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FASTER AT A GLANCE

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FASTER

Strengthening Europe's ability to rapidly assess
earthquake impacts and support emergency
response when it matters most.



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WHAT IS FASTER?



FASTER is a project co-funded by the European Union that improves how earthquake impacts are assessed in the critical hours following a disaster. By connecting and strengthening existing rapid response systems across Europe, FASTER supports faster, more reliable, and better-coordinated decision-making for civil protection authorities.



Why do we need FASTER?

Earthquakes can cause widespread damage within seconds, but understanding the full impact takes time. Today, response efforts are often challenged by:

- Fragmented tools and systems
- Limited interoperability across countries
- Gaps between scientific data and operational needs

FASTER addresses these challenges by improving how information is shared, interpreted, and used in real-time.



How do we work?

FASTER combines technical innovation with operational collaboration:

- Analysis of existing rapid response systems across Europe
- Development of improved, impact-based tools (e.g. DEHAS] in Türkiye, SeisDaRo in Romania, SEISAid in France, EASE in the Phlegraean Fields, Italy, ERDS in Catalonia, Spain).
- Integration of scientific data and operational needs
- Testing and validation with practitioners

A key component is the Community of Practice (CoP), bringing together experts and end-users to exchange knowledge and improve solutions collaboratively.



Who is involved?

FASTER brings together a multidisciplinary consortium including:

- Civil protection authorities
- Research institutions
- Technical and operational experts

Together, partners work across countries to improve coordination, interoperability, and shared understanding.



Who benefits?

FASTER supports:

- Civil protection and emergency management authorities
- Operational response teams
- Policy and decision-makers

Ultimately, the project contributes to safer and more resilient communities by improving how quickly and effectively response actions can be taken after an earthquake.



Community of Practice (CoP)

FASTER is part of the Crisis Management Innovation Network Europe (CMINE) and contributes to the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network. These platforms support:

- Knowledge exchange
- Cross-project collaboration
- Dissemination of results and best practices