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*Scientific Opinion on*

# Strategic Crisis Management in the European Union

## ISSUE

Recent **disruptive events**, that fit the definition of a 'crisis', required a **rapid response**, despite the great uncertainty regarding their potential evolution and the effectiveness of available countermeasures.

## CHALLENGE

**Local emerging issues** or threats are currently more likely to **escalate into national or international crises** due to interconnectedness of our society.

## REQUIREMENTS

The EU's role in crisis management is expanding to providing **rapid, flexible and cross-sectoral responses.**

EU institutions can develop **a systemic approach for crisis management to**:

- increase the **overall resilience** of society,
- provide **rapid, flexible, and cross-sectoral responses**,
- consider both short- and **long-term perspectives** in crisis management.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create synergies and interlinkages between existing and future legislation and instruments.
- Strengthen the European governance by creating more cohesive mechanisms for preparedness, response, and recovery.
- Make critical infrastructures more resilient to cascading effects.
- Make existing European financial instruments and resources more scalable, rapidly deployable and efficient.
- Collaborate closely with society.
- Provide interoperable, high-quality data and easy-to-communicate information for crisis management.

## IMPACT

These recommendations will help to **create strategic crisis management architecture for EU institutions.**

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