



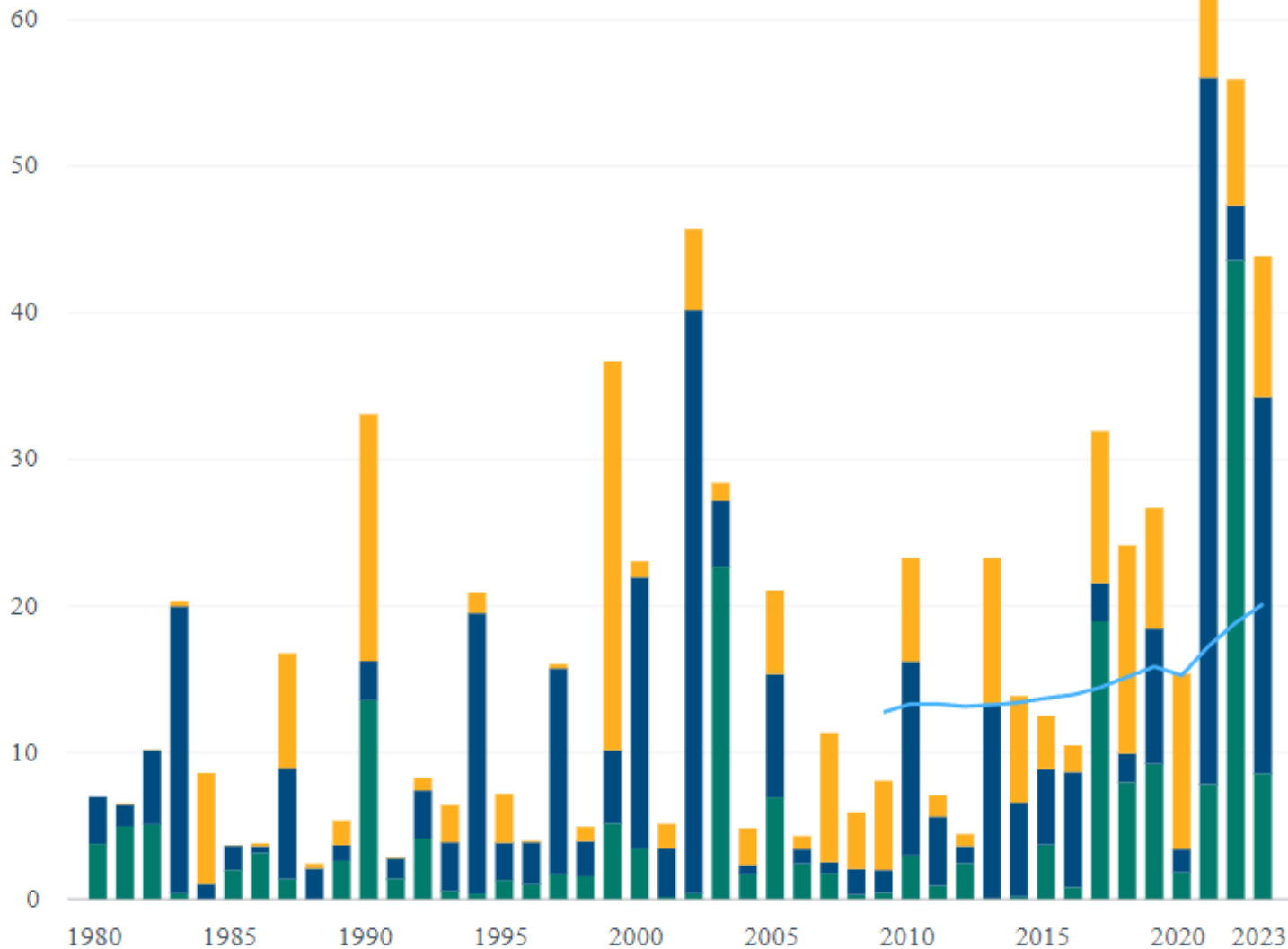
Mobilising investments in disaster risk management

The risk and policy landscape

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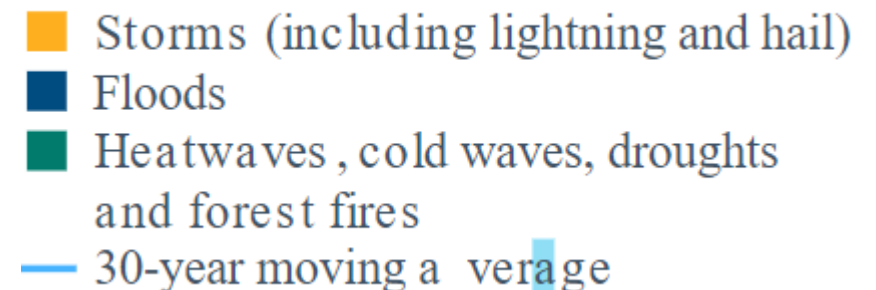
Past damages (from extreme weather events)

Billion EUR (2023 prices)



**TOP-5 years
with the highest annual
losses**

- 1. 2021 (EUR 63 billion)**
- 2. 2022 (56 billion)**
3. 2002 (45.7 billion)
- 4. 2023 (43.9 billion)**
5. 1999 (36.7 billion)





Investing in DRM pays off



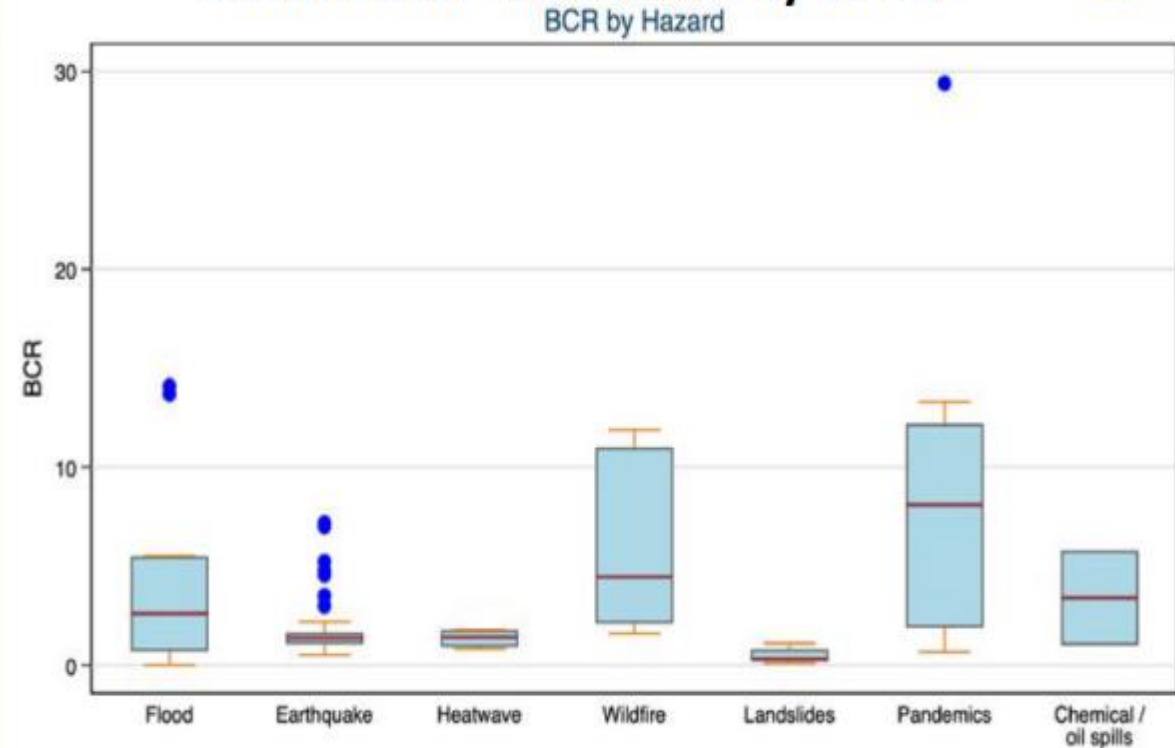
Economic & broader benefits of 74 investments were qualitatively / quantitatively analyzed

Benefit-to-cost ratios were calculated for various hazards and investments, including ...

-  Floods
-  Earthquakes
-  Heatwaves
-  Wildfires

... **almost always exceeded 1**, typically ranging between 2 to 10, with several investments **having BCRs over 20**

Benefit-cost-ratio values by hazard



See page 19 of *Investment in Disaster Risk Management in Europe Makes Economic Sense*

The 'Niinisto report'

Safer Together Strengthening Europe's Civilian and Military Preparedness and Readiness

Report by **Sauli Niinistö**, former President of the Republic of Finland,
In his capacity as Special Adviser to the President of the European Commission



The building blocks of a fully prepared Union



Is EU population risk-aware and prepared?



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Disaster risk awareness and preparedness of the EU population

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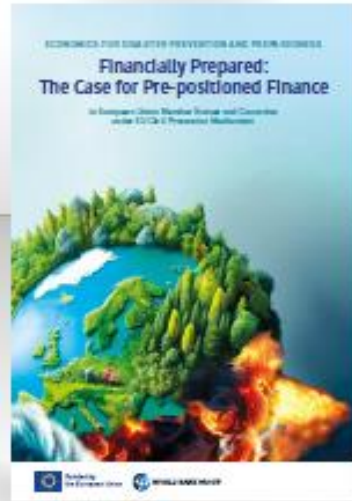
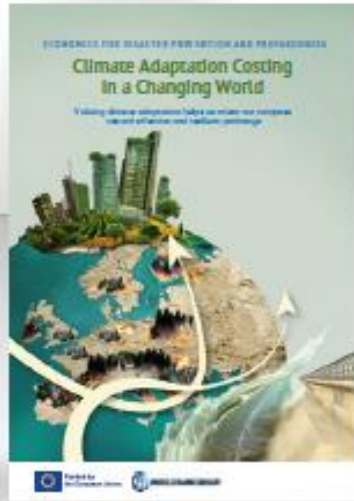
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Is EU population risk-aware and prepared?

Respondents who feel...	EU average
Not well-informed about risks that could affect them	49%
Not well prepared for potential disasters in their area	58%
Do not know what to do in a disaster	48%
Could not go longer than one day without electricity	48%
Informed on response plans in their area, e.g. evacuation procedures or shelter locations	9 %
They know how emergency services would alert them in a disaster.	57%

Economics of disaster prevention and preparedness



Thank you



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Lessons learnt and good practices from EU support instruments

Panel discussion



Chair

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