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Community for European Research and Innovation for Security (CERIS)

DISASTER RESILIENCE DAYS

30 JUNE – 2 JULY 2026

Venue: THE HOTEL,

Boulevard de Waterloo 38, 1000, Brussels, Belgium

The “Disaster Resilience Days” event, organised under CERIS ([Community for European Research and Innovation for Security](#)) brings together experts, policymakers, and innovators from across Europe and beyond to discuss disaster resilience, preparedness, and technological advancements in crisis response and preparedness. This multi-day conference features keynote presentations from the European Commission and Member States, insightful panel discussions, live demonstrations of cutting-edge projects, and opportunities for collaboration.

Key topics include innovation in disaster resilience and preparedness, community engagement, secure communication, space technologies, and international cooperation, as well as demo sessions showcasing groundbreaking projects. Additionally, a walking exhibition of projects provides a platform for professionals to connect and exchange ideas.

Disaster Resilience Days is a unique opportunity to foster cross-sector collaborations and drives forward actionable solutions to enhance disaster preparedness and resilience.

Agenda

1st Day – 30 June 2026

- 09h00 – 10h00 **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 10h00 – 10h05 **Welcome and opening remarks** – European Commission
- 10h05 – 10h20 **Keynote presentation: From reaction to strategic planning – A new approach**
- Giannis Skiadaresis, DRS Area Coordinator, DG HOME, European Commission
- 10h20 – 11h15 **Panel Discussion: Foresight, Agentic Technologies and the Transformation of Crisis Preparedness**
- 11h15 – 11h30 **Coffee break**
- 11h30 – 12.30 **PART I – FORESIGHT IN DRS: Serious Games, Simulation and Foresight Tools for Crisis Preparedness**
- Interactive session on foresight organised by DRS projects
- 12h30 – 14h00 **Lunch break**
- 14h00 – 16h00 **PART II – FORESIGHT IN DRS: Serious Games, Simulation and Foresight Tools for Crisis Preparedness**
- Interactive session on foresight organised by DRS projects
- 16h00 – 16h30 **Coffee break**
- 16h30 – 17h00 **Demo session**
- 17h00 – 17h30 **Wrap-Up and Reflections**
- 17h30 – 20h00 **Networking reception & walking exhibition**

2nd Day – 1 July 2026

09h00 – 10h00	Registration & welcome coffee
10h00 – 10h05	Welcome and opening remarks – European Commission
10h05 – 10h25	Keynote presentation: A Strategic Vision for European Preparedness and Resilience in the Next MFF <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giannis Skiadaresis, DRS Area Coordinator, DG HOME, European Commission
10h25 – 11h20	Panel discussion: Command and Control Systems in Europe – Current State, Gaps and Future Needs <i>(Operational coordination platforms, cross-border command structures, secure communications, data fusion and missing capabilities)</i>
11h20 – 11h40	Coffee break
11h40 – 12h40	Panel discussion: Whole-of-Society Preparedness – Citizens, Volunteers and Community Resilience Networks <i>(Citizen engagement, volunteer mobilisation, local preparedness ecosystems and participatory crisis response)</i>
12h30 – 14h00	Lunch break
14h00 – 14h15	Presentation: A new DRS capability framework
14h15 – 15h15	Strategic Discussion: From Capability Development to Operational Uptake – What Europe Still Needs
15h15 – 15h45	Coffee break
15h45 – 16h15	Demo session
16h15 – 17h00	EDITORIAL PRESENTATION: Research and Community Building for Disaster Resilient Societies – A European Perspective Authors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philippe Quevauviller, European Commission• Cristina Longo, European Research Executive Agency• Giannis Skiadaresis, European Commission
17h00 – 17h30	Demo session
17h30 – 17h45	Closing remarks – European Commission
17h45 – 20h00	Networking reception & walking exhibition

3rd Day – 2 July 2026

09h00 – 10h00	Registration & welcome coffee
10h00 – 10h05	Welcome and opening remarks – European Commission
10h05 – 11h30	MATCHMAKING FORUM: Connecting Innovation with Practice – EIC Innovators Meet Disaster Resilience Practitioners <i>(Structured networking between innovators, public authorities, first responders, municipalities, humanitarian actors and operational end-users)</i>
11h30 – 12h00	Coffee break
12h00 – 13h00	Panel Discussion: Strengthening International Cooperation for Transboundary Crisis Preparedness and Response – The role of National Communities
13h00 – 14h30	Lunch break
14h30 – 15h30	Panel Discussion: European Space Capabilities for Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response <i>(Satellite services, Earth observation, communications resilience, predictive intelligence and operational support to DRS actors)</i>
15h30 – 16h00	Coffee break
16h00 – 17h00	DIREKTION Knowledge Network Awards Ceremony – Recognising Excellence in Disaster Resilience Knowledge, Innovation and Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olivier Salvi and Bastien Caillard, INERIS DEVELOPPEMENT
17h00 – 17h20	Demo session
17h20 – 17h50	Closing Strategic Dialogue: Building a European Preparedness Ecosystem – From Research Results to Sustainable Deployment