

ENDURANCE Newsletter - 3rd Edition



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As the ENDURANCE Project moves beyond its mid-point, we are pleased to share the latest developments, key achievements, and upcoming steps in our continued effort to strengthen the resilience of Europe's Critical Infrastructure (CI).

This third edition highlights the transition from strategy design to practical implementation, showcasing how collaboration, tools, and stakeholder engagement are shaping a more resilient and secure Europe.

This newsletter is published twice a year and aims to provide a concise overview of the most important developments and activities of the ENDURANCE project over recent months.

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Visit the Website (<https://endurance-horizon.eu/>) to learn more about our objectives, meet our partners, and explore how we are contributing to a more resilient Europe.

For any questions related to the project, please contact Amélie Cathier, EU Project Manager at Carr Communications, at acathier@carrcommunications.ie.

The ENDURANCE project is a 3-year Horizon Europe initiative funded under Grant Agreement no. 101168007, aimed at strengthening the resilience of Europe's Critical Infrastructures (CI),

including sectors such as energy, health, digital services, public administration, drinking water, and wastewater.

1. From Dialogue to Action: Second Round of National Workshops

Following a successful first series of national workshops in 2024, the ENDURANCE Project continued its mission through a second round of workshops across Italy, Slovenia, Romania, and Greece. These sessions marked a significant evolution, moving from initial discussions toward concrete solutions, operational tools, and deeper cross-sector collaboration.

- **Italy:** The second Italian workshop took place on 6 February in Trieste, hosted by Insiel and the Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia. Under the theme “*From Theory to Action: Methodologies and Tools of the European Disruption Strategy*,” participants focused on translating strategic frameworks into practical methodologies. The session highlighted the importance of interregional cooperation and shared tools to enhance digital resilience.



Italian Workshop on 6 February 2026

- **Slovenia:** On 10 March, stakeholders gathered at the ELES Technology Centre for Slovenia’s second workshop. Discussions centred on actionable solutions to strengthen CI resilience, with a focus on aligning policy with operational needs. The introduction of ENDURANCE tools, including risk assessment approaches and the All Hazard framework, demonstrated a clear shift toward implementation.



Slovenian Workshop on 10 March 2026

- **Romania:** Held on 17 March, Romania’s workshop brought together an expanded group of stakeholders, reflecting growing engagement. Discussions explored concrete solutions such as Digital Twin technologies for monitoring and simulation, alongside governance frameworks to enhance resilience and cooperation between public and private sectors.



Romanian Workshop on 17 March 2026

- **Greece:** The Greek workshop, held on 19 March in Athens, focused on operationalising the Draft European Disruption Resilience Strategy across its four pillars: governance, social resilience, economic systems, and infrastructure. Participants also explored

national challenges and innovative pilot solutions, including early-warning systems for drought detection.



Greek Workshop on 19 March 2026

Across all four countries, the workshops demonstrated clear progress: from awareness-raising in 2024 to implementation-focused discussions in 2026. A shared understanding emerged: resilience is an ongoing, collaborative process requiring continuous adaptation, innovation, and coordination.

2. Advancing a European Critical Infrastructure Resilience Strategy

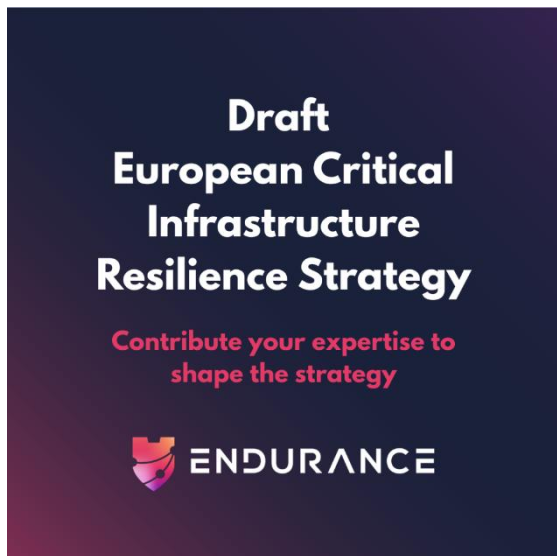
Within the framework of the ENDURANCE project, a draft European Critical Infrastructure Resilience Strategy has been successfully developed, marking a major milestone toward a coordinated and future-oriented resilience system at EU level.

The draft adopts a holistic approach, integrating governance, technological, social, and economic dimensions while incorporating experiences from multiple CI sectors.

It addresses key challenges such as:

- Increasing cyber threats
- Complex interdependencies between sectors
- The need for stronger public–private cooperation

- Building awareness and competencies across society



A strong emphasis is placed on flexible and modular solutions capable of adapting to a rapidly evolving risk landscape.

The draft strategy is currently open for feedback. Stakeholders are invited to contribute their expertise and support its further development by submitting proposals to: denis.caleta@ics-institut.si. Access to the full draft on our [website](#).

Following the consultation phase, the final version will be prepared in early 2027 and submitted to the European Commission as a key contribution to future resilience policies.

3. 4th Pan-European Working Group Meeting on Disruption Resilience

On 6 February 2026, experts from across Europe gathered online for the 4th Meeting of the Pan-European Working Group on Disruption Resilience.



A key highlight of the session was the presentation and first structured discussion of the draft European Disruption Resilience Strategy. Working Group members provided early feedback on its priorities, strategic approaches, and alignment with operational realities.

The meeting also featured contributions from the SUNRISE Stable Working Group on Resilience to Pandemics, reinforcing cross-project collaboration. Participants were updated on the latest developments within the ENDURANCE project, including pilot tools entering their first implementation phase:

- EU Data Space
- Threat Detection and Analysis Tools
- Risk Assessment Tool

Presentations covered functionalities, stakeholder benefits, and trial phases. The discussion highlighted the importance of the Working Group as a platform for knowledge exchange, enabling stakeholders to share insights, identify challenges, and contribute to shaping both strategy and tools.

Further meetings throughout 2026 will continue refining the Strategy and integrating stakeholder feedback.

➔ Join the Working Group: <https://endurance-horizon.eu/project-working-group/>

4. Why Join the ENDURANCE Working Group?

In a new [video](#), three ENDURANCE partners share their perspectives on the value of joining the Pan-European Working Group on Disruption Resilience.

The Working Group serves as a collaborative platform bringing together experts committed to strengthening critical infrastructure resilience across Europe.

Members benefit from:

- Access to project updates and technical developments
- Opportunities to exchange knowledge and best practices
- The ability to contribute to future EU regulations and standards
- Participation in a trusted network of resilience professionals

The group is open to security professionals, infrastructure stakeholders, law enforcement authorities, and standardisation bodies. Participation is selective to ensure alignment with the group's objectives.

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5. Strengthening Collaboration Across Europe

ENDURANCE continues to expand its collaborative ecosystem through a new dedicated **Collaboration Page** on the project website: <https://endurance-horizon.eu/collaborations/>



ECHO

Strengthening Urban Resilience Planning and Management in Europe

ECHO is an EU-funded project designed to improve how Europe plans and manages resilience in increasingly complex and interconnected (peri-)urban environments.

With growing threats such as **climate change, natural disasters and cyber-attacks**, traditional top-down resilience approaches often fail to address local and regional needs. ECHO responds by creating a **multi-level Resilience Ecosystem** that brings together:

- Critical Infrastructure operators
- Emergency Service Providers
- Local and regional authorities

Together, they co-create innovative tools, services and strategies that enhance urban resilience planning and operational coordination. The goal is to empower stakeholders of all sizes, reduce fragmentation, and improve the protection of interconnected systems that underpin everyday life.

The 3-year project includes **28 partners from 10 countries** and is coordinated by **Netcompany (Greece)**.

[ECHO Website \(echo-horizon.eu\)](https://echo-horizon.eu)



TESTUDO

Autonomous Systems for Critical Infrastructure Protection

TESTUDO is a Horizon Europe Innovation project focused on using state-of-the-art technologies to enable **continuous monitoring of Critical Infrastructures**, even in harsh environments and remote

ENDURANCE Collaboration Page

This page highlights cooperation with sister projects such as [TESTUDO project](#), [SUNRISE Project](#), and [ECHO Project EU](#), as well as participation in key European networks, including:

- [ECSCI](#)
- LEA Cluster (under the [SafeHorizon Project EU](#))
- [CMINE - The Crisis Management Innovation Network](#)

These collaborations reinforce knowledge exchange, foster innovation, and ensure alignment with broader EU security and resilience initiatives.

6. Looking Ahead

As the ENDURANCE project progresses beyond its mid-point, the focus increasingly shifts toward implementation, validation, and real-world application of its tools and strategies.

A key upcoming milestone is the joint European Workshop taking place on 4 June, organised together with the [TESTUDO project](#). This event will bring together a wide range of stakeholders to exchange knowledge, explore synergies, and further advance resilience strategies across Europe.

The coming months will be critical for refining the European Disruption Resilience Strategy, advancing pilot activities, and strengthening engagement with stakeholders across sectors and Member States.

We encourage you to share this edition of the newsletter across your networks and help raise awareness of the ENDURANCE project and its contribution to strengthening Europe's Critical Infrastructure resilience.

Thank you to all partners, contributors, and Working Group members for your continued commitment and collaboration.

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