



European Commission

Scientific Opinion on

# Strategic Crisis Management in the European Union

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## 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.**

*This is a summary of a scientific opinion by the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors*

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