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Who we are

LARES – don't call it an acronym...

Ancient figures for a modern concept of civil protection

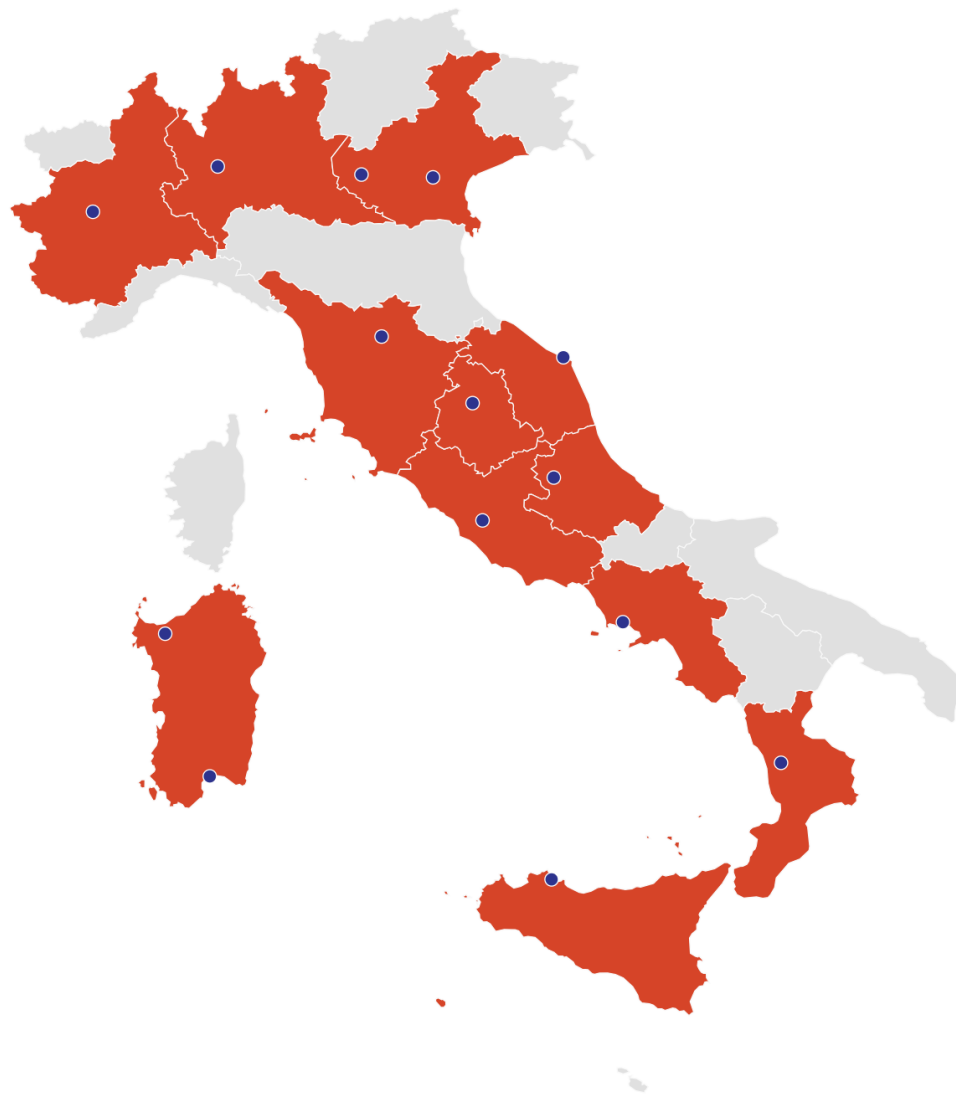
APS – Association for Social Promotion

Part of the Third Sector Entities: civic, solidarity-based, and socially useful purposes

Registered in the central list of volunteer organizations of the Department of Civil Protection



Where we are



In red the regions with which
Lares Italia has an active
agreement with at least one
university.



Our values



UNIONE NAZIONALE LAUREATI
ESPERTI IN PROTEZIONE CIVILE



Our mission

Spreading the culture of Civil Protection

Scientific dissemination: safety and prevention (non-structural)

Training, information, and drills activities





Civil Protection Activities

Art. 2 Legislative Decree no.
1/2018 Civil Protection Code

FORECASTING



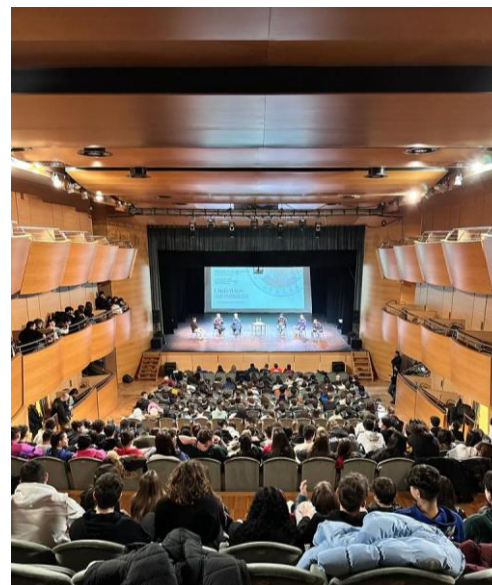


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PREVENTION AND
MITIGATION OF RISKS





Civil Protection Activities

Development and promotion of projects for the dissemination of Civil Protection culture





Civil Protection Activities

Operational support in emergencies: training

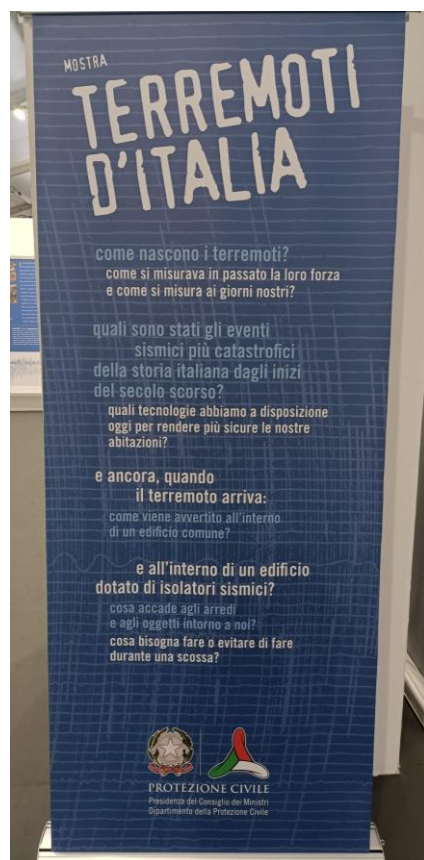
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Development and promotion of projects aimed at spreading the culture of civil protection





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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY





Lares in emergencies

Operational support

2009 Abruzzo Earthquake – Di.Coma.C. support





Lares in emergencies

Operational support

2012 – Emilia Romagna Earthquake – Di.Coma.C. support





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2016 Central Italy Earthquake – Di.Coma.C. support





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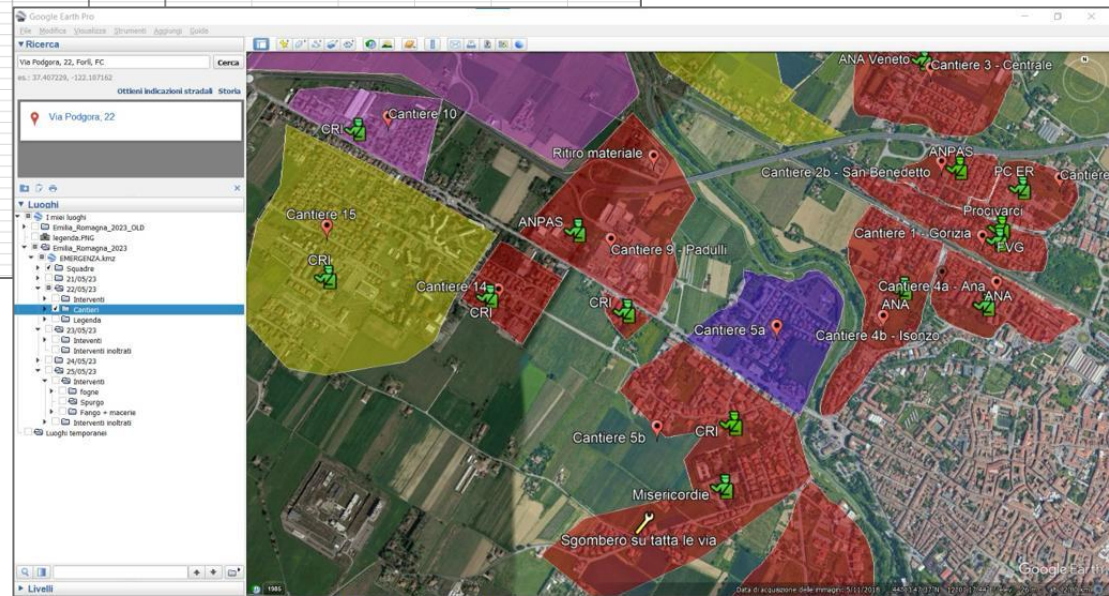
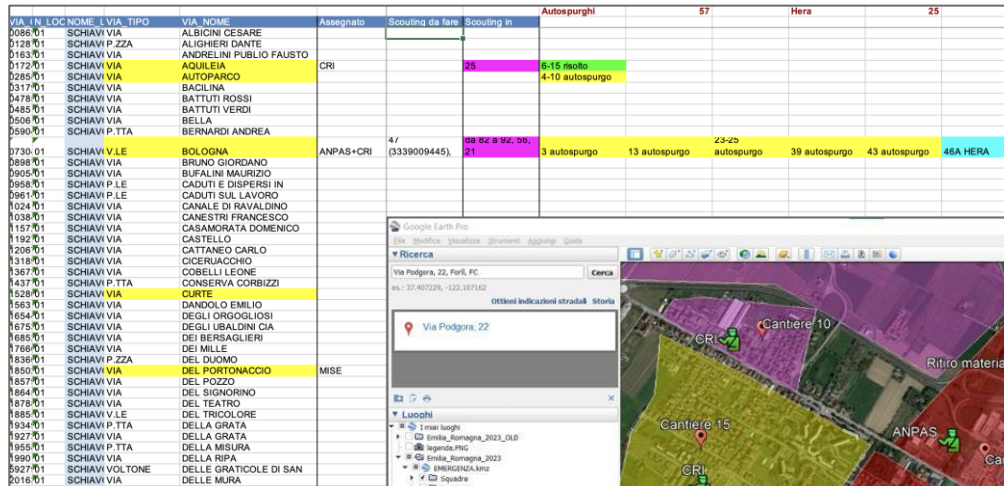
Operational support

2023 Emilia-Romagna Flood – C.O.C. support





2023 Emilia-Romagna Flood – organizational and management activities





Lares in emergencies

Operational support

2024 Campi Flegrei Bradyseism – support for scientific activities





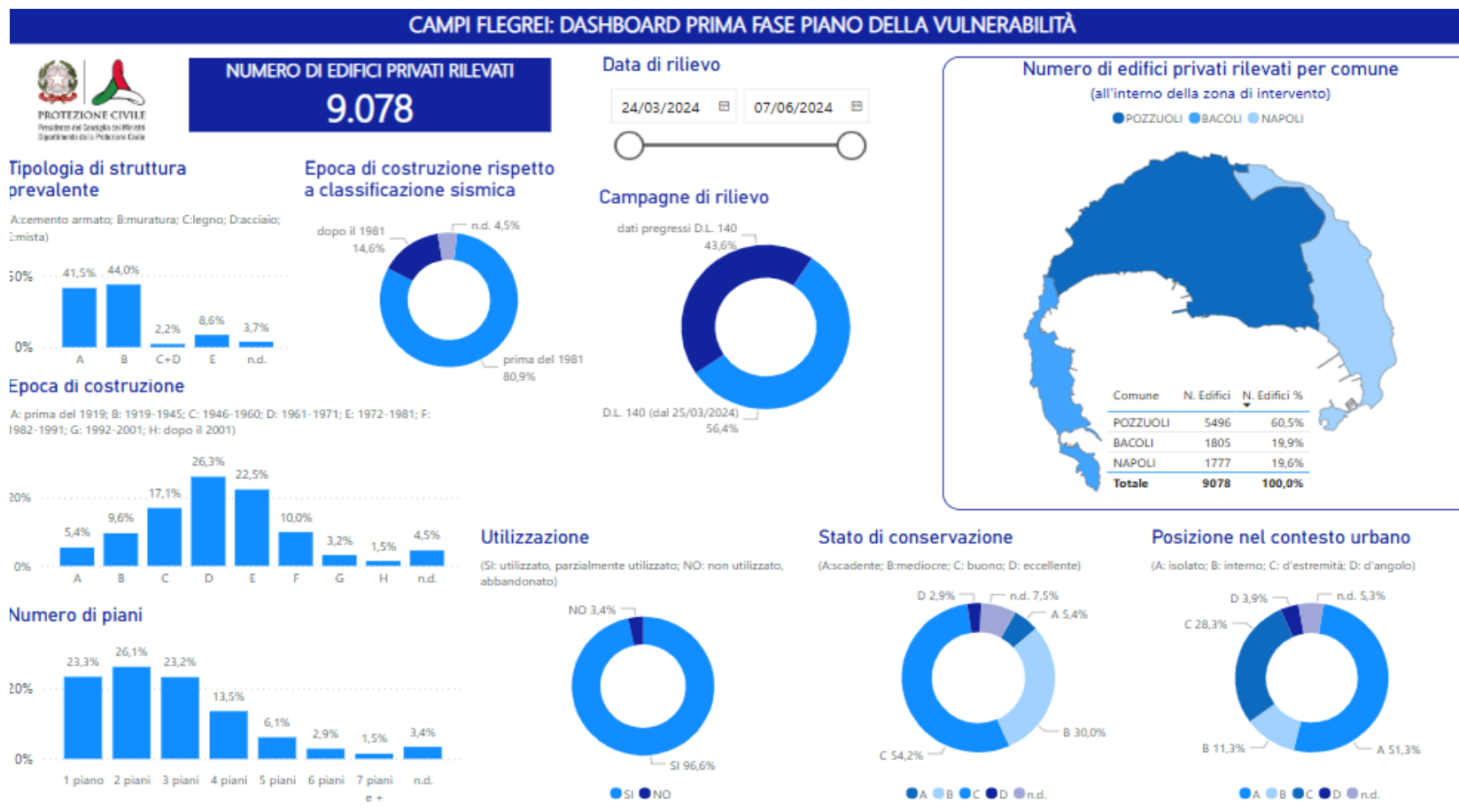
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2024

Bradyseism in the Campi Flegrei

Results of the first area-wide survey on the vulnerability of private buildings



What is the culture of prevention in civil protection?

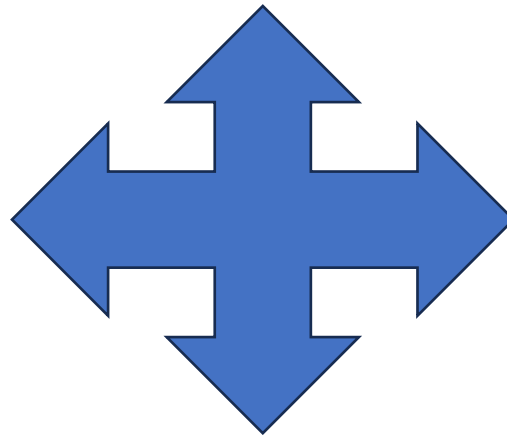
What is the active role of citizens in prevention?

Citizens are just **victims or spectators**, or **key players** in risk prevention?



Information and training campaigns

Local emergency planning



Monitoring activities

Volunteering networks and civil protection groups



Education and Awareness

Education on civil protection should begin at school

Resilient Communities and Bottom-Up Approach

Communities that are better able to prevent and respond to disasters

Civil Protection Volunteering

A key tool for active participation

Digital Tools and Civic Participation

Apps and platforms (e.g., Alert Systems, Civil Protection Apps)



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