (Room 106)

15:00-15:30

Coffee break

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Parallel sessions 6.1 – 6.2

6.1. Community Knowledge and Informal Systems in Disaster Resilience (Room 208)

6.2. Communication Systems and Trust (Room 209)

Roundtable discussion (Farid Karimi): *Multilevel Governance for Decarbonisation in Times of Crises* (Room 202 (Aula))

Simulation (Bart Blokland): *Scenario-Based Exercise: Interdisciplinary Response During a Multi-hazard Crisis* (Room 106)

19:00

Conference dinner, registration needed

Venue: Restaurant “Čiop Čiop”, Gediminas str. 44, Kaunas

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Special session 6. Roundtable discussion		Special session 7. Workshop			
Room	Room 208	Room 209	Room 003	Room 202 (Aula)	Room 106
1	<p><i>The Role of Volunteers in the 6 February 2023 Kahramanmaras Earthquake</i> B. Basbug, Middle East Technical University, Türkiye, N. Gokalp, METU and Texas A&M, Türkiye, A. A. Yonel, Middle East Technical University, Türkiye, M. Al. Erkan, Middle East Technical University, Türkiye</p>	<p><i>Integration of Broad Health Impacts in EU Disaster Pandemic Preparedness Plans: A Review</i> M. Bosmans, The Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (Nivel), The Netherlands, E. Marra, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), The Netherlands, S. Drieman, S. de Winter, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands, M. de Vetten, GGZ Noord-Holland Noord, The Netherlands, M. Dückers, University of Groningen, the The Netherlands</p>	<p><i>Translating the "Whole-of-Society" Approach: Towards a Danish Framework for Societal Resilience</i> R. Dahlberg, Roskilde University, Denmark</p>	<p><i>The Power from Below: Grassroots Organising in Times of Polycrisis</i> R. Larruina, E. Roeloffs, K. Boersma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands, S. Matera, Deep Blue, Italy, N. Beldyga, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania, E. Roeloffs, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Dutch Red Cross, The Netherlands</p>	<p><i>Multi-Criteria Decision-Making as a Decision-Support Tool for Building Disaster Resilience: Role-Play Exercise in Roskilde Fjord, Denmark</i> H. Faulkner, University College Cork, Ireland, K.J. Andersen, Technical University of Denmark, Denmark, N. Ng, Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden, S. Juhel, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, L. Cumiskey, University College Cork, Ireland</p>
2	<p><i>Civil-Military Cooperation in Cascading Crises</i> R. Smaliukienė, V. Giedraitytė, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania, Lithuania</p>	<p><i>Community Resilience: Collective Efficacy in Psychosocial Crisis Management</i> V. Flörchinger, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany</p>	<p><i>Inclusive Disaster Risk Management for People with Physical Disabilities: Barriers and Enablers of Effective Inclusion</i> I. Joao-Hussar, O. Nahkur, K. Orru, University of Tartu, Estonia</p>		
3	<p><i>Which Anticipatory Action projects to Scale and How: A Scoping Review</i> A. Heil, University College Dublin, Ireland, M. Krippendorf, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, R. McDermott, University College Dublin, Ireland</p>	<p><i>Who Are Warnings For? Refugees and Practitioners' Experiences of UK Warnings during the COVID-19 Pandemic and 2024 Summer Riots</i> M. Gordon, University College London, United Kingdom</p>	<p><i>Health Services as Civil Defence Infrastructure in War and Hybrid Threat Environments</i> J. Wells, F. Scheibein, South East Technological University, Ireland</p>		
4		<p><i>Dynamics of Water Risk: Healthcare Provider Perspectives on Successive Cyclones, Cholera, and Drought in Malawi</i> S. Livne, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, M. Banda Aron, Partners in Health/Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo, Neno, Malawi, M. Mwendera, Partners in Health/Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo, Neno, Malawi, N. Davidovitch, Bar-Ilan University, Israel F. Munyaneza, Partners in Health/Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo, Neno, Malawi, A. Rosenthal, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel</p>	<p><i>From Resilience to Readiness: Integration of Whole-of-Society Approach into Nordic-Baltic Crisis Governance</i> J. Laurinavičiūtė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania</p>		

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6.1. Community Knowledge and Informal Systems in Disaster Resilience		6.2. Communication Systems and Trust	Special session 8. Roundtable discussion	Special session 9. Simulation
Room 208		Room 209	Room 202 (Aula)	Room 106
1	<p><i>COVID-19: Challenges Faced by Formal and Informal Waste Collectors in the Global South</i> N. Fernando, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</p>	<p><i>The Role of Trust in Shaping Public Perceptions of Crisis Preparedness and Recovery</i> J. Jurkevičienė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania</p>	<p><i>Multilevel Governance for Decarbonisation in Times of Crises</i> F.Karimi, University of Jyväskylä, Finland, A.Balžekienė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania, M. Mišík, Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia, J. Zenteno Hopp, Western Norway Research Institute, Norway,</p>	<p><i>Scenario-Based Exercise: Interdisciplinary Response During a Multi-hazard Crisis</i> B. Blokland, E. Scott, C. Waltz, Pandemic and Disaster Preparedness Center, Erasmus Medical Center, The Netherlands</p>
2	<p><i>Guidelines for the Development of a Flood-Resistant Building Code for Nepal</i> E. Hendriks, University of Twente, The Netherlands, R. Chaulagain, National Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Authority (NDRRMA), The Netherlands, R. Shrestha, Catholic Relief Services, The Netherlands, A. Martinetti, University of Twente, The Netherlands</p>	<p><i>Speaking Risk into Action</i> A. Powell, Centre for Peace and Security, United Kingdom</p>	<p>V.Kleinberga, Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia, P. Arteaga, LUT University, Finland</p>	
3	<p><i>Local Knowledge, Unequal Resilience, and Disaster Risk Governance in Flood-Prone Nigerian Communities</i> D. Olawuyi, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, University of Hamburg, Germany, A. Gbadegesin, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, D. Ajayi, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, P. Oyedele, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, I.Amuda, Nigeria Red Cross Society, Nigeria</p>	<p><i>Research Project EQuiP: Experiences in Psychosocial Crisis Management from Three Major European Cities</i> P. Goesmann, Gesundheitsamt Frankfurt am Main, Germany</p>		
4	<p><i>Shifting Modes of Networked Crisis Governance: Cross-Sector Coordination in the Nordic COVID-19 Response</i> A. Hagedorn Krogh, S. Aasbjør Thygesen, Roskilde University, Denmark, K. Eriksson, Lund University, Sweden, O. Oscarsson, Mid Sweden University, Sweden, A.T. Tørrisplass, Ch. Lo, Nord University, Norway</p>	<p><i>Debiasing Training Reduces Confirmation Bias in National Risk Analysts</i> B. Heerma van Voss, Dutch Central Bank, Denmark, H. Yoon, Southern Illinois University, United States, I. Scopelliti, City St Georges, University of London, United Kingdom, R. Zweet, I. Helsloot, Radboud University, The Netherlands, C. Morewedge, Boston University, United States</p>		

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Parallel sessions 7.1 – 7.4

- 9:00-10:30
- 7.1. Societal Resilience and Crisis Preparedness** (Room 003)
 - 7.2. Foresight and Risk Governance** (Room 208)
 - 7.3. Vulnerability in Displaced and At-Risk Populations** (Room 209)
 - 7.4. Democratic Resilience and Politics** (Room 106)
- Workshop (Computer class)** (Francesca Sabatini): *SYNERGIES ATLAS – The Platform for Empowering Participation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (20 places)* (Room 210 (Computer class))
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Parallel sessions 8.1 – 8.2

- 10:45 – 12.15
- 8.1. Strategic Foresight for DRR** (Room 208)
 - 8.2. Education, Participation, and Societal Resilience** (Room 209)
- Roundtable discussion** (Toni Collins): *Regulating for Resilience: Developing Governance Frameworks for Early Action* (Room 202 (Aula))
- Simulation** (Audronė Telešienė): *Scenario-Based Simulation of Cascading Crises in Complex Risk Environment* (Room 106)
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12:15-12:45 Coffee break

Keynote session III Moderated by Ainius Lašas

- 12:45 - 13:45
- Dr. Ieva Gajauskaitė**, Head of Division within the Total Defence and Crisis Management Group at the Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania
- Resilience by Design during Polycrisis Era: Lithuania's Next Steps Toward a Total Defence Posture and Comprehensive Crisis Management**
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13:45–14:00 Closing session

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Room	Room 003	Room 208	Room 209	Room 106	Room 210 (Computer class)
1	Lay – Expert Perception of Societal Resilience and Crisis Preparedness in Lithuania A. Balžekienė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania	“It won’t affect us”: Perspectives from the Private and Public Sectors on High Impact, Low Probability (HILP) Events M. Gordon, G. Pescaroli, F. Mulder, University College London, United Kingdom	Bounce Back or Breakdown? Assessing Territorial Vulnerability to Repeated Floods across European NUTS-3 Regions D. Di Marcoberardino, University of Macerata, Italy, M. D'Angeli, University of Roma Tre, Italy	Democratic Resilience and Protest Movement: Challenges to Authoritarian Regimes A. Dragojlov, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania, O. Karadžić, University of Belgrade, Serbia	Workshop SYNERGIES ATLAS – The Platform for Empowering Participation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management F. Sabatini, R. Laterza, D. Del Bianco Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia, Italy
2	Measuring Individual Crisis Preparedness and Societal Resilience in the Baltic Sea Region: Evidence from the 2025 Baltic Individual Crisis Preparedness Barometer P. Birka, University of Latvia, Latvia	Strategic Foresight in Disaster Risk Management: Practices across Europe I. Siimsen, K. Orru, S. Hansson, University of Tartu, Estonia, T. Asikainen, European Commission (Joint Research Centre)	EU Disaster Strategy in Conflict: The Syrian Earthquake as an Extreme Case Study H. Ogredik, University of Exeter, United Kingdom	The Datafication of Official Statistics in the Baltics: Implications for Quality Public Information and Statistical Sovereignty R. Santaella Goncalves, LUT University, Finland	
3	Preparedness and Participatory Governance: Embedding Civic Engagement in Disaster Risk Management D. del Bianco, R. Velea, F. Sabatini, A. Rossi, R. Laterza, Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia, Italy	Deliberative Panels as an Arena for Engagement: A Case Study of a Possible Small Modular Reactor Project in Finland A. M. Kojo, M. Käis, H-E. Honkanen, N. Kiviluoma, LUT University, Finland	Building Resilience to Cascading Crises: Disaster Preparedness and Health Equity Among Refugee Populations in the Gulf Region M. Xie, J. Yeo, University of Maryland Baltimore County, United States	Why Is There a Need for Data Policy for Times of Crisis Facilitated by Open Science (DPTC)? B. Basbug, ISC CODATA, Türkiye, V. Murray, ISC CODATA IDPC, France, R. Sabo, UNESCO - France, S. Hodson, ISC CODATA- France	
4	Elevating Women’s Participation across the Disaster Management Cycle: Bridging Implementation and Policy in South Asia M. Wahlstrom, A. Dayal de Prewitt, GLOW Red, United States	The Prevention Cycle: State Investments in Preventing Systemic Risks over Time B. Heerma van Voss, De Nederlandsche Bank/Radboud University, The Netherlands	Blackout in a Berlin Neighborhood: Voices of Those Affected S. T. Merkes, Academy of the Disaster Research Unit, Germany, K. Schulze, Academy of the Disaster Research Unit, Germany, T. Zimmermann, Disaster Research Unit, Freie Universitaet Berlin, Germany	Journalists' Social Responsibility in Communicating Threats of War: Public Resilience and Simulated Risk Perception L. Rimšaitė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania	

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