



Strengthening the resilience of critical infrastructure in Europe and Central Asia

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The risk landscape in Europe and Central Asia has significantly evolved, marked by numerous recent disasters such as earthquakes in Croatia and Türkiye, severe flooding in Central Asia, the South Caucasus, and Western and Central Europe, along with heatwaves, wildfires, and droughts across Mediterranean countries, coupled with other manmade risks. The Global Infrastructure Risk Model and Resilience Index estimates annual losses in Europe and Central Asia due to geological and climate-related hazards at over \$200 billion, including over \$130 billion from floods, over \$60 billion from earthquakes, \$12 billion from landslides, and \$1 billion from tsunamis. Rapid urbanization, increased digitalization, economic interconnection, and biodiversity loss amplify these risks. By 2050, 84% of Europe's population is projected to live in urban areas, emphasizing the need for resilient infrastructure to provide essential services and defend against diverse hazards. Efforts by governments, development partners, and other stakeholders are crucial in strengthening critical infrastructure resilience, ensuring a coordinated approach to mitigate disaster risks and safeguard development gains.

Objectives

This session will address three main objectives:

1. Assessing current and future risks to infrastructure: understand evolving risks to infrastructure due to natural and manmade hazards, and their cascading and compound impacts.
2. Enhancing policy frameworks, governance, and stakeholder engagement: discuss stakeholder roles and policy improvements for stronger infrastructure resilience in the region.
3. Making the case from the investors perspective for strengthening critical infrastructure resilience across the region by sharing best practices, inspiring scalable solutions, and fostering and regional cooperation on resilient infrastructure.

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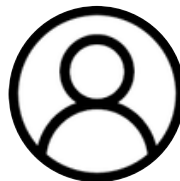
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