

The research of the University of Bologna addresses concomitant technological issues and social problems and it covers:

Prevention and mitigation of adverse events resulting from natural processes

- Large-scale wireless sensor networks for disasters prevention and monitoring
- Methodologies for the assessment and mitigation of seismic risk at urban scale
- Hydrological modelling and estimation of the impact of climate change on water related hazards
- Landslide modeling and risk mitigation
- Novel methods for the use of high and medium-resolution satellite imagery in damage mapping after disasters
- Geomatics in support of emergency response
- Tsunamis, earthquakes, natural hazards assessment and mitigation

Prevention of human-made accidents and technological disasters

- Wireless sensor networks for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense
- Novel radiation sensors, wearable large area detectors
- Diagnostic technologies and portable devices with the potential to diagnose CBRN
- Airborne radiocontamination assessment and modeling
- Nano-biotechnology for the detection of substances components of explosives
- Quantitative Risk Assessment of NaTech accidents
- Cascading events triggered by technological accidents

Civil Protection, Emergency Management and Mitigation

- Wireless communication systems to support public safety and rescue operations
- Robotic platform to support search and rescue activities
- Human factors, psychological and social dimensions: risk and crisis communication; community resilience to disasters and extreme events; psychological and behavioral dimensions of safety
- International and EU legal framework related to crisis management

HIGHLIGHT

Relevant EU funded projects

H2020 - BRIGAID Bridging the Gap for Innovations in Disaster resilience (2016-2020); FP7 - SPARTACUS Satellite Based Asset Tracking for Supporting Emergency Management in Crisis Operations (2013-2017); FP7 - EDEN End-user driven DEmo for cbrNe (2013-2016); FP7 - iNTeg-Risk Early Recognition, Monitoring and Integrated Management of Emerging, New Technology Related Risks (2008-2013); FP7 - THESEUS Innovative technologies for safer European coasts in a changing climate (2009-2013); FP7 - BESECU Human behaviour in crisis situations: A cross cultural investigation to tailor security-related communication (2008 – 2011).

