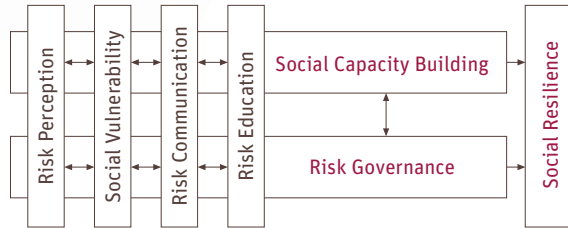


Project structure



Outcomes

- State-of-the-art overview of natural hazard research in the social sciences
- A network of scholars and stakeholders committed to this subject
- Regional hazard workshops across Europe
- Recommendations for future research and policies
- An interactive website

For further information or to get involved visit
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The project

The creation of a culture of disaster resilience is one of the crucial challenges for current societies, particularly under the conditions of climate change. CapHaz-Net aims at **improving the resilience of European societies to natural hazards**. It suggests ways of how to do this and pays particular attention to social capacities. CapHaz-Net establishes a growing network of scholars, stakeholders and practitioners interested in reducing the negative impacts of natural hazards.

CapHaz-Net is the **first primarily social-science project on natural hazards** funded by the European Commission. It is a growing network of people who share a common interest in the social dimensions of natural hazards. If you are interested – get involved!

Main research topics (thematic work packages)

1. Social capacity building (UFZ)
2. Risk governance (LEC)
3. Risk perception (DIA)
4. Social vulnerability (FHRC)
5. Risk communication (WSL)
6. Risk education (GIAM)
7. Social resilience (all partners)

From science to practice

CapHaz-Net focuses on **the social dimensions of natural hazards** as well as on regional practices of risk prevention and management. It strongly endeavours to contextualise natural hazards.

CapHaz-Net will organise **three regional hazard workshops** in Southern and Central Europe from mid-2010 onwards in order to make scientific expertise meet local and regional knowledge.

Natural hazards considered

- I. Heat-related hazards – droughts, heat waves, forest fires – in Southern Europe (ICTA)
- II. Alpine hazards – mass movements, flash floods, avalanches and debris flows (ISIG)
- III. Riverine floods in Central Europe (UFZ)

Partners

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- Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia (ISIG), Gorizia, ITALY
- Middlesex University, Flood Hazard Research Centre (FHRC), London, UNITED KINGDOM
- Autonomous University of Barcelona, Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technologies (ICTA), Barcelona, SPAIN
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