

**Topic HORIZON-CL3-01-DRS-01:**

**Open topic on citizen and regional and/or local authorities' engagement in enhanced disaster risk awareness, including education, and preparedness**

**Offer of Expertise – Romain Huet**

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**Scientific Expertise and Contribution**

My research directly addresses the dynamics of resilience in disaster contexts, focusing on **real-time social responses** rather than retrospective analyses. Through extensive ethnographic fieldwork in conflict zones (Syria, Ukraine) and European social movements, I have documented how individuals and communities self-organize, invent solidarity networks, and adapt living conditions amid material collapse, bombings, and chaos.

I also analyse the long-term processes of social reconstruction, including how social ties are gradually restored, even between previously antagonistic communities during and after wars or disasters.

A key case is the 2023 earthquake in Turkey and Syria, where despite political and community divisions, local actors momentarily put aside their antagonisms to face the crisis collectively. These findings inform the development of methodological tools and practical guides aimed at fostering reconciliation and cooperation between divided communities.

**Alignment with HORIZON Europe Call:**

**HORIZON-CL5-2025-D3-01 — Disaster Risk Reduction and Societal Resilience**

- Unique ethnographic and qualitative approach capturing resilience as it unfolds in the midst of crises.
- Expertise in social self-organization and solidarity under extreme conditions, with practical implications for disaster risk reduction.
- Experience working alongside diverse stakeholders including citizens, local authorities, and civil society for co-constructed communication and organizational strategies.
- Proven record of interdisciplinary collaboration and applied research through national and European projects.

**Proposed Role in the Consortium**

- Lead qualitative research on social resilience and self-organization during disasters and conflicts.
- Contribute to creating innovative tools and guidelines to enhance community cooperation and societal preparedness.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange among scientific partners, first responders, local authorities, and civil society actors.

- Support co-design of inclusive communication and organizational frameworks for responsive disaster management.

**Added Value**

- Extensive fieldwork experience in high-risk conflict and disaster zones, offering rich empirical insights.
- Inductive, practice-based perspective complementing quantitative and modeling approaches.
- Strong publication record and recognized expertise in social resilience and crisis studies.
- Commitment to bridging academic research and practical solutions to enhance European disaster policies and societal resilience.

I look forward to collaborating with multidisciplinary teams dedicated to strengthening Europe's capacity to anticipate, respond to, and recover from disasters, building more resilient societies for the future.