

INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE AND HOW IT CAN BE APPLIED IN A CITY

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Example of Resilience???



WHAT IS RESILIENCE?

Infrastructure resilience is the **ability to withstand, adapt to changing conditions, and recover positively from shocks and stresses.**



Re·sil·ience

[ˌri-ˈzil-yən(t)s] adjective

Able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

Resilience is made up of five pillars: self-awareness, mindfulness, self-care, positive relationships & purpose.

resilience noun

Save Word

re-sil-i-ence | \ri-ˈzil-yən(t)s|

Definition of *resilience*

- 1 : the capability of a strained body to recover its size and shape after deformation caused especially by compressive stress
- 2 : an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change

re·sil·ience

/riˈzilyəns/

noun

1. the ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity.
"nylon is excellent in wearability and resilience"
2. the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
"the often remarkable resilience of so many British institutions"

resilience

(noun) re-sil-i-ence

"...the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress – such as family and relationship problems, serious health problems or workplace and financial stressors."

"It means 'bouncing back' from difficult experiences."



Source: American Psychological Association

resilient

adjective | re-sil-i-ent | \ri-ˈzil-yənt\

Simple Definition of RESILIENT

Popularity: Top 1% of lookups

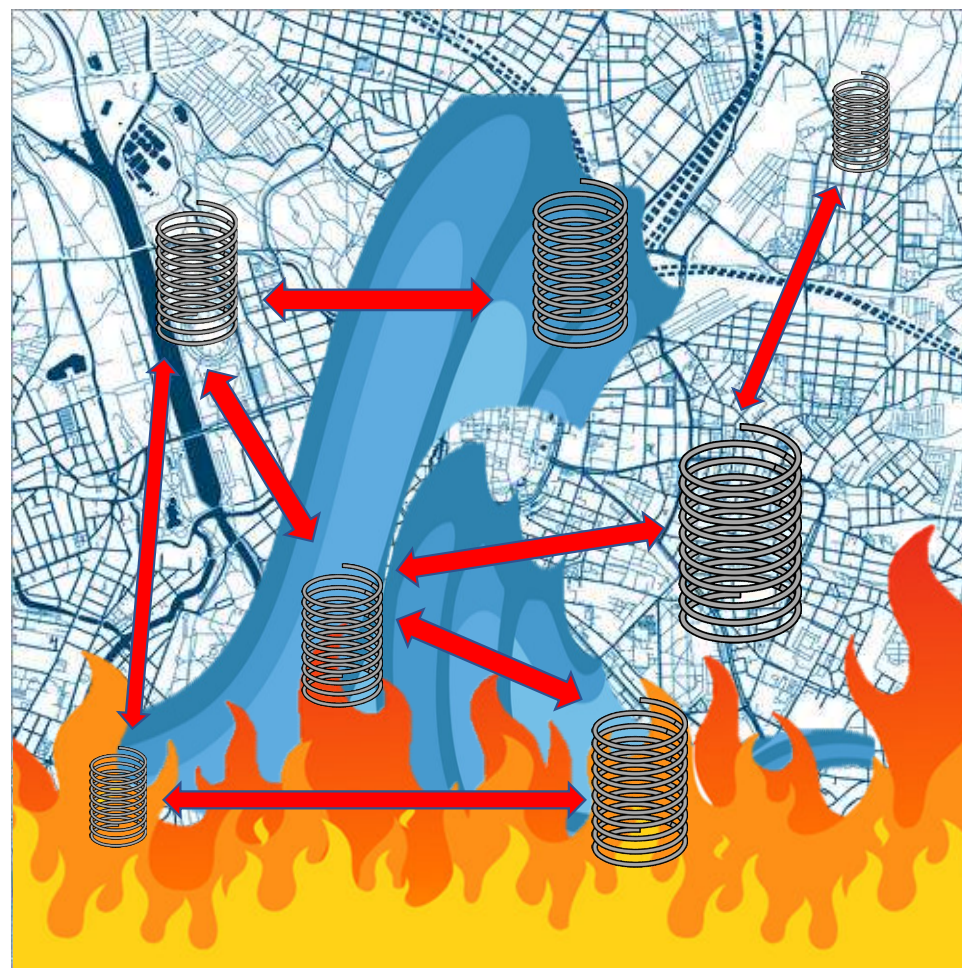
- : able to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens
- : able to return to an original shape after being pulled, stretched, pressed, bent, etc.

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

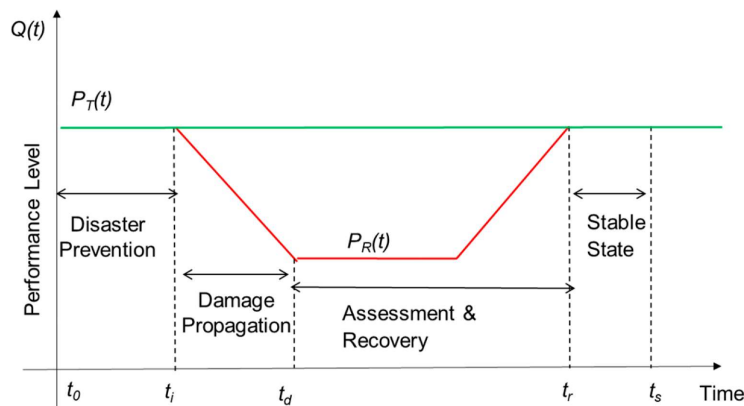
WHAT IS A RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE?

Resilient infrastructure should be able to continue to provide essential services, due to its **ability to withstand, adapt and recover** from whatever shocks and stresses it may face at the present moment and in the future.

This applies to **physical infrastructure assets**, and to the **wider system that these assets are part of including the natural environment**.



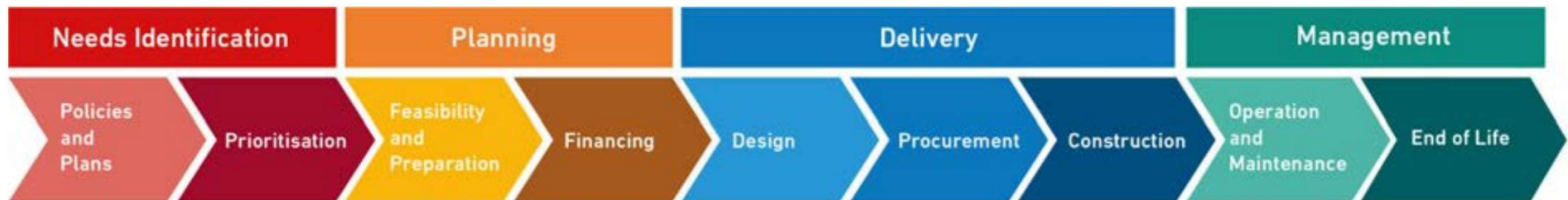
WHY DO WE NEED OUR INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE RESILIENT?



source: <https://doi.org/10.3390/infrastructures4010011>

Existing infrastructure systems are increasingly **complex and interdependent**.

These systems are under pressure due to **growing demand**, and have become fragile due to fragmented governance and a lack of investment in regular maintenance.



source: Kannan et al (2021) Governance of Infrastructure Resilience. White Paper



WHAT IS A RESILIENT CITY?

The resilient city is a concept by which a city adopts adequate measures to be able to **minimize direct and indirect consequences of a disaster**. It is also capable of a prompt and **quick restoration of basic services, social, institutional and economic activities** in the city after a disaster.



source: <https://doi.org/10.12955/cbup.v5.917>

STAKEHOLDERS AND INTEREST AREAS

Government	Education
Local government Regional and local administration active in all other interest areas International agencies and institutions	Education institutions (universities, etc.) Research institutions Other institutions which provide education (professional courses and trainings) related to the issue of civil preparedness
Health	Infrastructure (transport)
Providers of healthcare (hospitals, clinics, health centres, etc.) Pharmaceutic companies	Transport, mobility, logistic companies (private, public) Information and Communication services providers Energy suppliers, agencies, utilities (electricity, gas, oil, heat) Water and waste management and agencies
Society and Culture	Disasters
Citizens Relevant social groups (representatives of society - civic associations: workers, students, ethnic group, religion representatives, etc.) Political parties Social services centres	Integrated Rescue Services representatives NGO's and other organised civil society representatives (Red Cross, voluntary firefighters, other organised voluntary groups, etc.) Private companies which are active in disasters solutions Risk assessment companies (consultants, etc.) Spatial planning subjects (building companies, developers, chambers of architects and engineers)
Environment	Economy
Companies with the potential of environmental pollution	Private sector (banks, business, industry, etc.) Trade unions Employment agencies

STAKEHOLDERS AND INTEREST AREAS

	Needs Identification		Planning		Delivery			Management	
	Policies and Plans	Prioritisation	Feasibility / Preparation	Financing	Design	Procurement	Construction	Operations and Maintenance	End of Life
 Government (national, sub-national, municipal)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
 Investors (private financiers, private developers, development banks)		✓	✓	✓					
 Contractors							✓	✓	
 Owner-operators (public, private)					✓		✓	✓	✓
 Designers					✓				
 Emergency Responders								✓	✓
 Civil society (NGO's, academia, research organizations)		✓			✓			✓	✓
 Infrastructure Users		✓			✓			✓	
 Impacted non-users		✓					✓	✓	✓

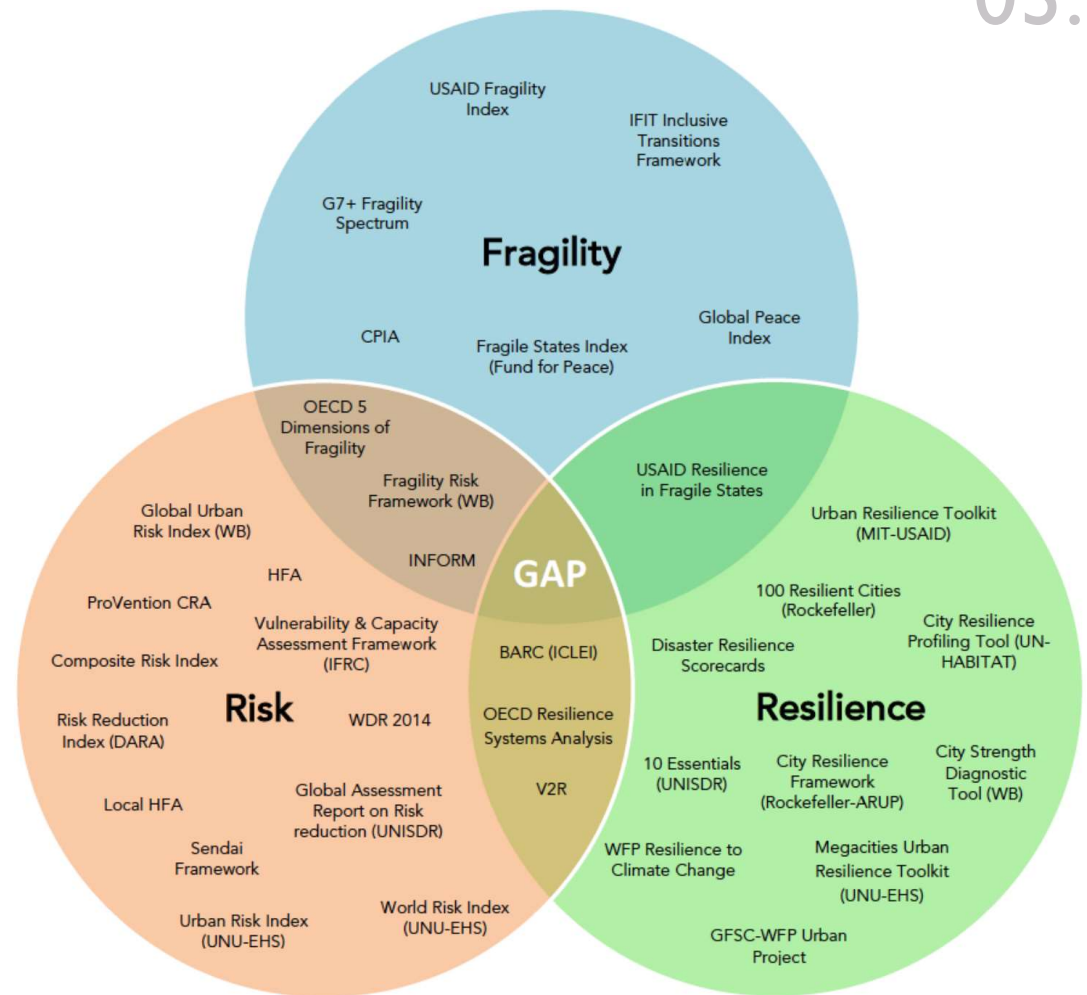
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CITY RESILIENCE FRAMEWORK

Fragility may be seen as the ability and willingness of a component to carry out its basic or core functions

Risk is usually defined as the combination of the probability of occurrence of an event and its impacts and consequences.

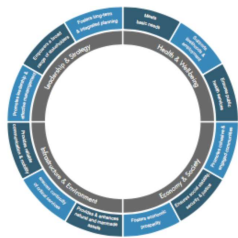
Resilience is often considered as the ability and capacity of individuals, organizations, and infrastructures (such as cities) to cope, adapt, and recover from shocks and stresses.



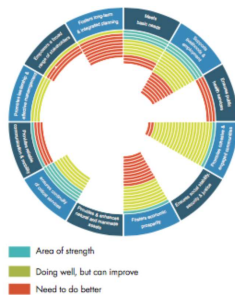
source: Bosetti et al. (2016) Fragility, Risk, and Resilience: A Review of Existing Frameworks

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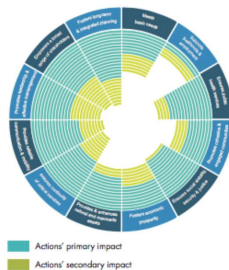
Cities can calculate an indicator of their resilience with respect to 12 main goals and subsequently develop a strategy to improve weak points.



Resilience status perception



Actions contributing to resilience



source: <https://smartcityhub.com/collaborative-city/smart-cities-resilient-cities-make-difference>

CONCLUSIONS

By **assessing, analyzing and predicting the risks** that threaten a city stability and performance, one is able to improve its overall behavior and the well-being of its citizens, when facing events both expected and as yet unimagined.

Developing a resilient urban future requires undertaking challenges and creating solutions in a **place-based, integrated, inclusive, risk-aware, and forward-looking manner**.

Nevertheless, determination of **resilience of existing critical infrastructures** needs to be based on analysis of different components and failure scenarios including structural components and service infrastructures (see more at IABSE TG5.8)

Resilience is relevant to a wide variety of applications and thus must be considered **transversally and holistically**, even if one needs to tackle it **component by component**.

QUESTIONS

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The presentation as a
disruptive “mind” event

02. STAKEHOLDERS

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Recovering to the
same performance...

... but with learned
lessons

05. QUESTIONS

THANK YOU

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