### Welcome!

#### Artificial intelligence for Disaster Risk Management

UCPM Knowledge Series Workshop (22 October 2024)

Agenda

- 09.00 09.15 Welcoming Coffee
- 09.15 09.30 Opening of the workshop
- 09.30 11.00 Panels What is the state of the art?
- 11.00 11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30 12.45 Breakout What does the future hold?

Full agenda and extra info here:



• Q&A available at ...

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Opening of the workshop

**Erwan Marteil** Head of Unit, DG ECHO.B3 Prevention and Preparedness Capacity Building





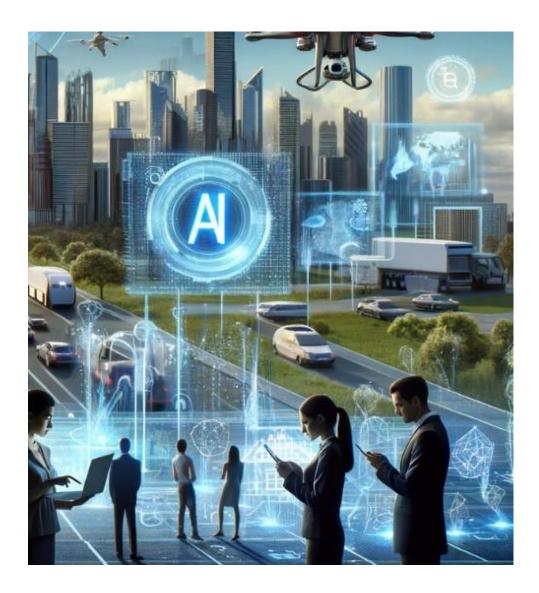
### Al for Societal Good Al Office 22 October 2024

Martin Bailey, HoU CNECT A5 Miguel Alvarez, Policy officer





### Al for Societal Good - Overview



### 1/ Al tools for prediction/simulation for Digital Twins - Smart cities, energy, health, emergency response

#### 2/ International cooperation in AI

- aim to offer AI solutions to third countries



### Al for Societal Good

Engaging scientists, experts, research centres, national labs, industry to **develop AI-driven solutions for key societal challenges** e.g. reconstruction, emergency response, health, electricity, extreme weather

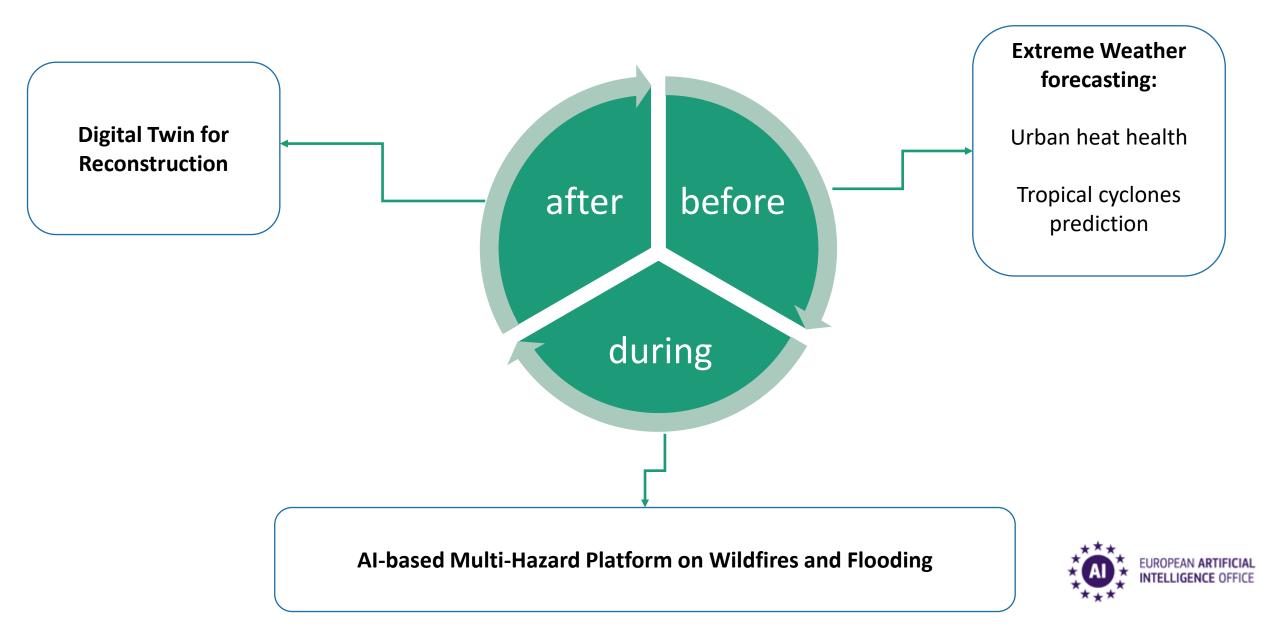
Establishing relationships with like-minded partners: governments e.g. US and international organisations

**Deployment** of AI solutions: e.g. **emergency response** (forest fires and flooding) both in Europe\* and Africa/Latin America



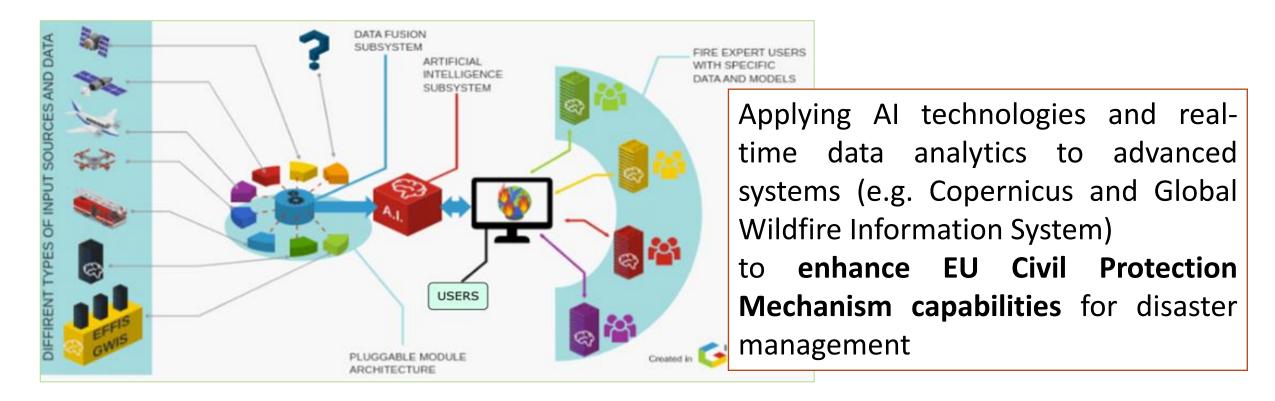


### **Strong focus on AI-based Solutions in Phases of Disaster Management**



### **AI-based Multi-Hazard Platform for disaster management**

#### In cooperation with JRC/ ECHO - Union Civil Protection Mechanism



Application of multi-hazard platform to forest fires, flooding



### Al-based Multi-Hazard Platform for Disaster Management – Harnessing full potential of AI to

Support decision-making in disaster management



Optimising resource allocation



Enhancing decision-making for people in the field

#### Optimise response to specific disasters (e.g. wildfire)



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Accurate fire detection, prediction and monitoring of evolution

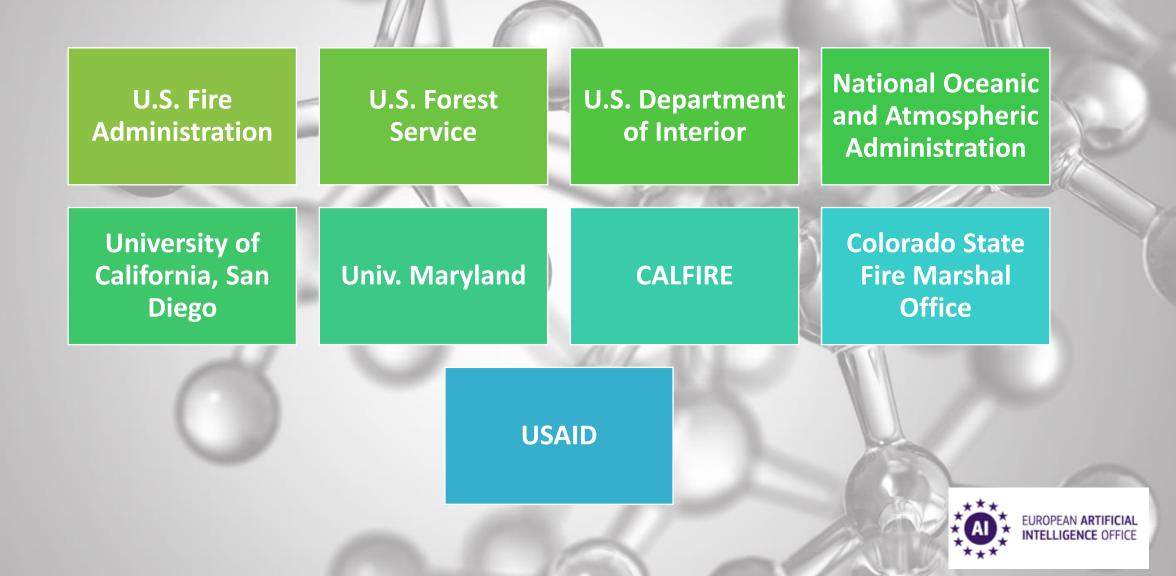
Precise estimates of the severity and progression (e.g. *fire behaviour modelling*)

*Deployment in third-countries* as part of international cooperation- Latin America and Caribbean

oods

Multi-hazard platform to be extended to a 2<sup>nd</sup> disaster type - floods

### Seeking also cooperation with key US organisations



# UN Focus Group on Al for Natural Disaster Management

Andrea Toreti, Team Leader – Scientific Research DG JRC.E1

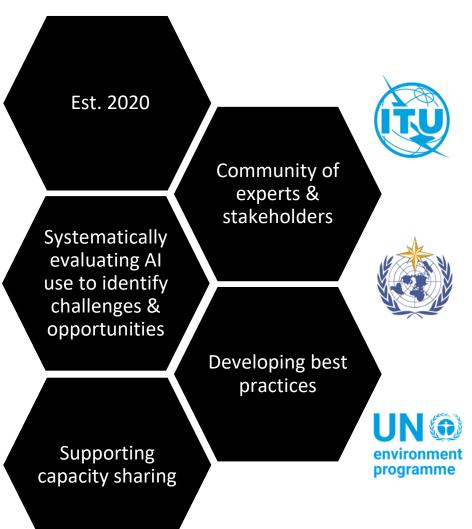


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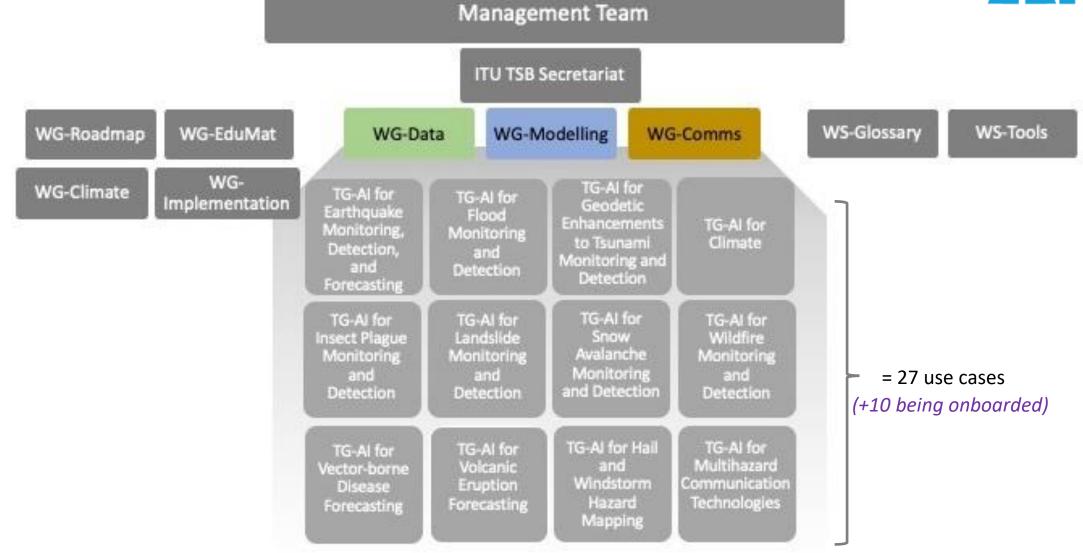
**ITU Focus Group** 







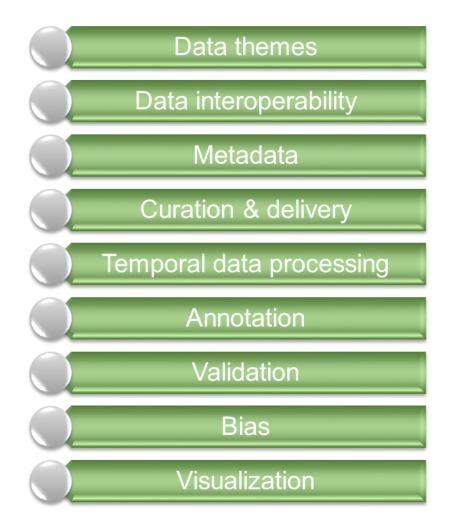


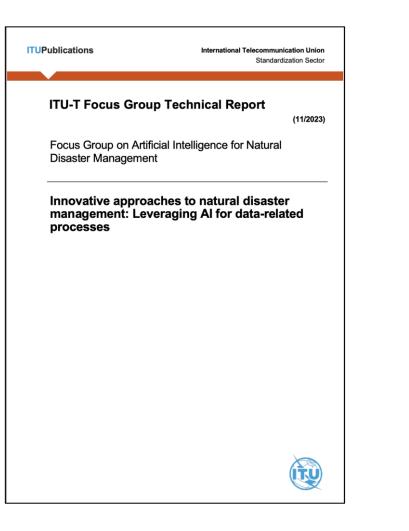






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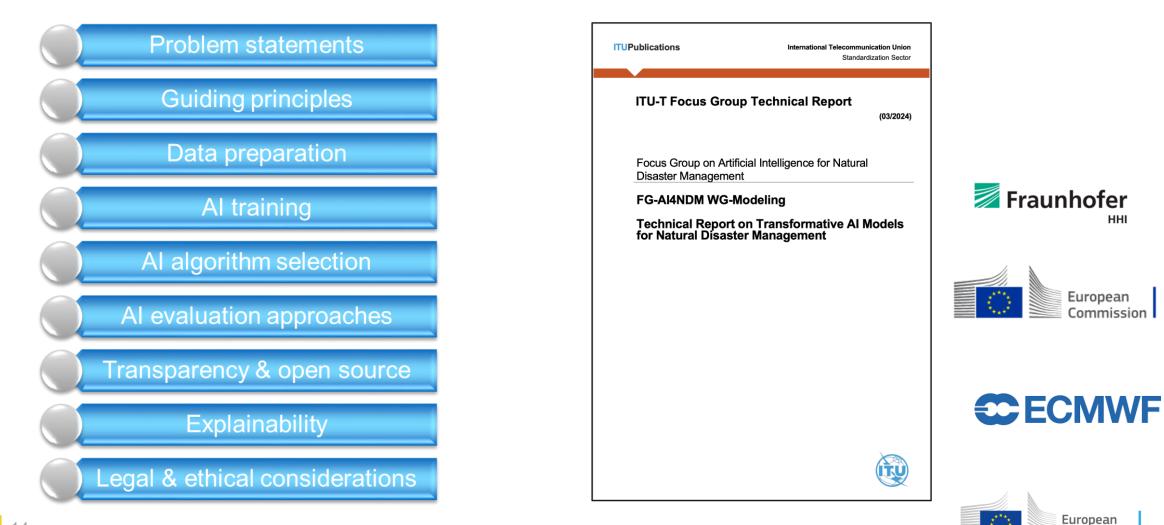


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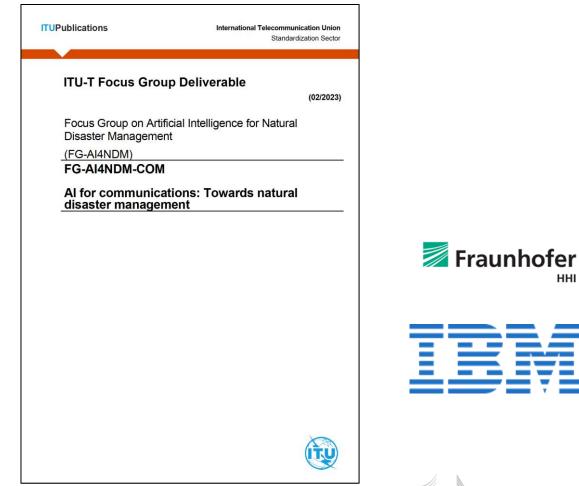
# **WG-Modelling**





# WG-Comm



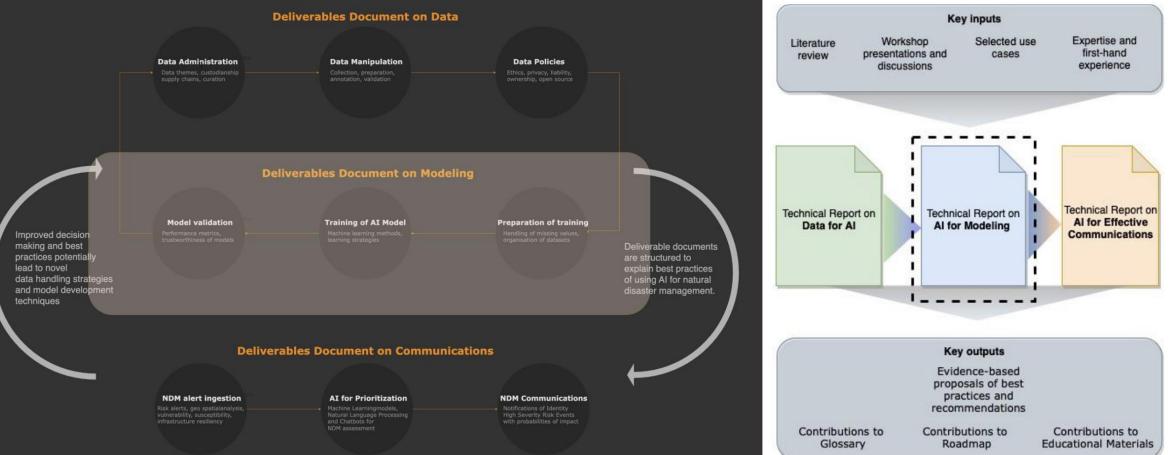




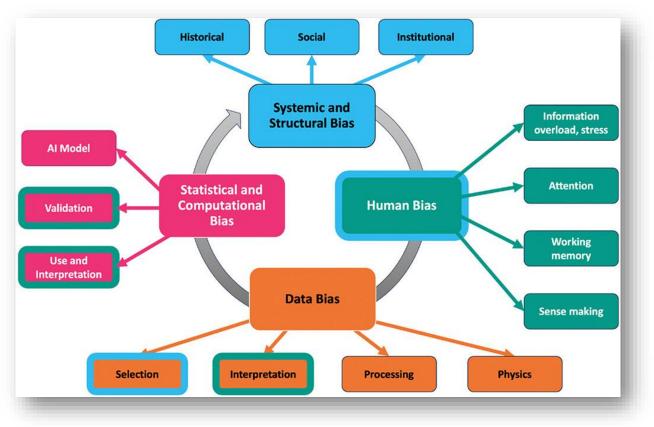
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#### AI for Natural disaster management

Deliverable Documents of Working Groups







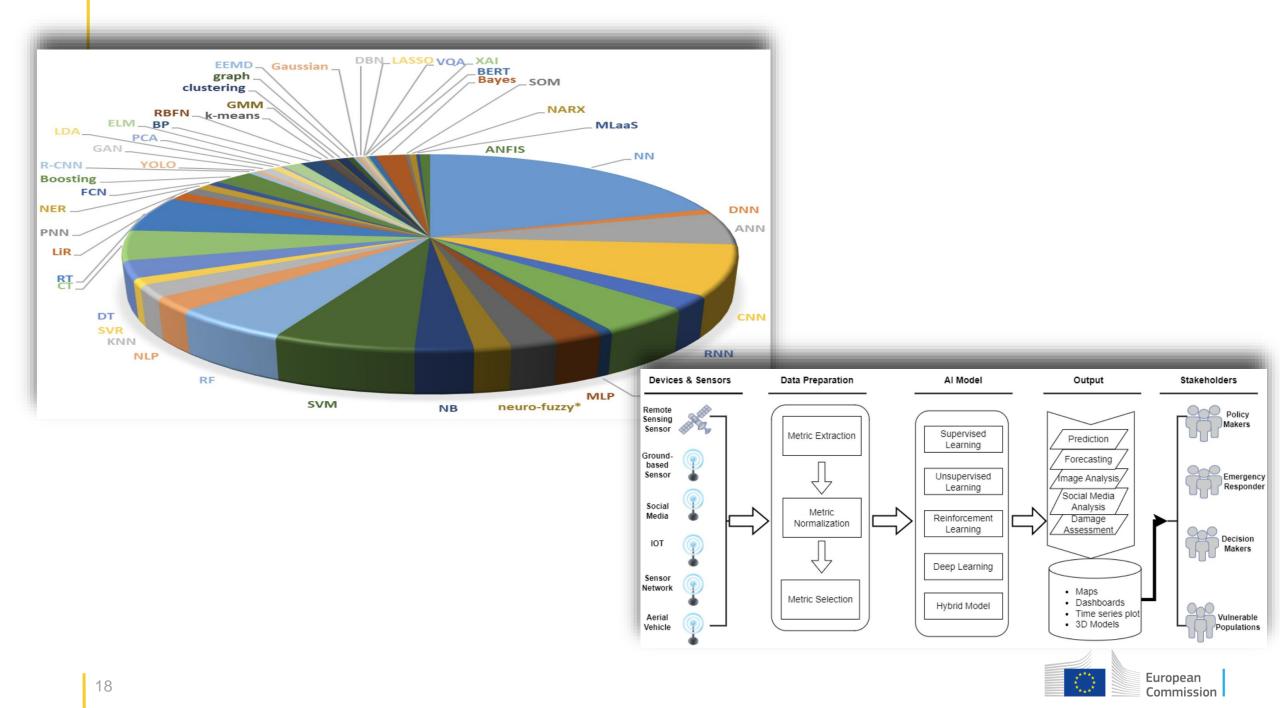
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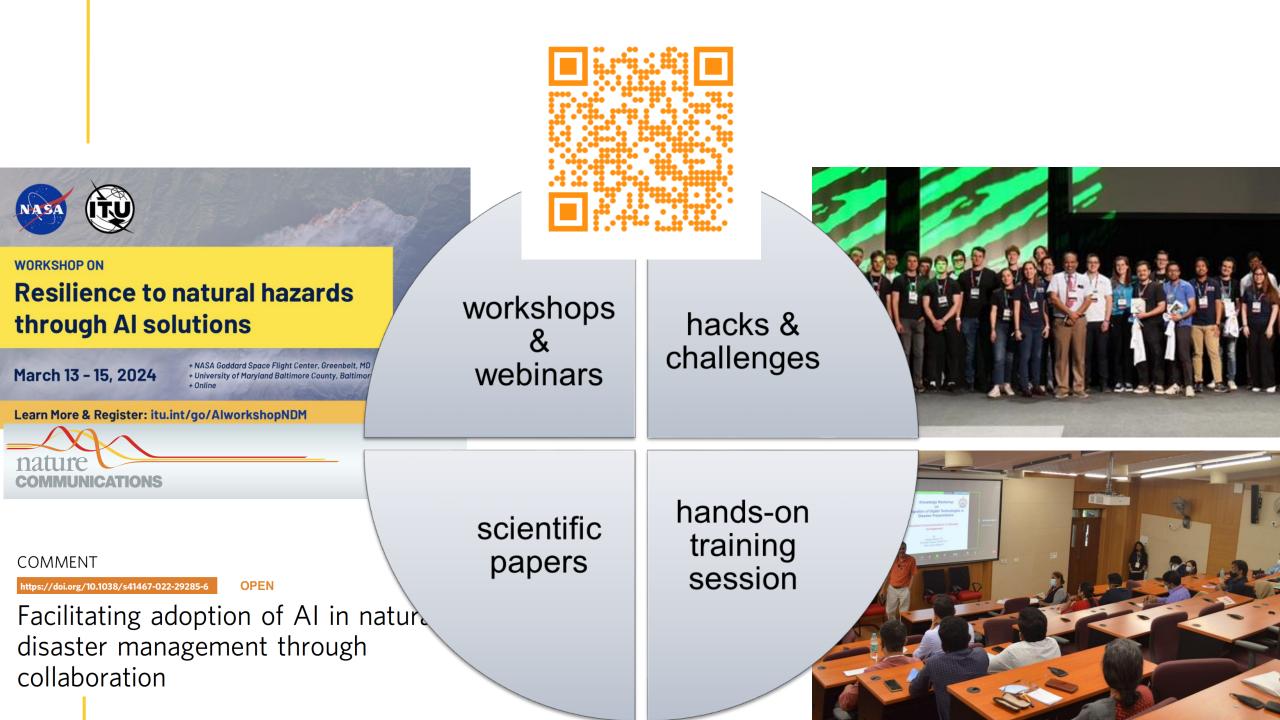


Transparency with respect to the data, training, evaluation, and limitations of artificial intelligence (AI) for disaster management is critical to ensure the safety and robustness of these tools.

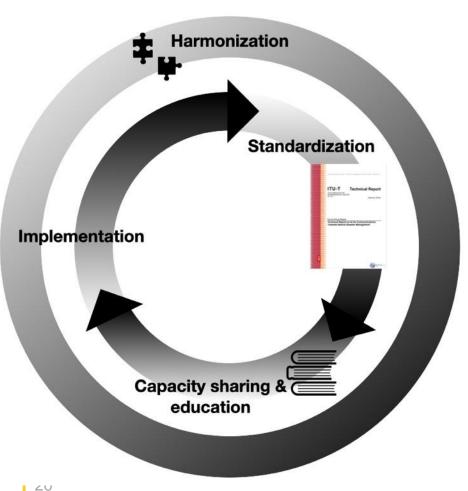
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# Next steps





#### **Research & innovation**

- Explore new AI applications for managing natural hazards
- Delve into advancements in related emerging technologies

Standards & best practices

- Update technical reports from FG-• AI4NDM
- Deep-dive on topics of relevance
- Develop AI readiness framework and • **PoC studies**
- Support capacity sharing







Kick-off meeting of the ITU • WMO • UNEP • UNFCCC • UPU **Global Initiative on Resilience to Natural Hazards through AI Solutions** 

#### 6 November 2024 Barcelona Supercomputing Center, Spain & online

Co-hosted by:

Barcelona Supercomputing BSC ional de Supercom

With the support of: ECMWF

Details and registration: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ extcoop/ai4resilience/Pages/First-Meeting.aspx



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## **DESTINATION EARTH**

#### **AI FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT - EU WORKSHOP** 22 OCT 2024

Stephan Siemen, ECMWF

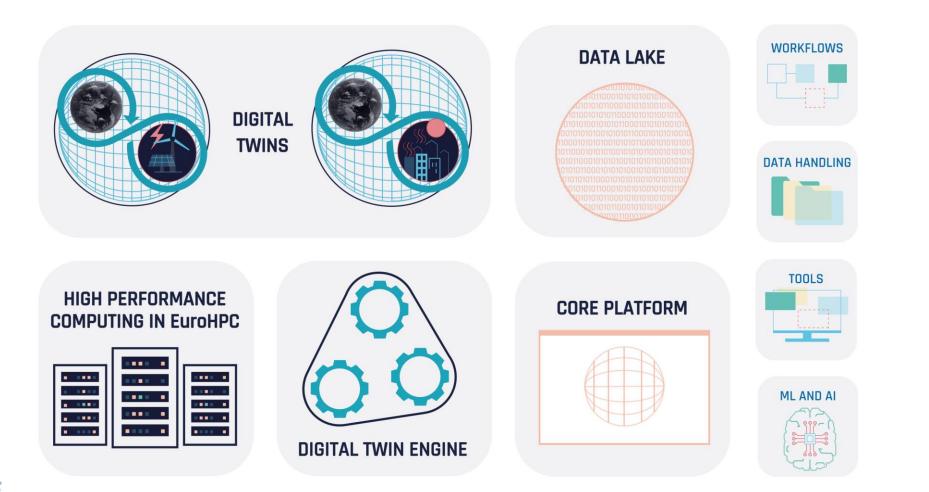


Funded by the European Union Destination Earth implemented by CECMWF Cesa CEUMETSAT





### **DESTINE COMPONENTS**



**C**ECMWF



#### **EXTREMES DT : A MAGNIFYING GLASS ON EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS**



Global and daily simulations of extreme weather 4 days ahead at 4.4km On-Demand regional simulations 2 days ahead at 750m to 500m

Impact-sector models: user-relevant information for societal impacts

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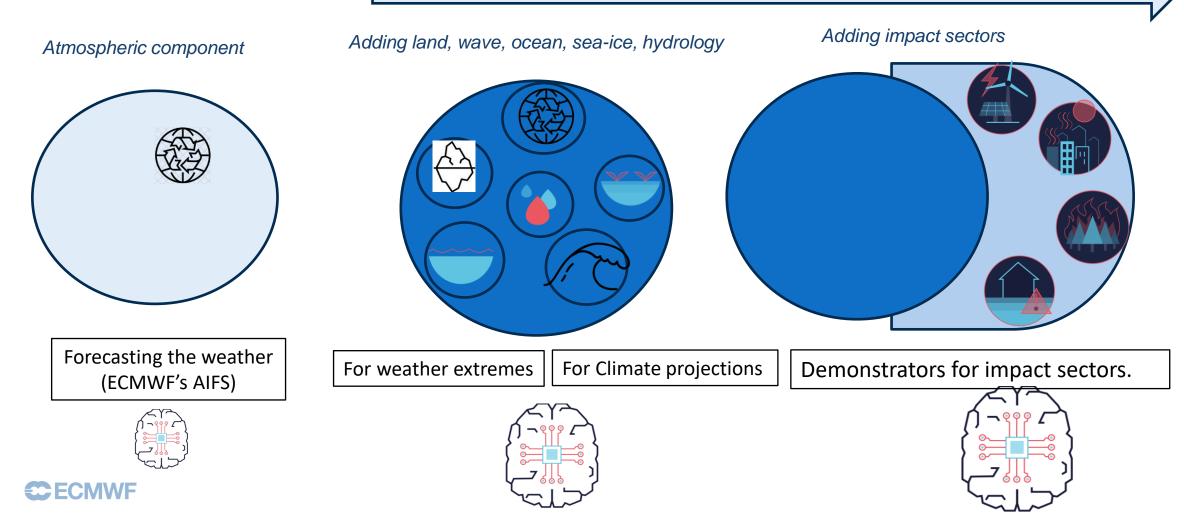






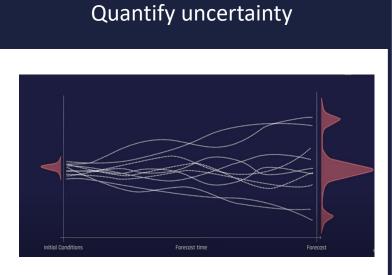
### **BUILDING AN AI EARTH SYSTEM MODEL**

**EXPANDING TOWARDS AN EARTH-SYSTEM AI MODEL WITH DESTINE** 





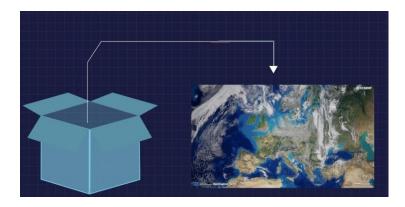
### **AI IN DESTINE**



Around DestinE simulations and overcome high computational costs.



#### Forecast in a box



To augment DestinE's interactive features with local knowledge and impact models.



#### LLM - Chatbots



### To enhance the access to complex information.



#### **ECMWF**





### AI ACTIVITIES IN PHASE 2 (JUNE 2024 – JUNE 2026)

Towards an earth-system machine learning model leveraging DestinE data

Developing end-to-end workflows for ML model components like land, ocean, sea-ice, hydrology

Enhance DTE with ML pipelines from training to post-processing

Using data-driven methods for uncertainty quantification of Extremes and Climate DT

Climate emulator to rapidly explore 'what-if' scenarios

#### **Enhanced interactivity**

Developing a forecast-in-a-box concept.

Building ML demonstrators for impact-sectors (e.g., health, agriculture, urban)

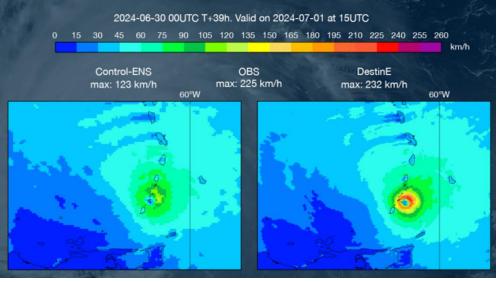
Develop of a weather and climate chatbot

Partnership and training

Training i.e. MOOC AI through the lens of the earth system

AI 4 Public Good (US-EU partnership)

Ethical AI / EU AI Act



<u>https://destine.ecmwf.int/news/destine-weather-induced-extremes-</u> digital-twin-improves-the-forecasts-of-tropical-cyclones-and-heavy-rain/

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### **TAKEAWAY MESSAGES**

- Destination Earth embraces AI on all levels; from large forecast model to local impact assessment & tooling
- Destination is crucial source of high-resolution data for DRM, but also offers a lot more through interactive coupling of impact models
- EXPANDING TOWARDS AN EARTH-SYSTEM AI MODEL WITH DESTII TMOSPHERIC COMPONEN ND. WAVE. OCEAN. SEA-ICE. HYDROLOGY COMPO PACT SECTOR ORECASTING THE WEATHER FOR WEATHER FOR CLIMATE DEMONSTRATORS FOR (ECMWE'S AIES) EXTREMES PROJECTIONS IMPACT SECTORS

- All work is done within existing system & processes and with mandated European/national/reginal agencies
  - Faster integration and acceptance

#### FCMWF

# **DESTINATION EARTH**

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Destination Earth main page:<a href="https://destination-earth.eu">https://destination-earth.eu</a>Destination Earth use cases:<a href="https://destination-earth.eu/use-cases/">https://destination-earth.eu/use-cases/</a>DestinE @ ECMWF:<a href="https://destine.ecmwf.int">https://destine.ecmwf.int</a>ECMWF Science Blog:<a href="https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/media-centre/science-blog">https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/media-centre/science-blog</a>ECMWF AIFS Blog:<a href="https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/media-centre/aifs-blog">https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/media-centre/aifs-blog</a>





# Artificial Intelligence for Disaster Risk Management

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# The Dream

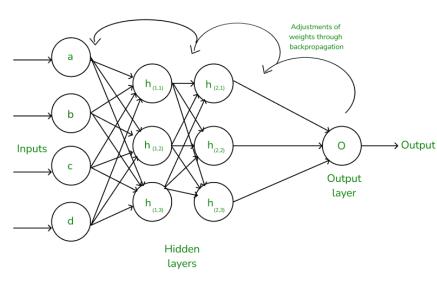
- Interactive Capabilities with Digital World
- Advanced Reasoning and Action Planning
- Hierarchical Problem-Solving
- Understanding of Complex Scenarios
- Transparent Decision-Making



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# Nobel prizes go to.. Al!



#### The 2024 chemistry laureates

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2024 was awarded with one half to David Baker "for computational protein design" and the other half jointly to Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper "for protein structure prediction".

t Demis Hassabis and John Jumper have successfully utilised artificial intelligence to predict the structure of almost all known proteins. David Baker has learned how to master life's building blocks and create entirely new proteins.



David Baker, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper. Ill. Niklas ElmehedONobel Prize Outreach

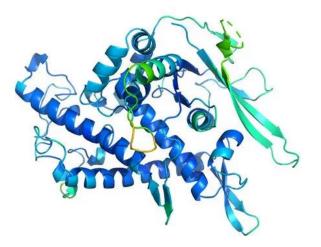
#### The 2024 physics laureates

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2024 was awarded to John J. Hopfield and Geoffrey E. Hinton "for foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks."

John Hopfield created an associative memory that can store and reconstruct images and other types of patterns in data. Geoffrey Hinton invented a method that can autonomously find properties in data, and so perform tasks such as identifying specific elements in pictures.



John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton. Ill. Niklas Elmehed © Nobel Prize Outreach





# How do we learn from data?

#### Input data:

• Tabular data

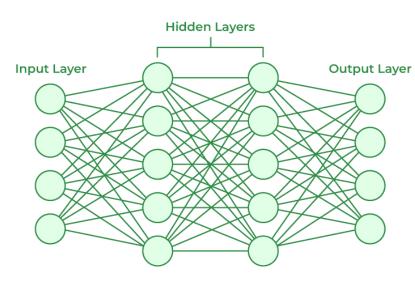
#### • Text data

• Time series

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• Images, videos

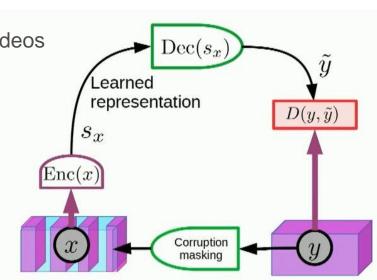
# Model with trainable parameters



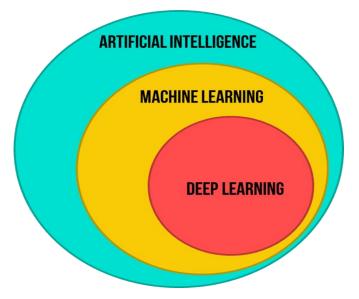
Optimization via loss or cost function

#### Output data:

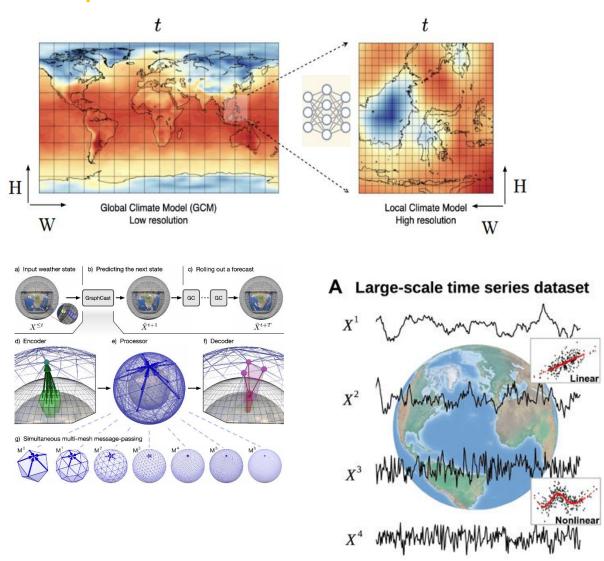
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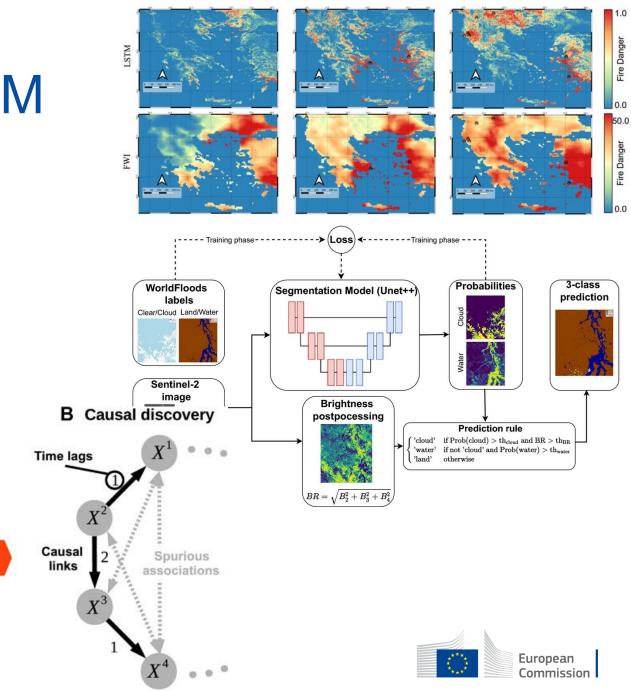


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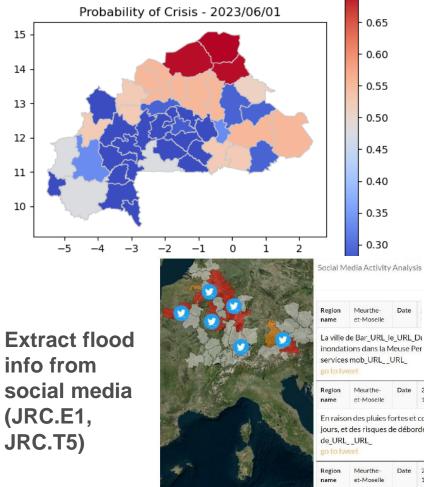
# Hot topics in AI for DRM





# What is JRC doing

### Forecast food crises months in advance (JRC.E1, JRC.D5)



### **Compile loss** data from daily flash (JRC.E1)

#### Echo Flash

0.65

0.60

0.55

0.50

0.45

0.40

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0.30

The daily flash provides a daily snapshot on unfolding disasters and main humanitarian crises, in Europe and the world. The product consists of short summaries of the main events of the past few days, presented in short bullet points, in neutral, simple language, sticking to facts and figures, with an emphasis on DG ECHO's added-value.

#### Full Text Search into echo flash 17 October 2024

. International

#### 极 Türkiye - Earthquake

(AFAD, media)

A 5.9 M earthquake (as registered by the Disaster and Management Unit - AFAD) at a depth of 10 km occurred on 16 October at 7.46 UTC (10.46 local time) in Kale district. Malatva province, eastern Türkiye. The epicentre was located approximately 42 km east of Malatva city and 48 km south-west of Elazig city. USGS PAGER estimates that up to 2,000 people were exposed to severe shaking, 40,000 to very strong shaking and 65,000 to strong shaking According to media, almost 200 people have been injured, four others have been rescued from a partially damaged building and two buildings have been seriously damaged. There were no reports of any fatalities.

On 6 February 2023, the interested area experienced the effects of two earthquakes of 7.7 and 7.6 M that struck 11 provinces, including Malatya as well as Adana, Adiyaman, Diyarbakir, Elazig, Hatay, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaras, Kilis, Osmaniye, and Sanliurfa. These two seismic events resulted in more than 56,000 fatalities across the aforementioned provinces and northern Syria.

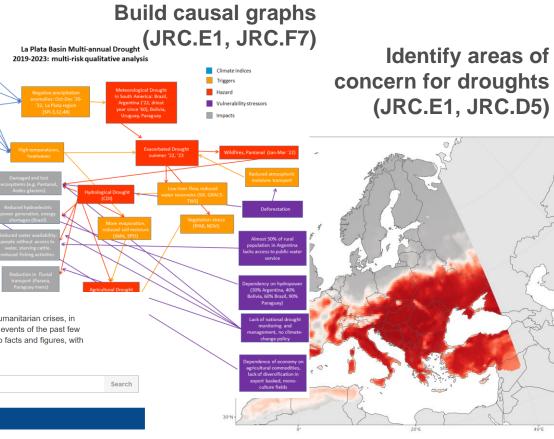
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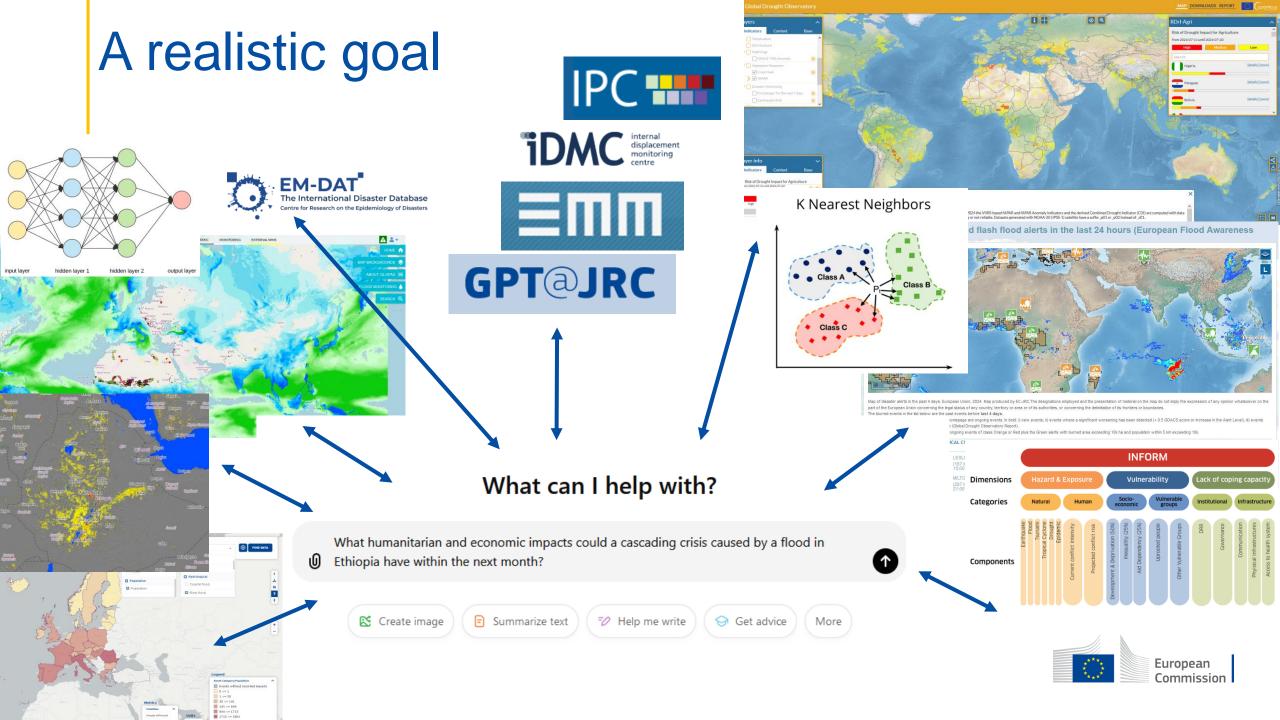
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### Enhance wildfire management (JRC.E1, DG CONNECT)





# Thanks for your attention ③

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# MedEWSa



Mediterranean and pan-European forecast and Early Warning System against natural hazards

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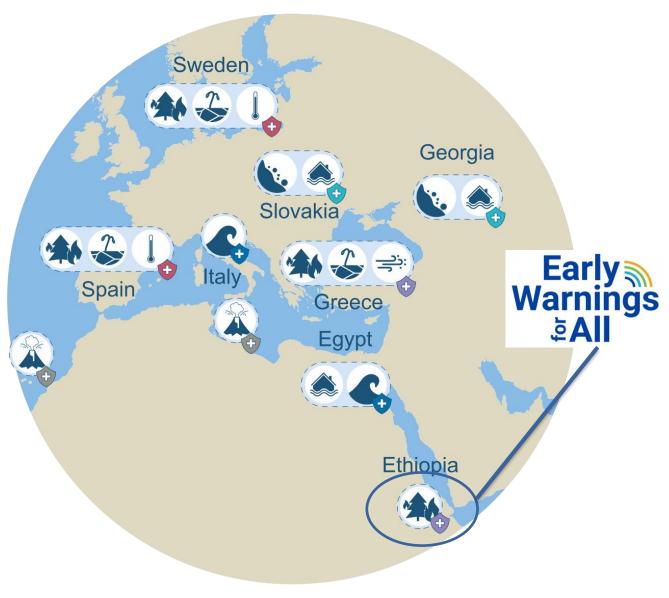
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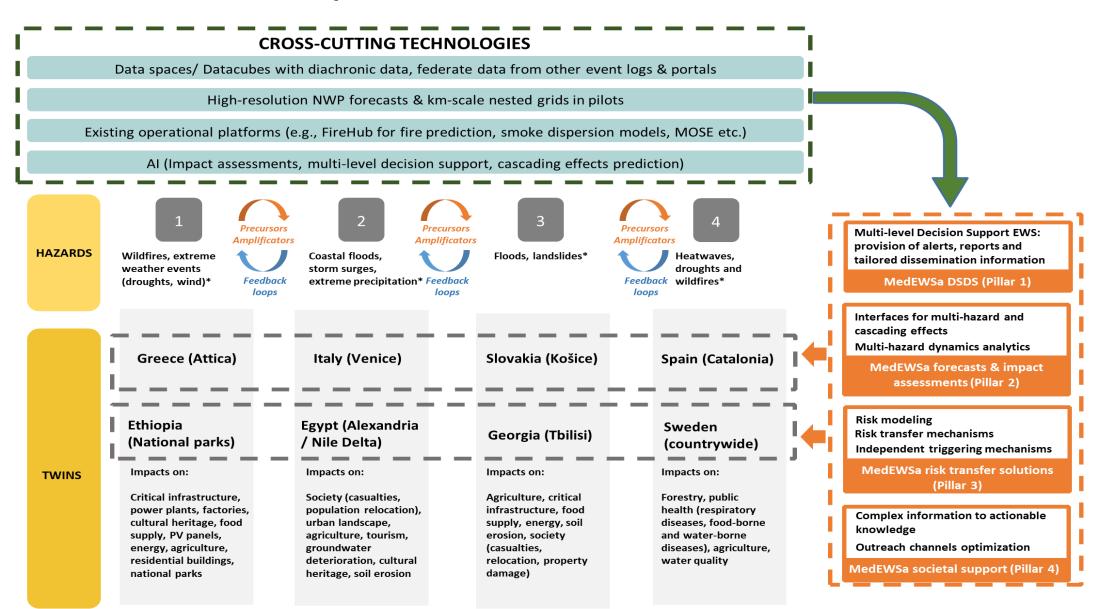
## MedEWSa offers – L&D, emergency response

- Multi-hazard capacity
  building for emergency
  responders
- Timely handle unexpected
  cascading effects
- Efficient response mechanisms to extreme events
- Fully address the early warning cycle, from data and models to public safety



## MedEWSa concept – The four twins



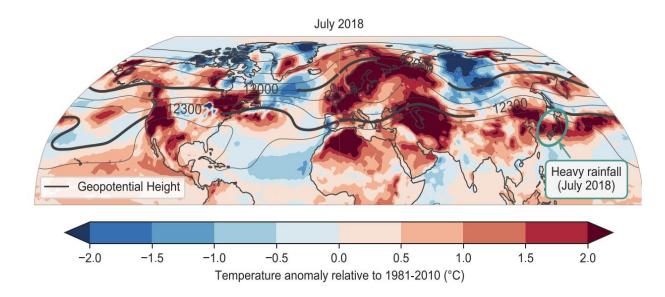


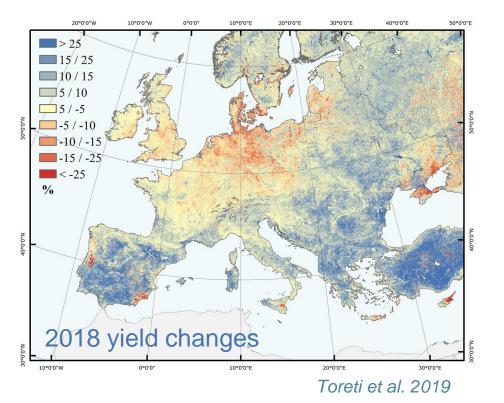
\*potential volcanic eruptions will be included across all pilots/twins due to the large-scale impact

## **Detection of extremes**

### Compound events, Concurrent extremes The exceptional year 2018

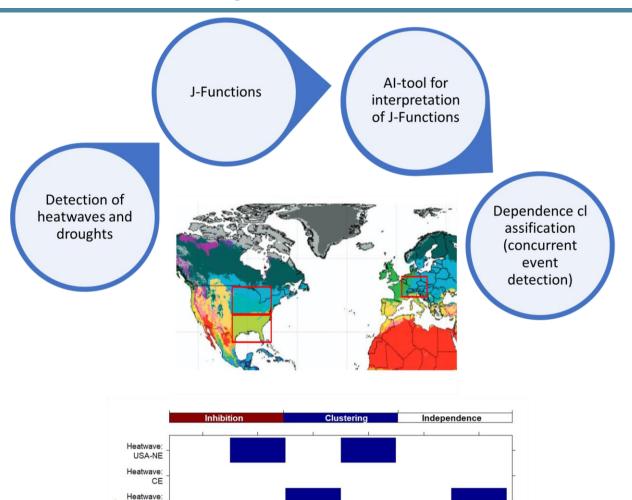
Combination of multiple drivers and/or hazards that contribute to **societal / environmental risk** 





**IPCC 2021** 

## Concurrent extremes – large scale heatwaves and droughts



USA-SE

Drought: USA-NE Drought: CE Drought: USA-SE

Drought:

USA-SE

Drought:

CE

Drought

USA-NE

Heatwave:

USA-SE

Response

Heatwave

CE

Heatwave:

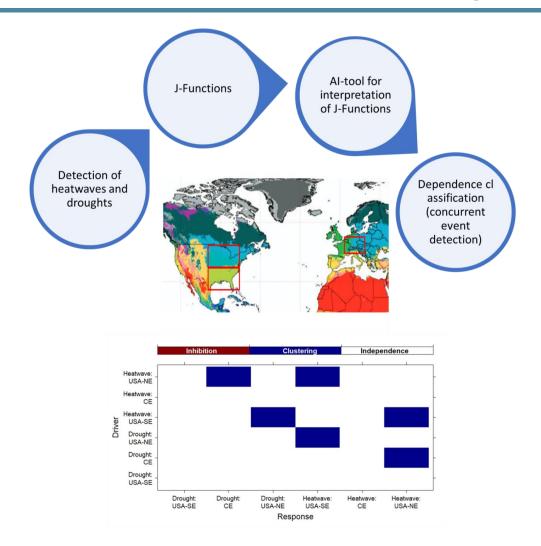
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Driver

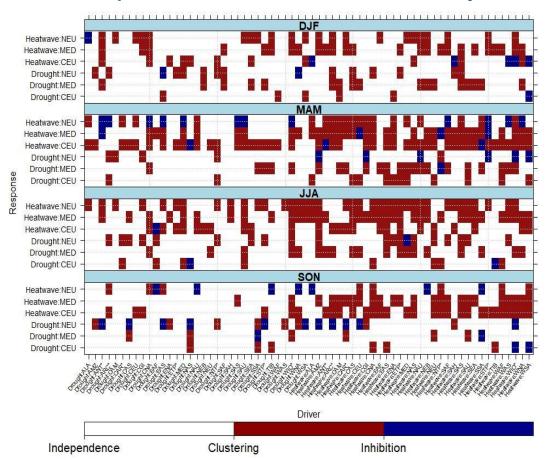
Luther et al. in prep.



## Concurrent extremes – large scale heatwaves and droughts



### Large scale extreme events dependencies, > 95% accuracy

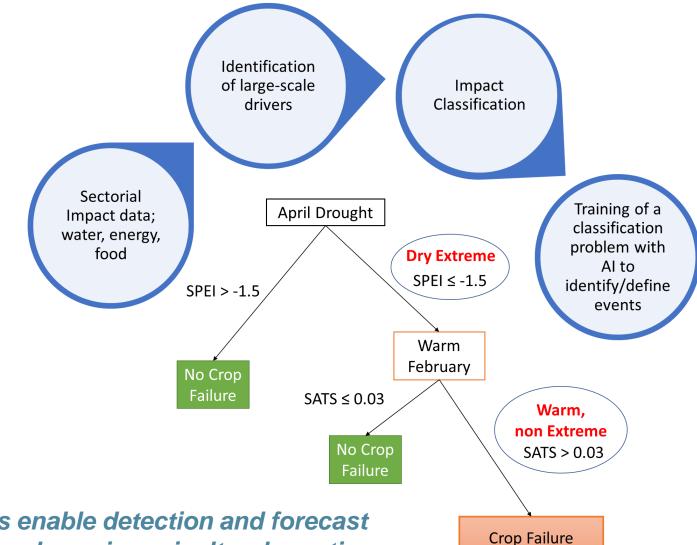


Al-enhanced J-Functions offer in very short time, with high accuracy, objective dependency assessments of large scale extreme events

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## Compound events and impacts – the not extreme events



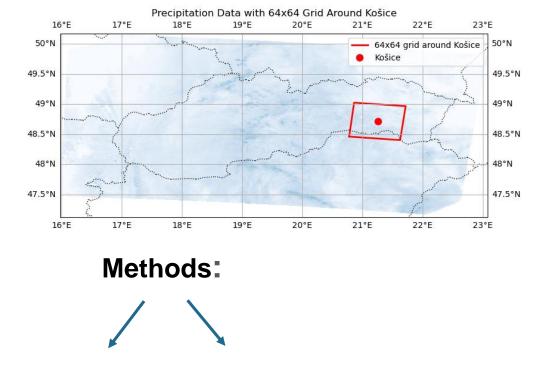
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Updated definitions enable detection and forecast Al-enhanced preparedness in agricultural practices, competition between sectors, multi-sectoral impacts

## Floods, flash floods forecasting

Slovakia: Radar-Rainfall intensity data for the period 2020-2023. Area of interest: **Košice** 



Probabilistic

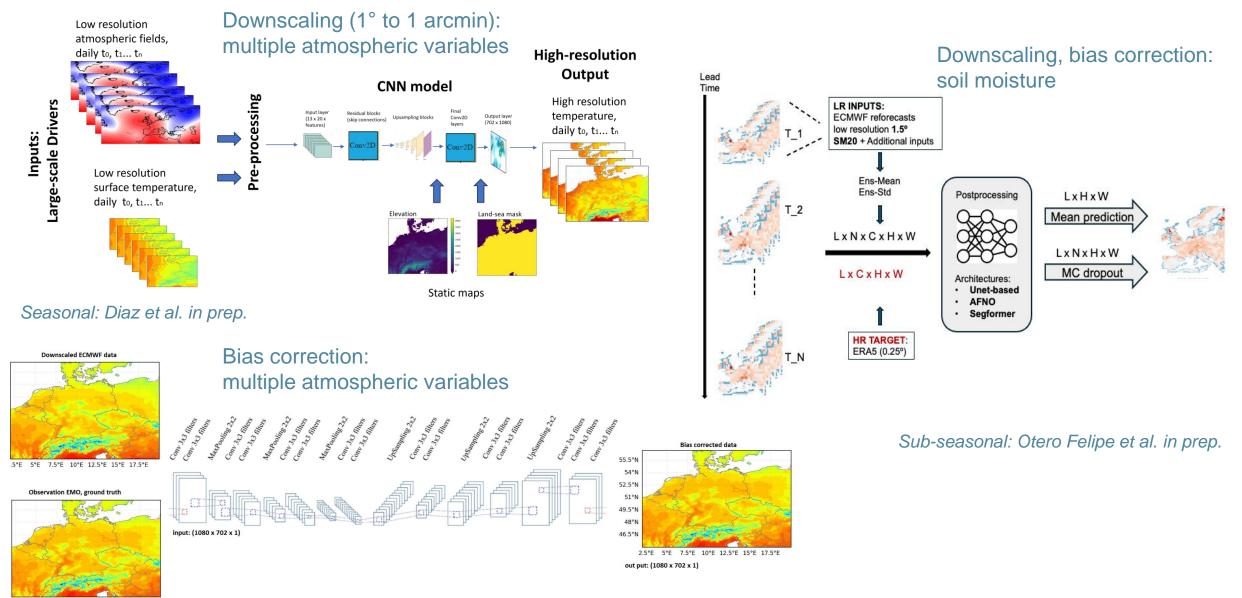
5-min interval

Deterministic

- Pysteps
- Unet
- Transformer-based
- Diffusion models (LDCast)
- Generative models (DGM)

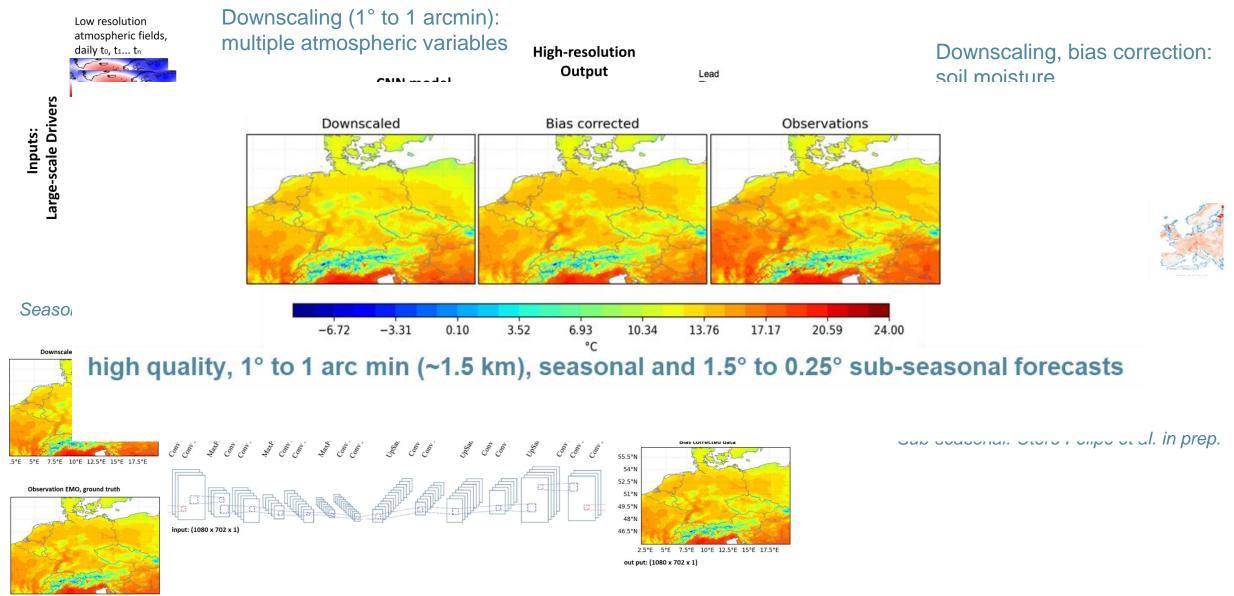
Al-enhanced precipitation nowcasting Higher accuracy for floods, flash floods forecasting

## Post-processing of seasonal, sub-seasonal forecasts



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## Post-processing of seasonal, sub-seasonal forecasts



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# THANKS





MedEWSa





### MULTIDIMENSIONAL SEISMIC RISK ASSESSMENT COMBINING STRUCTURAL DAMAGES AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES USING EXPLAINABLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Call: UCPM-2022-PP: Prevention and Preparedness Projects on Civil Protection and Marine Pollution

Priority 1: Cross-border risk assessment for identified cross-border risks

## BENEFICIARIES

eCampus University – Italy Francesco Focacci

**University of Pisa – Italy** <u>Francesco Pistolesi</u>

Gasilska Zveza Slovenije - Slovenija <u>Neža Strmole</u>

Medjimurje County – Croatia Alan Resman



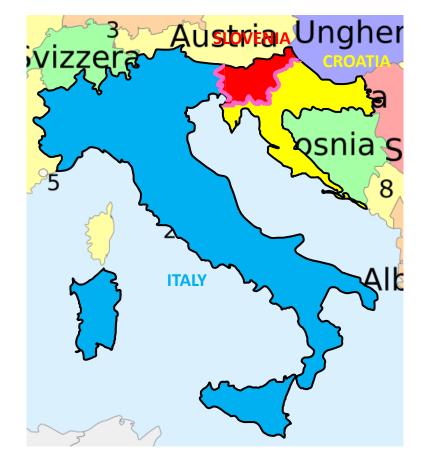






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SEISMIC RISK ASSESSMENT

Prediction the probability of damages and economic losses produced by a potential seismic event

### **IMPORTANCE OF SEISMIC RISK ASSESSMENT**

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS PLANNING MITIGATION STRATEGIES

- POTENTIAL END USERS CIVIL PROTECTION AUTHORITIES
  MANAGEMENT OF THE CIVIL
  PROTECTION EMERGENCY
  - Define optimal emergency management procedures based on the expected damage scenarios



- Include planning of psychological support

• Rational use of economic resources

Detect critical situations (poor/old)

strategies

structure) and plan strengthening







SEISMIC RISK ASSESSMENT

Evaluation of the probability of damages and losses produced by a potential seismic event

TWO DIMENSIONS OF DAMAGE STRUCTURAL DAMAGES
 PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES

**PRODUCED BY A SEISMIC EVENT** 







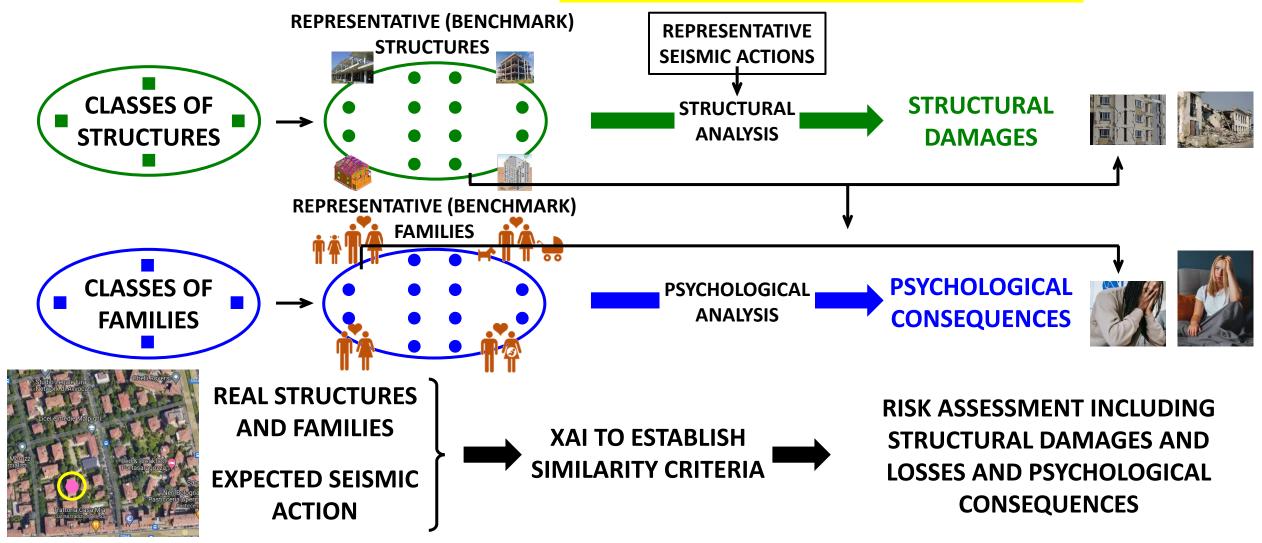


Depression Anxiety Post-traumatic stress disorder





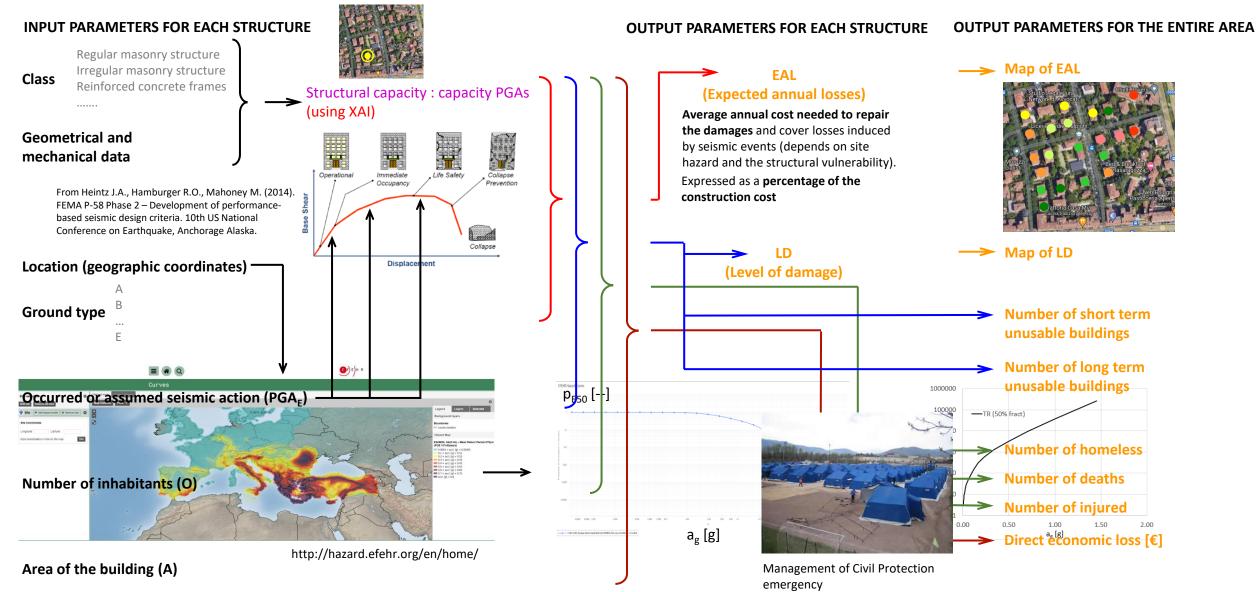








### STRUCTURAL ASSESSSMENTS IN REAL AREA (real structures)







### **PSYCOLOGICAL ASSESSSMENTS IN REAL AREA** (real structures)

> PEOPLE ARE PROVIDED WITH A QR CODE TO SEE A QUESTIONAIRE	English Slovenian Croatian Italian	
http://qualtrics	Level 0 NO RISK	Individuals not at risk of developing vulnerability to PTSD thanks to the presence of only resources or proximal protective factors, and eventually 1 distal risk factor
	Level 1 LOW RISK	Individuals with a low risk of developing vulnerability to PTSD thanks to the prevalence of resources or proximal protective facto
	Level 2 RISK	Individuals with a moderate risk of developing vulnerability to PTSD caused by the compresence of proximal protective factors and distal or proximal risk factors
	Level 3 HIGH RISK	Individuals with a high risk of developing vulnerability to PTSD caused by the prevalence of distal or proximal risk factors

#### ADULTS

1	Inventory Socio-demografico e peri-post terremoto
2	Brief Cope
3	Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support (MSPSS)
4	Brief Assessment of Family Functioning Scale (BAFFS)
5	Cognitive Emotion Regulation Questionnaire (CERQ)
6	World Health Organisation-Five Well- Being (WHO-5)
7	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Checklist (PC-PTSD-5)

### ADULTS/PARENTS

8	Coparenting Relationship Scale (CRS)
9	Parenting Stress Index – Short Form (PSI-SF)
10	Child Behavior Checklist – only PTSD items (CBCL 1 ½ /5)

### CHILDREN (7-18), with parents consent

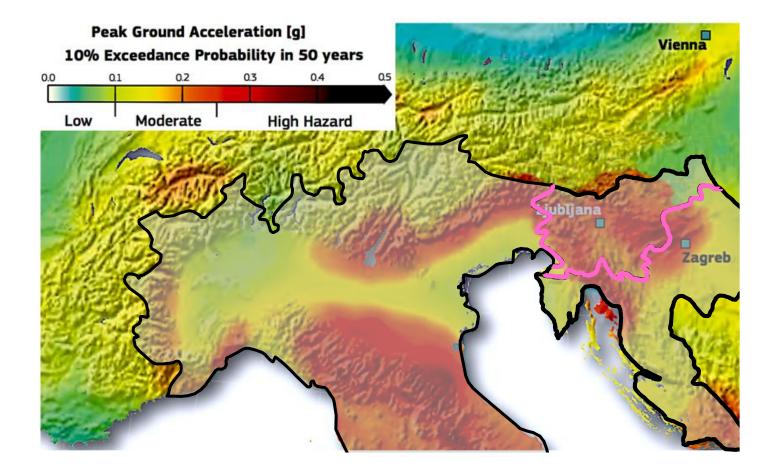
1	Questionario socio-demografico	
2	World Health Organisation-Five Well- Being (WHO-5)	
3	Lum Emotional Availability of Parents (LEAP)	
4	Cognitive Emotion Regulation Questionnaire (CERQ)	
5	Coparenting Relationship Scale for children/adolescents (CRS-C; CRS-A)	
6	Children's coping strategies checklist- revision 1 (CCSC-R1)	
7	Child Revised Impact of Event Scale (CRIES-8)	





RISK ASSESSMENT PERFORMED IN CROSS-BORDER PILOT AREAS

- at the border between Italy and Slovenia
- at the border between Slovenia and Croatia



# What MEDEA can do?



Performs a **multi-dimensional risk assessment** considering the potential damage to structures and psychological consequences



Helps experts and Civil Protections understand which structures need immediate attention after an earthquake



Helps psychologists understand **how to prevent people's PTSDs** in areas where an earthquake occurred



Learns continuously from new data in order to refine predictions



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## Multidimensional data

### **Building data**

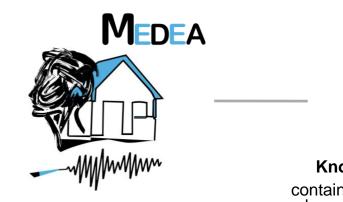


structural parameters characterizing the building

### Citizens' data



past traumatic experiences, diseases, factors influencing how people react to disasters

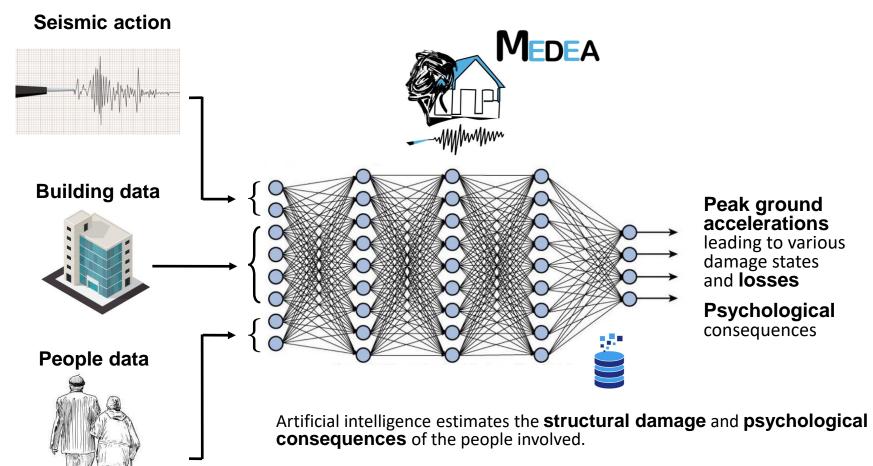


### Knowledge base

contains data regarding a large set of structures located in various areas, and people living there



## Inference

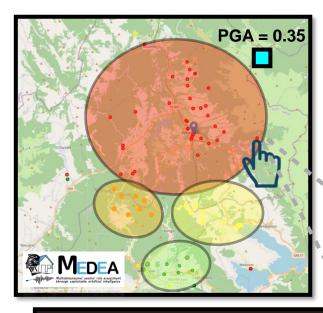


Al **learns to associate similar structures and people's risk factors** so that predictions are obtained inferring new consequences from the KB.



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## Predictions



Information about Building	
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Latitude	43.3756
Longitude	13.1954
PGAD1	0.0611258
PGAD2	0.0947379
PGAD3	0.209188
PGAD4	0.214389
Number of Levels	2
Average Floor Height	2.85
Sides Ratio	1.27835
Average Floor Area	120.28
Num Alignments Masonry Wall X	1
Num Alignments Masonry Wall Y	0
Area Openings External Masonry GF	16.32

### How does it work?

Based on the PGA of the nearest seismic sensor, MEDEA determines various clusters of buildings and **associates each cluster with a level of damage**.

Experts and Civil Protections can **visualize buildings** to verify if they can trust the system's predictions

This can also be done for **expected earthquakes**, to understand the potential damages and which structures necessitate intervention to limit damages



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Commentary from the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) Analytical Team

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## Coffee Break till 11.30 before the breakout session starts!

Artificial intelligence for Disaster Risk Management UCPM Knowledge Series Workshop (22 October 2024)

- Livestreaming will unfortunately end, but recording is available at same link
- Extra info and eventually slides here:







Picture generated with the Adobe Firefly AI.

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### What does the future hold? Breakout group session

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## Breakout groups – What does the future hold? Discussion 11:40 – 12:40



- Division into breakout groups: <u>Objective to draft follow-up recommendations</u>
  - Each group (5-7 people) should have a laptop! Discussion along guiding questions, but no need

to limit yourself to them and you can also utilize the panel findings.

- Each group should compile their conclusions into a Word-document and send them by the end at 12.40!
- No need for polished conclusions!
  - In the spirit of this workshop, we will use GPT@JRC to draft the report



## Breakout groups - What does the future hold? Discussion 11:40 - 12:40



## Guiding questions

- 1. How can the Commission **best harness the potential** of AI & ML in DRM?
- 2. In which area of your portfolio do you see the biggest potential impact of AI in DRM and how can promising AI applications be integrated?
- 3. What are the **expected pitfalls/challenges** we should be aware of?
- 4. What are the **capacity building needs for effectively using AI** in disaster risk management, and how can they be addressed?



## Breakout groups – What does the future hold? Discussion 11:40 – 12:40



### Extra guiding questions

- 5. How can AI be used to **support transparent and accountable decision-making** in disaster risk management?
- 6. What actions do we need to take to identify the **biases underlying Al applications** and how do we best prepare ourselves for dealing with these?
- 7. What are the **potential partnerships and new stakeholders** that can be engaged to support the development and deployment of AI solutions for disaster risk management?





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Closure of the workshop

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