## BUILDING EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES' RESILIENCE AND SOCIAL CAPITAL



The resilience of societies heavily depends on how their citizens behave individually and collectively, and how governments and civil society organisations design and implement policies for mitigating risks, preparing for, reacting to, overcoming, and learning from disasters.

The resilience calls not just for technical and administrative solutions, but also requires the communities to build their social capital in terms of resilience. The spread of new technologies and media are inducing dramatic changes in how individuals and communities behave, and they are affecting societies in unpredictable ways. Building the resilience of society and citizens requires a better understanding and implementation of these new technologies and tools. At the same time, the risk perceptions, ability to adopt and readiness to trust these tools require the building of social resilience capital.

