HELLENIC REPUBLIC
Ministry for Climate Crisis and Civil Protection

# FORUM | From Prevention to Resilience: Civil Protection 2030

## 19 NOVEMBER 2026

CLOSING EVENT | EU TSI Project 24EL02
"Strengthening Greece's resilience, preparedness, and crisis response capacity"

Ministry of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection – Expertise France

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| 08:30 - 09:15 | *Registration* |
| 09:15 - 09:20 | *Introduction - Moderation*<br>**Alexia Kefalas**, *Journalist* |
| 09:20 - 09:25 | *Opening speech*<br>**Nikolaos Papaefstathiou**, Secretary General of Civil Protection, Ministry of Climate Crisis & Civil Protection |
| 09:25 - 09:45 | *Welcome*<br>**Judit Rozsa**, Director, Technical Support Instrument (TSI), Reform and Investment Task Force of the European Commission (SG REFORM)<br>**Spyridon Papageorgiou**, Secretary General for the Protection of Critical Entities, Ministry of Civil Protection<br>**Representative** of Expertise France |
| 09:45 - 10:00 | *Keynote Speech:* **The transition from fragmented disaster response to integrated risk management - Strengthening resilience**<br>**Efthymios Lekkas**, Professor of Natural Disaster Management, University of Athens & President of Earthquake Planning & Protection Organization |
| 10:00 - 10:40 | **1st Thematic Session: Multi-level Governance as a prerequisite for an effective Civil Protection**<br>*Coordinating Central Government, Local Authorities and Scientific Institutions in Decision-Making and Crisis Management*<br>**Nikolaos Papaefstathiou**, Secretary General of Civil Protection, Ministry of Climate Crisis & Civil Protection<br>**Ioannis Selimis**, Executive Secretary, Region of Attica<br>**Efthymios Lekkas**, Professor of Natural Disaster Management, University of Athens & President of Earthquake Planning & Protection Organization |

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| 10:40 - 12:00 | **2nd Thematic Session: From planning to operational action: Contemporary challenges in Civil Protection**<br>*Operational Readiness for Complex Emergencies, Armed Forces and Civil Protection, Civil Protection and Local Government, Secure Telecommunications, Interagency Coordination in Natural Disasters*<br><br>**Anastasios Michalopoulos**, Major General, Commander, ESKEDIK, Ministry of Climate Crisis & Civil Protection<br>**Michail Kyriakakis**, Legal Advisor to the Minister of Climate Crisis & Civil Protection, Member of Military Teaching Staff Hellenic Air Force Academy<br>**Petros Spachos**, Associate Professor, Department of Informatics with applications in Biomedicine, University of Thessaly<br>**Ioannis Konstantatos**, President of BoD of the Greek Network of Resilient Cities and Mayor Ellinikon – Argyroupolis<br>**Gilles Leclair**, Honorary Prefect, former Head of the Defence and Security Zone of the South of France<br>**Alessandro Borgese**, Civil Protection Department, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Break |
| 12:30 - 13:40 | **3rd Thematic Session: Resilience against Disaster Risks**<br>*Methodological framework for the production of hazard maps (Floods, Earthquakes, Fires WUI), vulnerability assessment and the integration of tools and modern technologies*<br><br>**Dimitrios Emmanouloudis**, Professor of Mountain Water Management, Democritus University of Thrace<br>**Konstantinos Papazachos**, Professor of Geophysics and Director of the Laboratory of Geophysics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki<br>**Georgios Mallinis**, Professor, Department of Rural and Surveying Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki<br>**Anastasios Sextos**, Professor of Earthquake Engineering, University of Bristol and National Technical University of Athens<br>**Dr Konstantina Orfanidou**, Expert of Expertise France<br>**Simoni Alexiou**, Fire Lieutenant, Directorate of Informatics and Communications, Fire Corps |

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| 13:40 - 14:10 | **4th Thematic Session: Resilience of Critical Entities**<br>*Institutional framework, critical infrastructure protection and international management models*<br><br>**Dr Triantafyllos Karatrantos**, European Security and asymmetric threats, Security Policy Advisor to Greek Minister of State<br>**Gilles Malié**, former senior officer of the Paris Fire Brigade, Expert of Expertise France<br>**Alessandro Borgese**, Civil Protection Department, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy |
| 14:10 - 14:30 | **5th Thematic Session: Building resilience for the future**<br>*Fireside chat \| Discussion with journalist* **Alexia Kefalas:**<br><br>**Ioannis Mastrogeorgiou**, Special Secretary for Foresight, Presidency of the Government |
| 14:30 - 14:35 | Conclusion - Closing of the event |
| 14:35 - 15:00 | Light lunch - Networking |

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