

# Monitoring and safeguarding of cultural heritage: the case of Italian parks and gardens



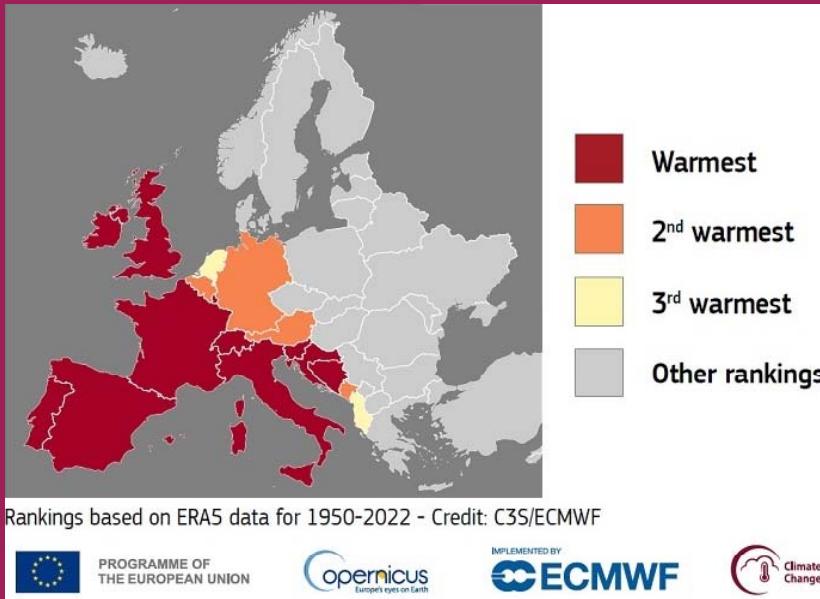
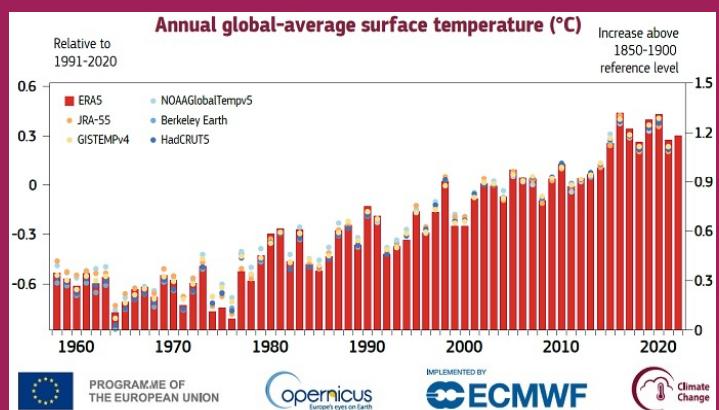
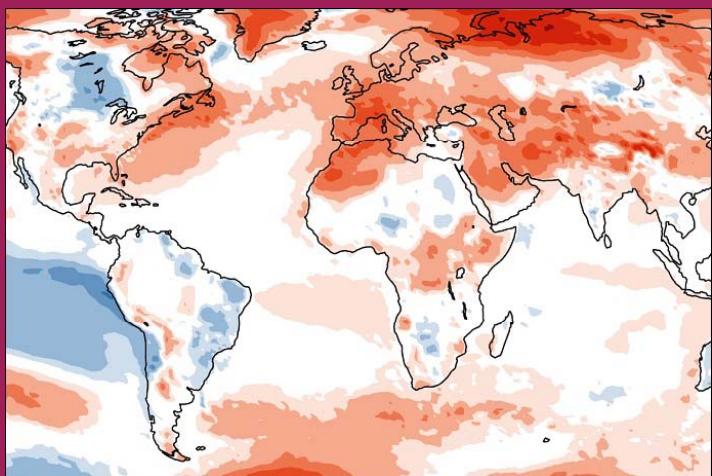
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Italian-French Bilateral Cooperation in Heritage Science: “Human-centered approach for cultural heritage in green transition: disciplines talking to each other”

Thursday, 27th April 2023

# RATIONALE#1 - The year 2022 was the second warmest on record in Europe – 10 January 2023



Ranking of 2022 surface air temperatures by country over the period since 1950. Data source: ERA5. Credit: Copernicus Climate Change Service/ECMWF.

## Second-warmest year in Europe

Temperatures in Europe across the year were the second warmest on record. 2022 was cooler than 2020 by  $0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and marginally warmer – by around  $0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  – than 2019, 2015 and 2014.

All of Europe, except for Iceland, saw annual temperatures above the 1991–2020 average. Temperatures were most above average in the western part of the continent.



# RATIONALE#2 - Rainfall in Europe

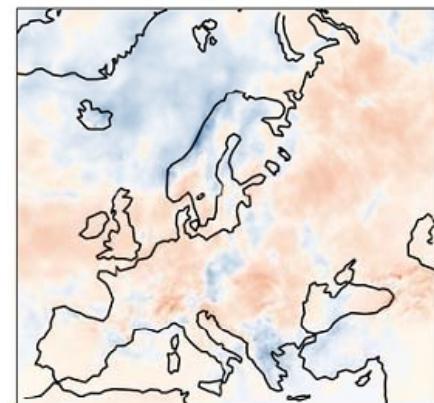
## January 10 2023

### Rainfall in Europe

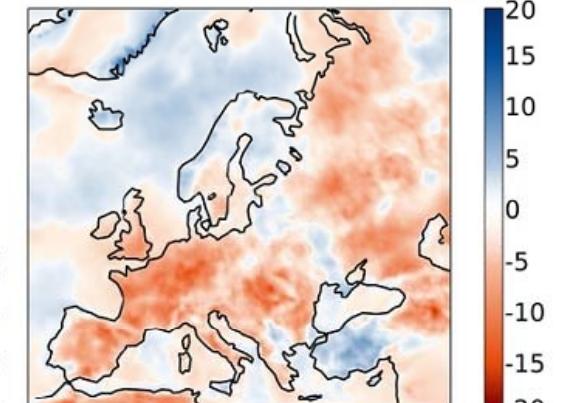
The unusual warmth in late spring and summer in Europe, combined with a lack of rain, clear skies and dry soils, brought drought conditions especially to the southern and central parts of the continent. Many countries reported impacts on agriculture, river transport and energy management. Extremely dry conditions also led to increased fire danger, resulting in unusually high fire activity in south-western Europe, especially France and Spain.



Precipitation (mm/day)



Surface air relative humidity (%)



Data: ERA5. Reference period: 1991–2020. Credit: C3S/ECMWF

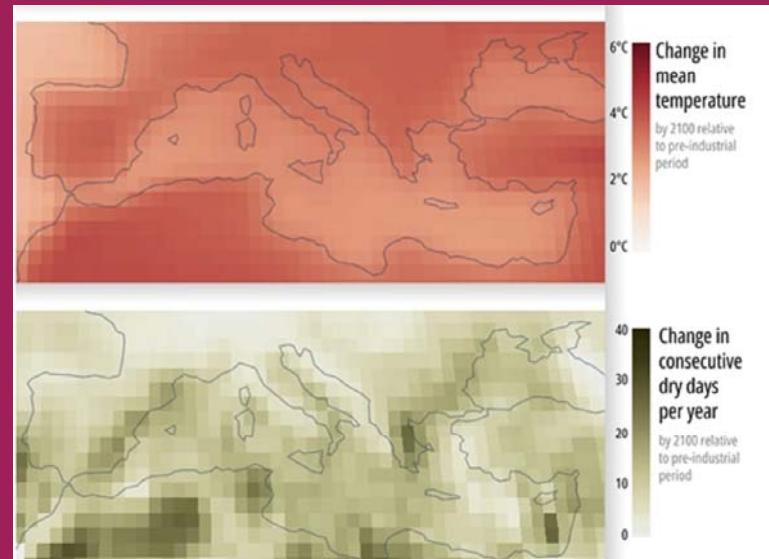
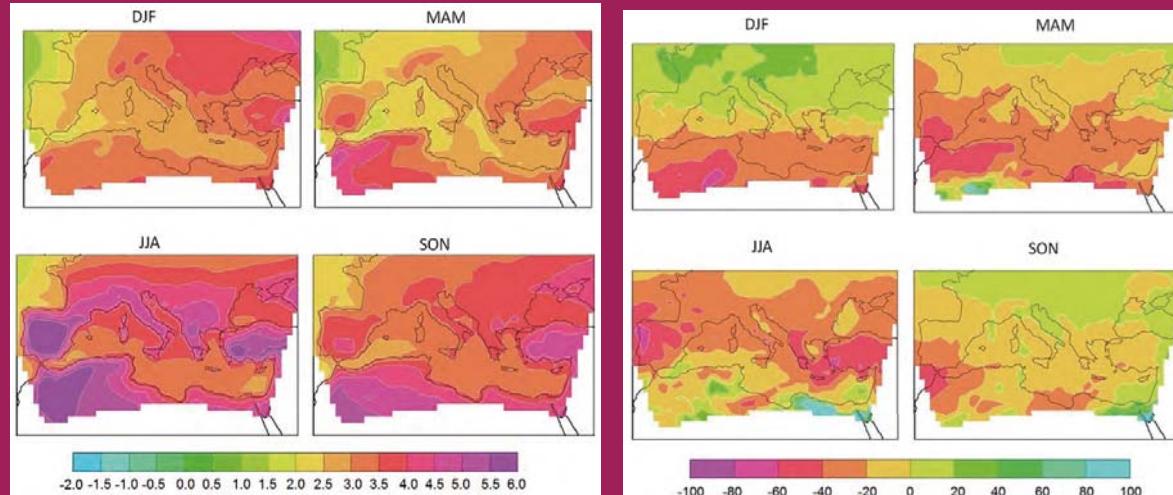


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THE EUROPEAN UNION

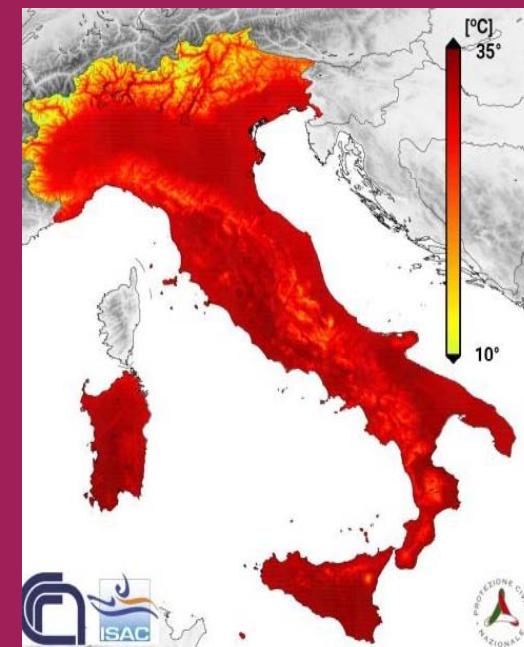


*Anomalies in precipitation and the relative humidity of surface air in Europe for the summer of 2022 (June to August) with respect to 1991–2020. Data source: ERA5. Credit: Copernicus Climate Change Service/ECMWF. Originally published in the [August 2022 hydrological bulletin](#).*

## RATIONALE#3 - Climate Change effects on Euro-Mediterranean Basin



2022 is the hottest  
(and driest) year ever  
in Italy: in July 2.26  
degrees above average



## *Direct and indirect impacts of natural and anthropogenic hazard induced by Climate Change on Cultural and Natural Heritage*



Hegra – Thermal stress, erosion and geomorphological instability process in KSA © Spizzichino



Blackening - Vittoriano (Roma)



Surface recession S. Filippo church (Torino)



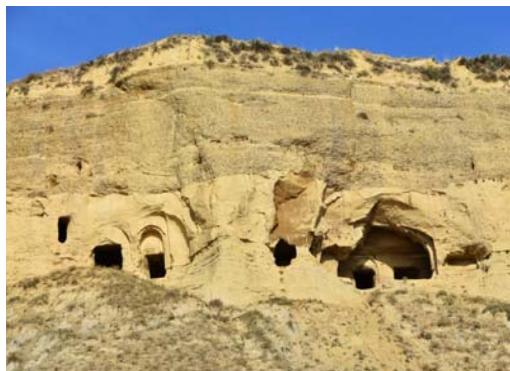
Sea level rise - Venice



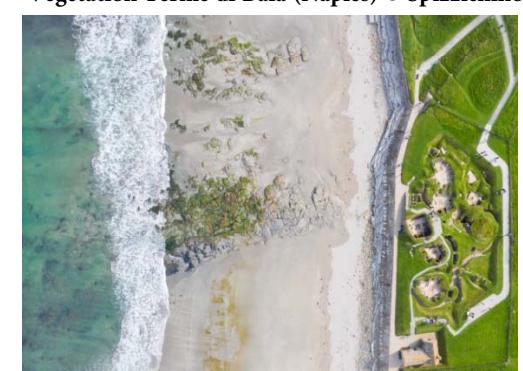
Vegetation Terme di Baia (Naples) © Spizzichino



Rock facade collapse in Petra (Jordan) and in David Gareja Monastery complex (Georgia) © Spizzichino



Erosion in the Akapana pyramid (Bolivia) © Spizzichino



Coastal Erosion Skara Brae © Hist. Env. Scotland

## Monitoring and Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage the Italian prospective

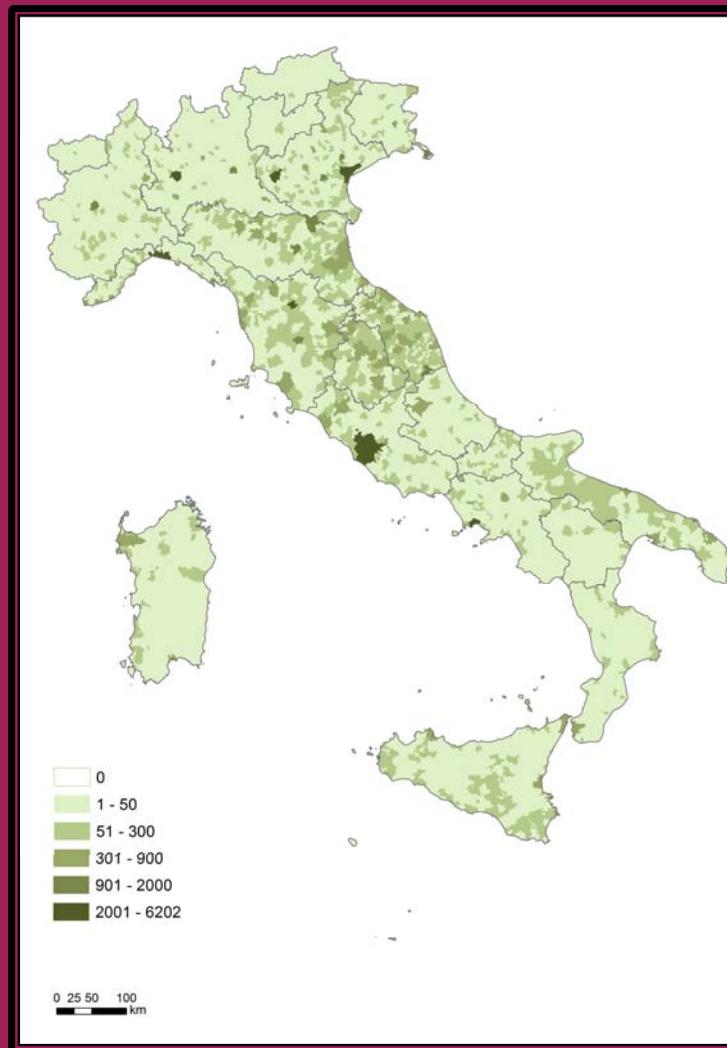


UNESCO WH List



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## Cultural Heritage of Italian Municipalities

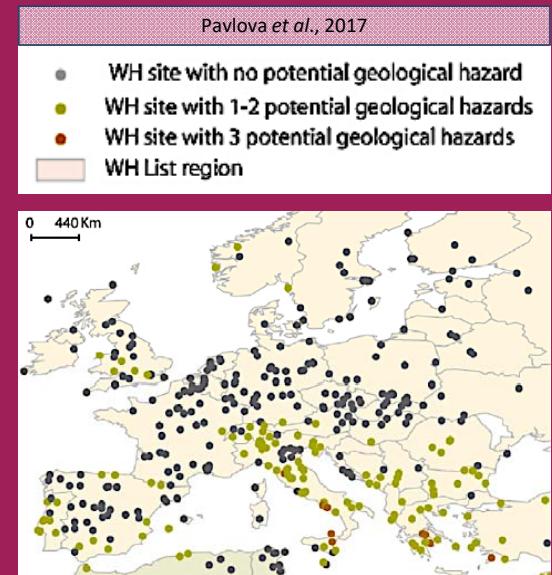
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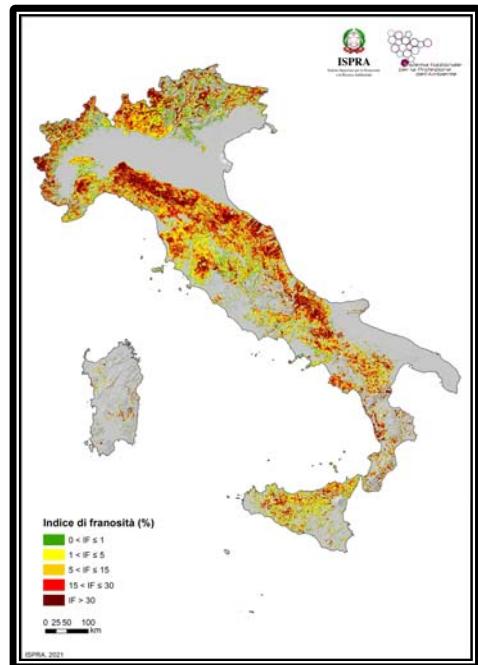
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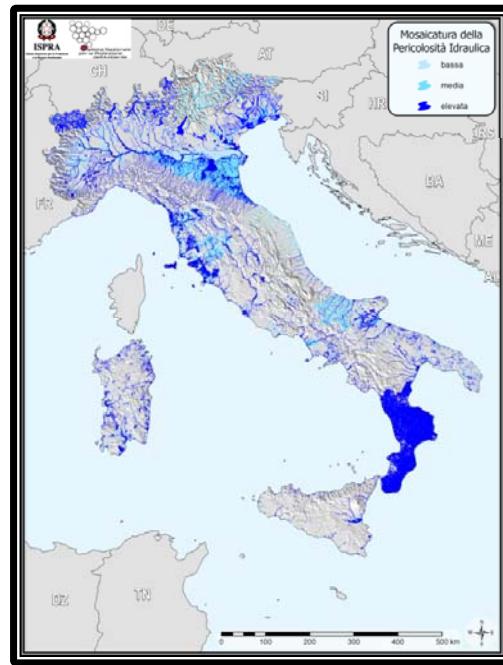
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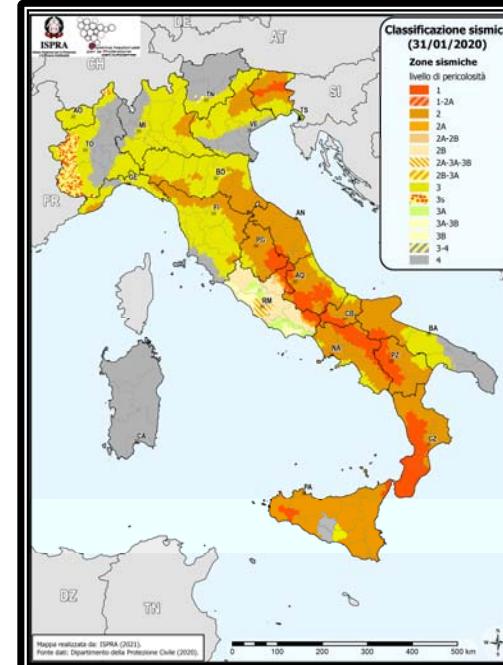
IFFI Project – landslide hazard



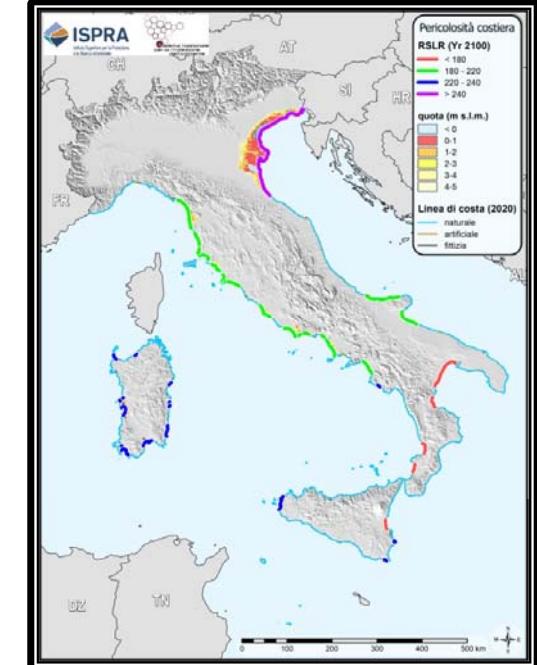
Flood Hazard



Seismic Hazard

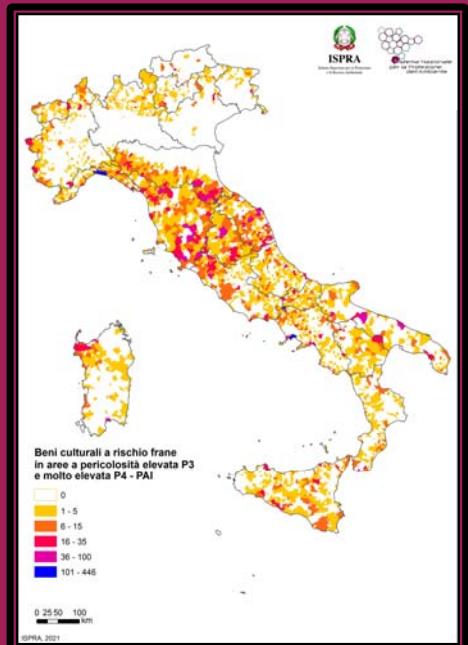


Coastal erosion

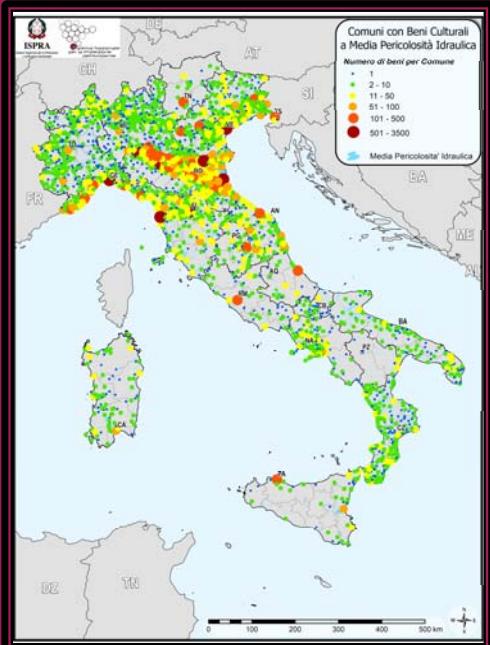


# CH & Natural Hazards

CH Vs Landslide risk in Italy at municipal level



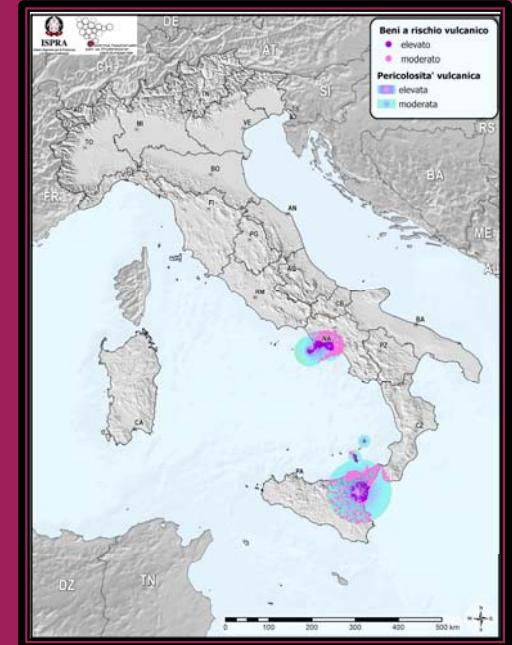
CH Vs Flood risk in Italy at municipal level



CH Vs seismic risk in Italy at municipal level



CH Vs volcanic risk in Italy at municipal level

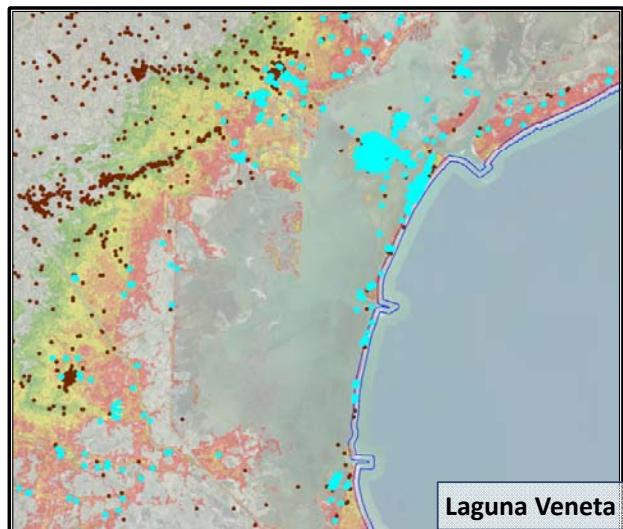
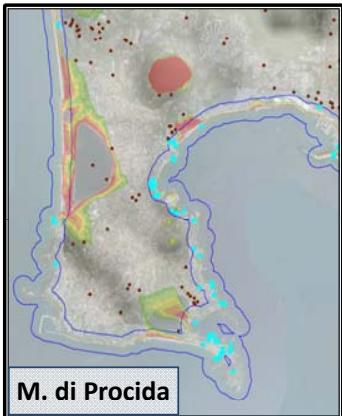


# Coastal erosion and Relative Sea Level Rise

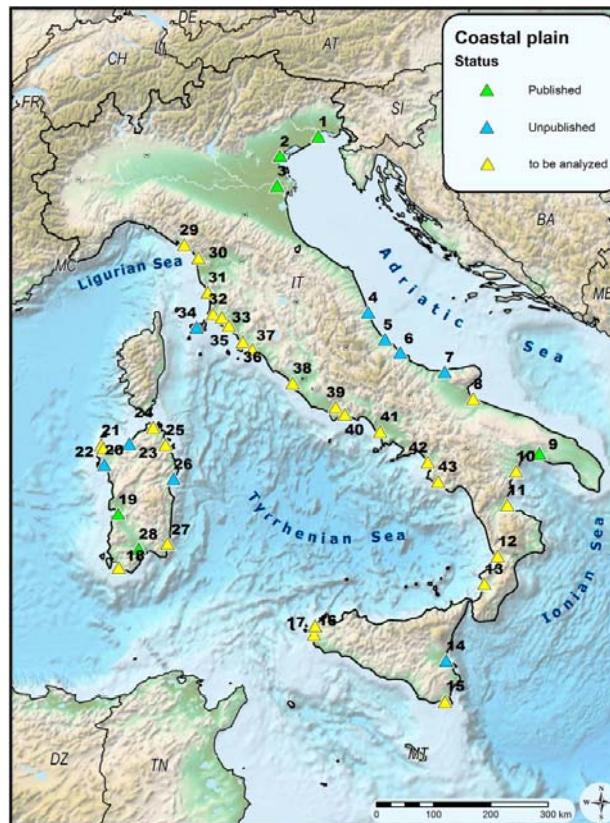
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- <1 m s.l.m.
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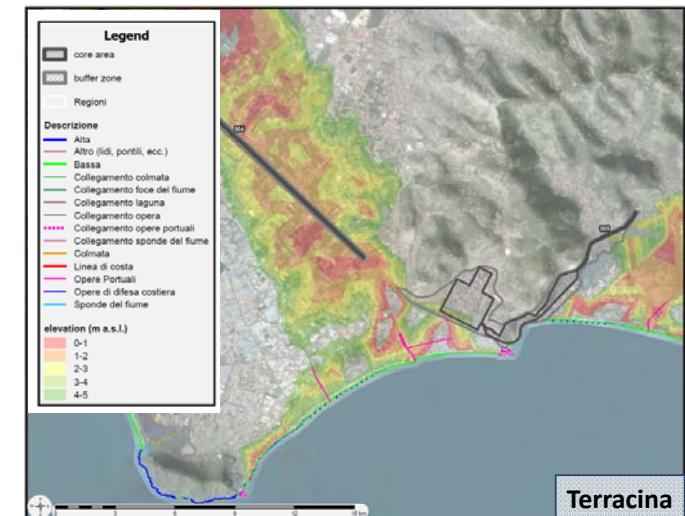
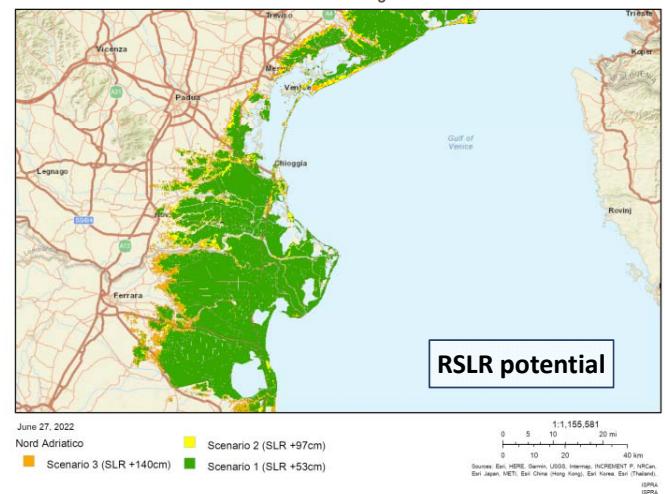
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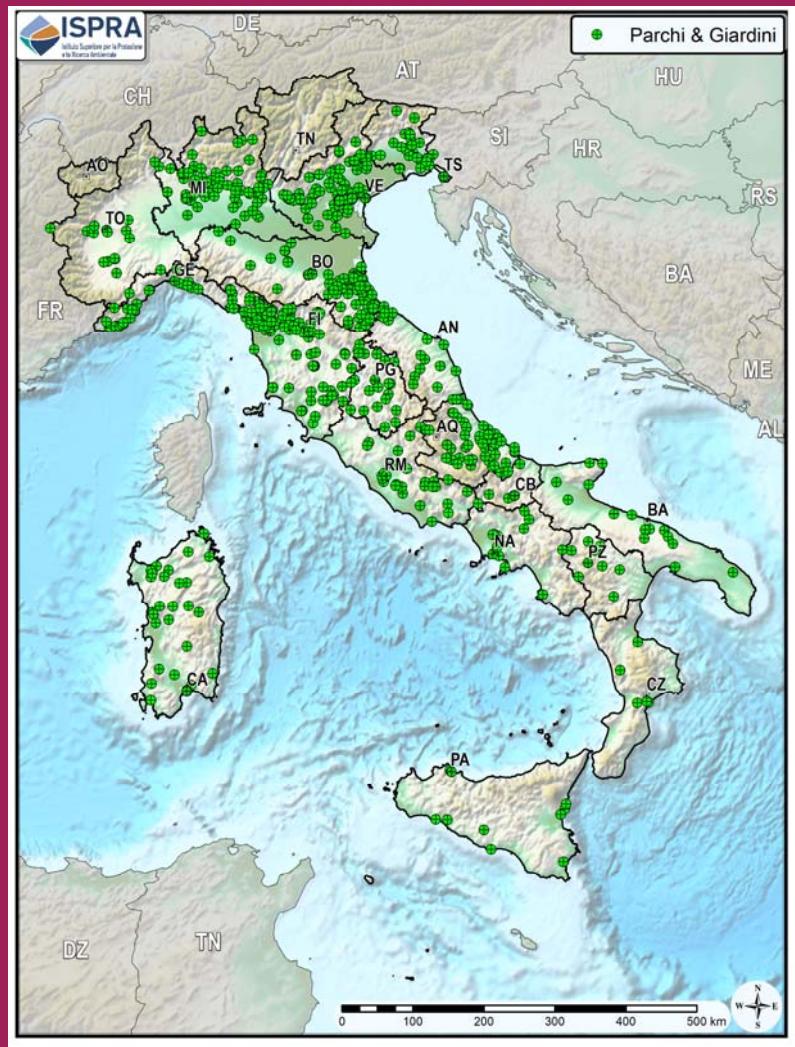


Floodplains under investigation



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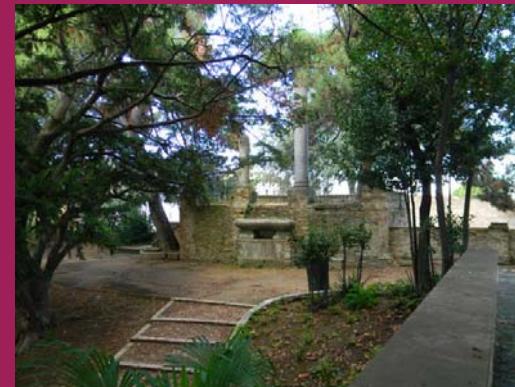
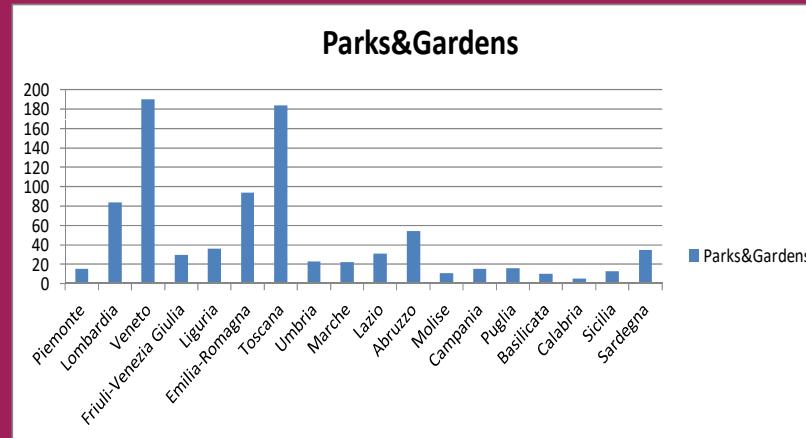
More than 800 site recorded and collected in Italy

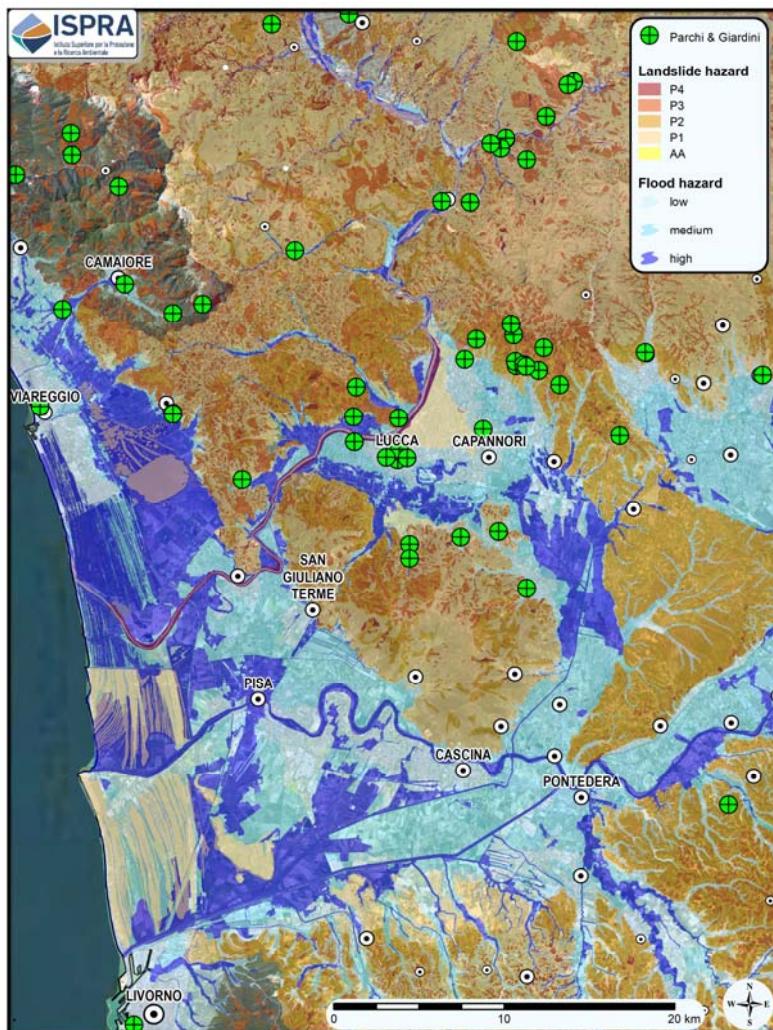
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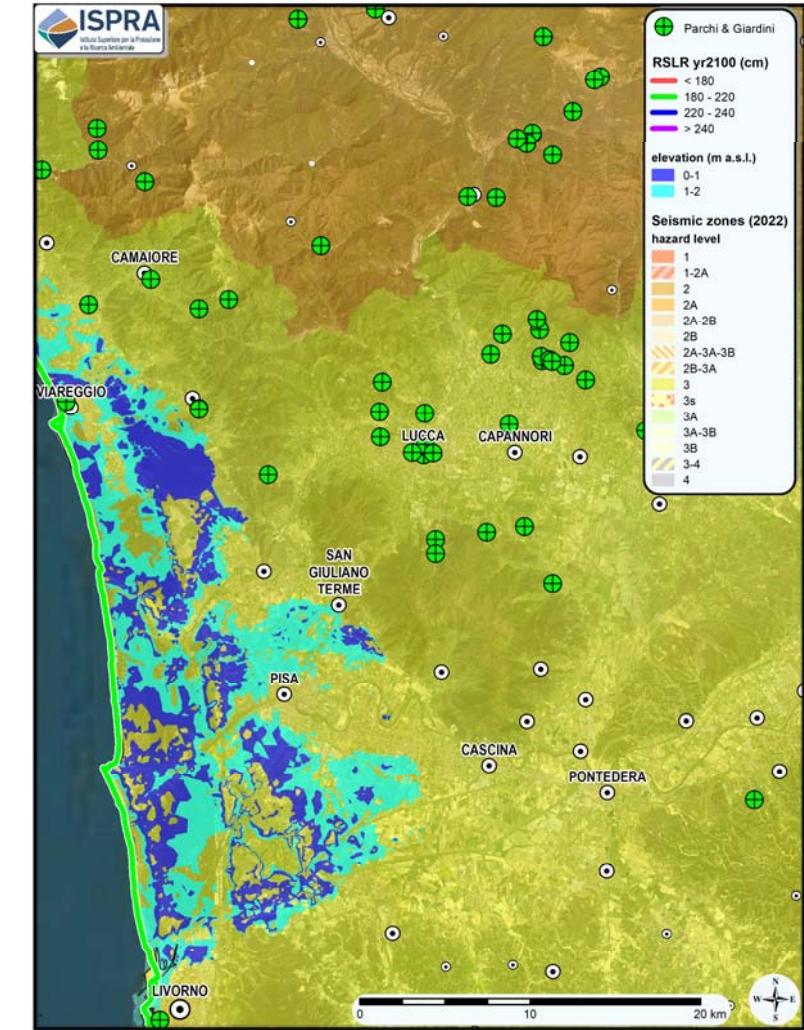
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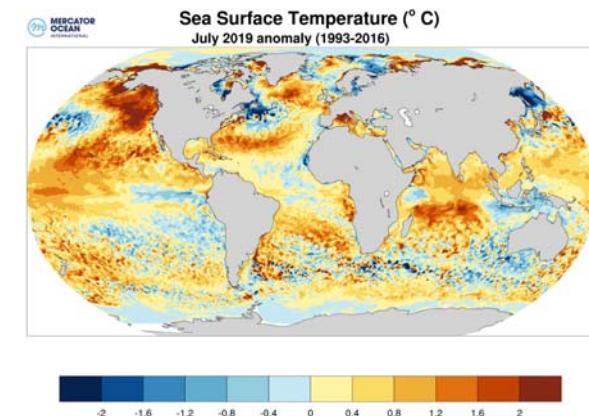
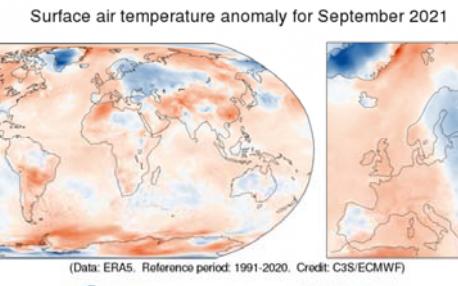
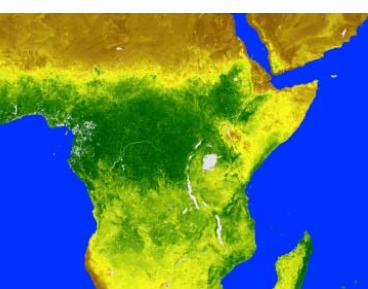
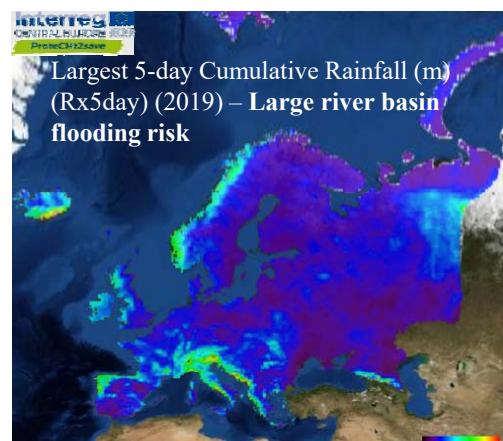
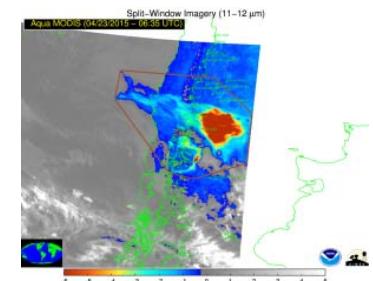
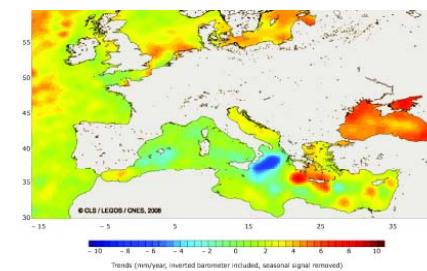
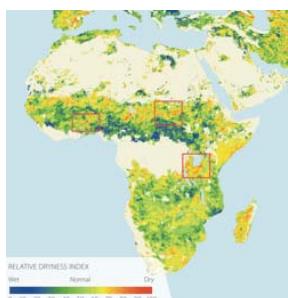
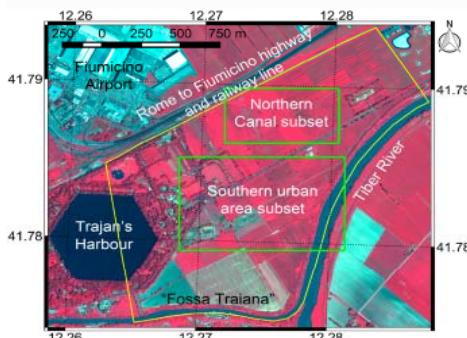
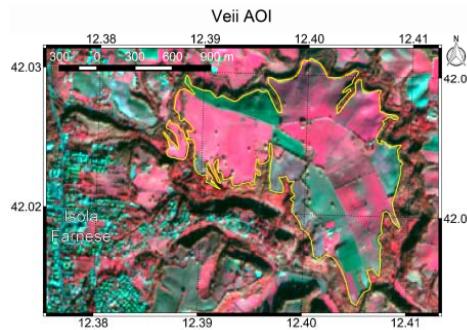


More 330 sites are threaten by seismic hazard (classes 1&2) at national scale



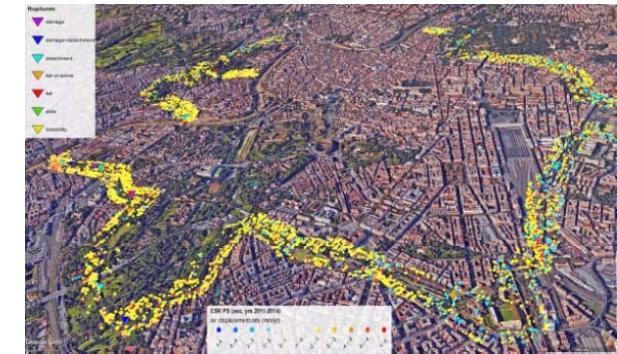
Around 300 sites are threaten by landslide and flood hazard at national scale

**OPTICAL images, from data to downstream services  
(e.g. Multispectral and Hyper spectral analysis)**

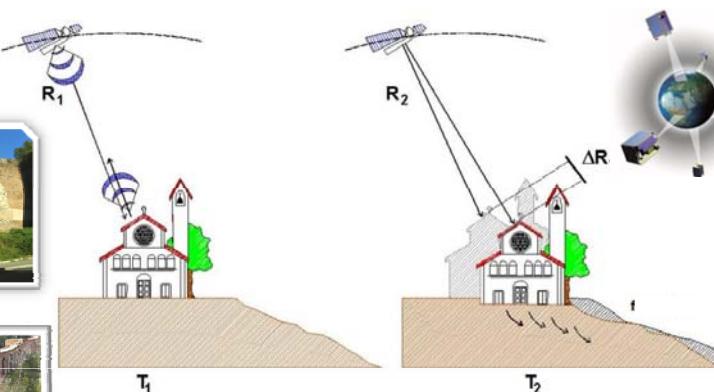


## RADAR images, data and products

### Differential SAR Interferometry (InSAR or DInSAR)



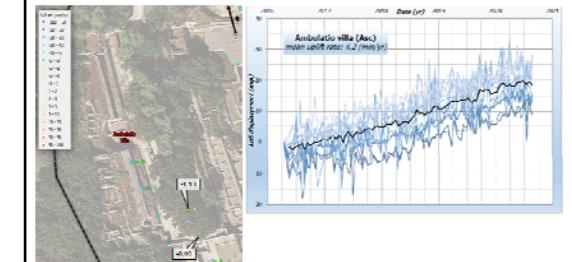
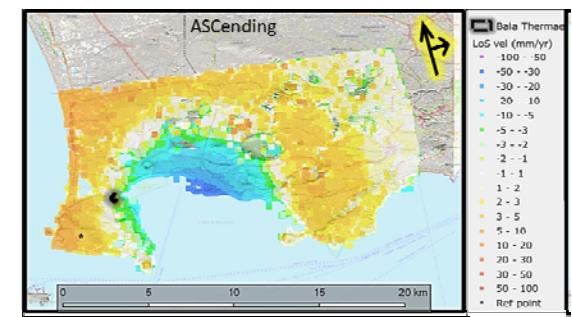
Rome Walls deformation satellite monitoring © Spizzichino



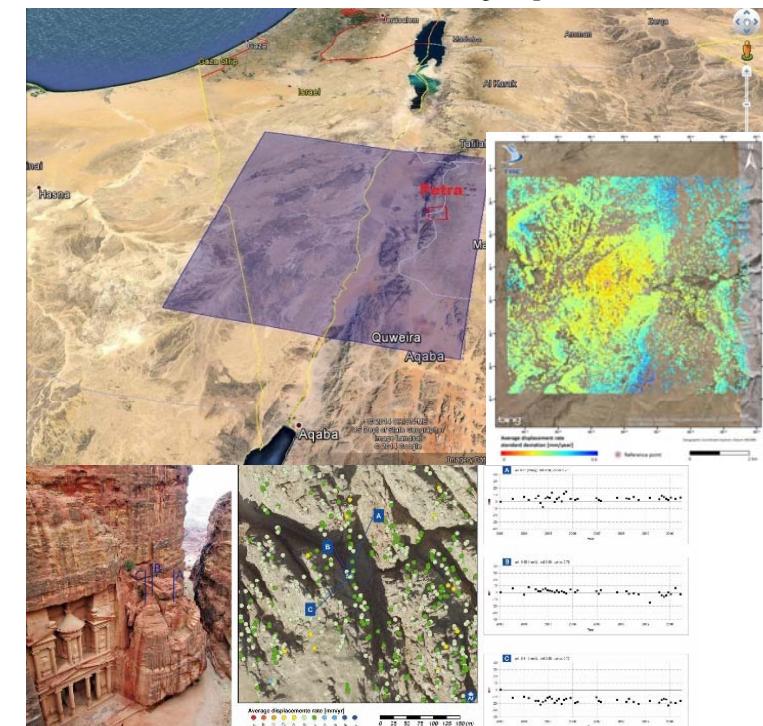
[www.prothego.eu](http://www.prothego.eu) collect all the European UNESCO sites where GEO-Hazards and satellite data are already available



Instability processes and SAR data analysis POMPEI



Subsidence and uplift by satellite analysis PACF Park ©



Surface deformation medium-resolution satellite images Petra ©



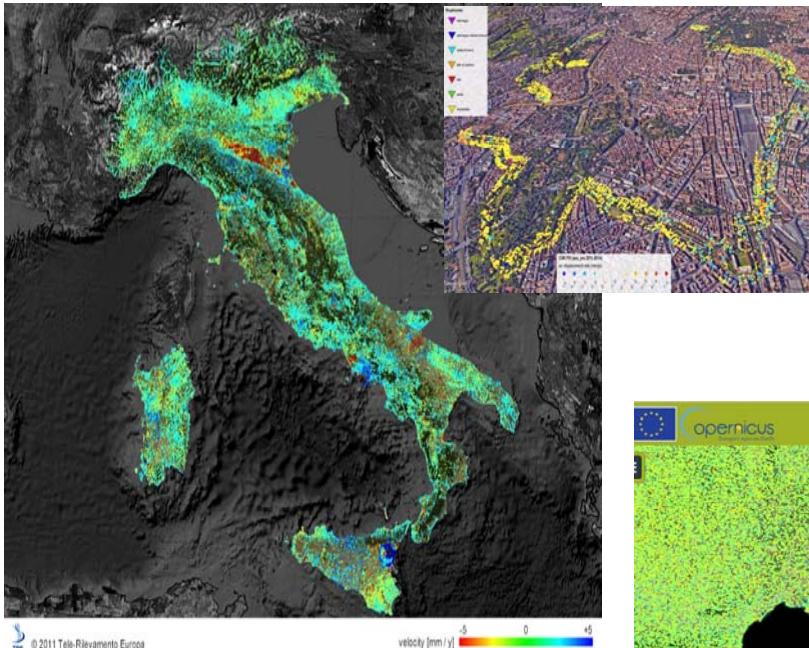
All data after processing, must be calibrated, validate and interpreted by in situ survey in order to be used as support for the mitigation measures

# InSAR ground motion monitoring at national scale

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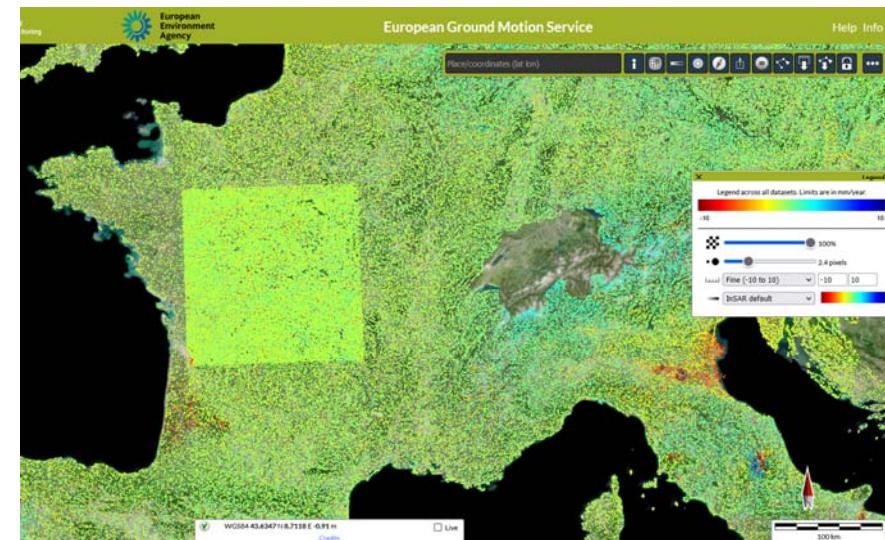
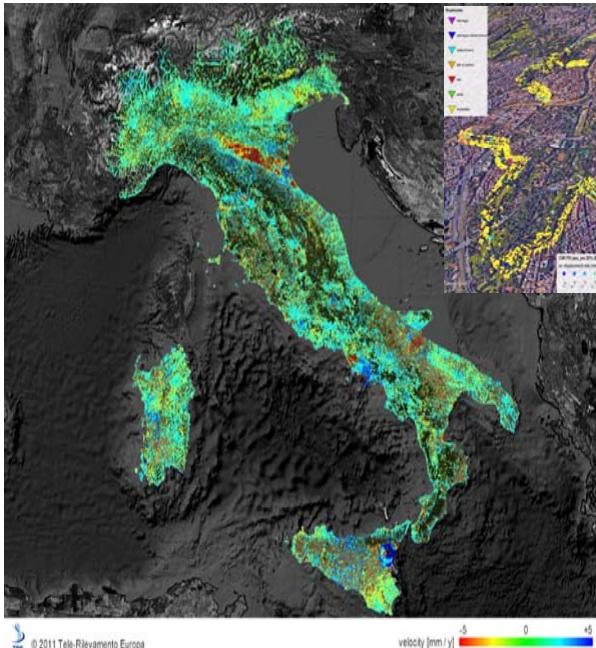
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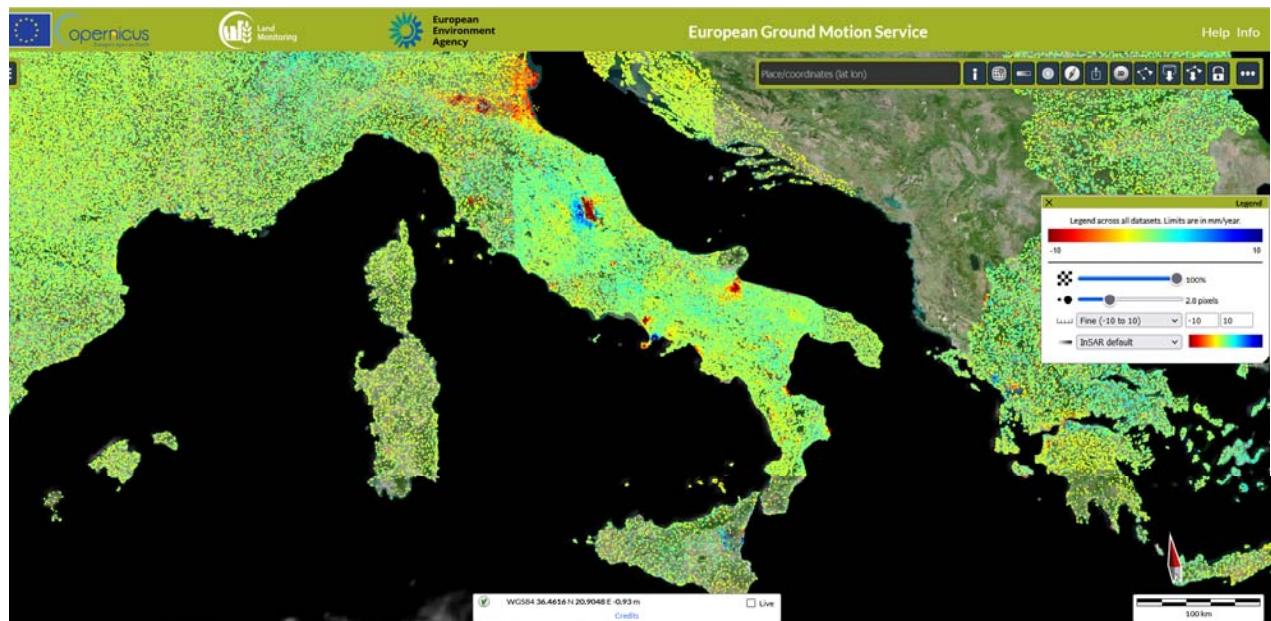
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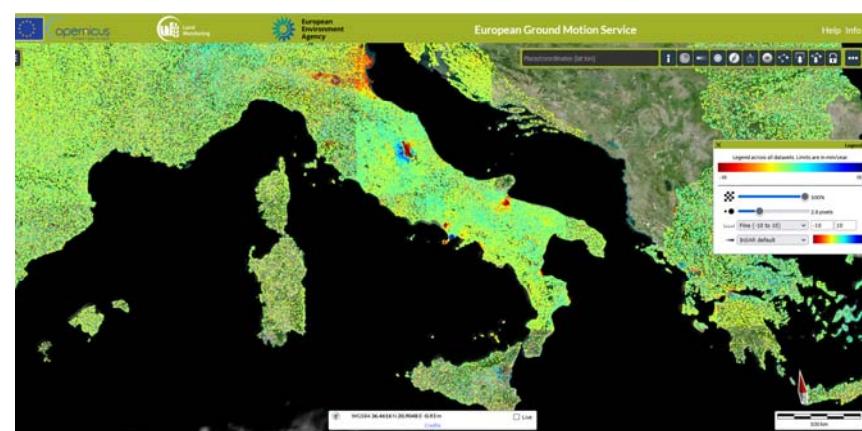
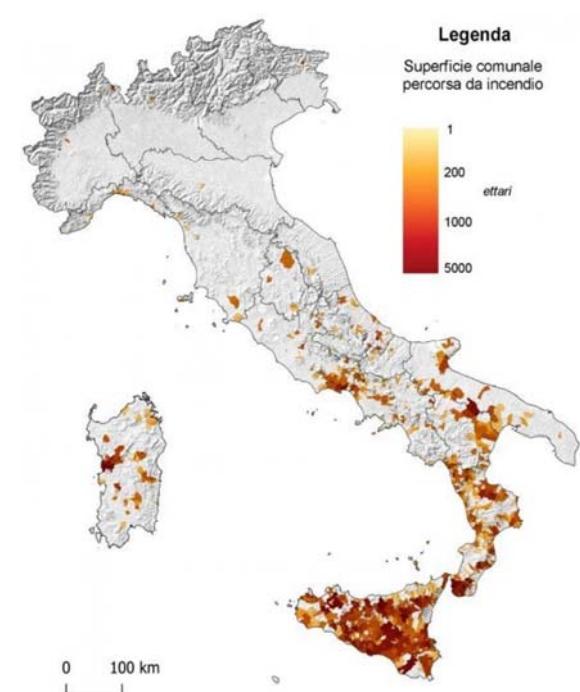
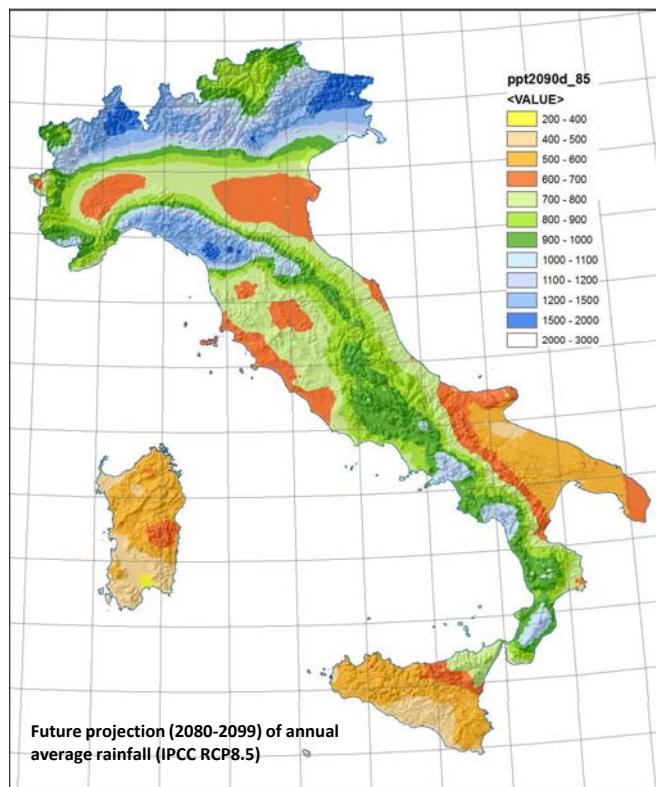


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2011-  
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European Ground Motion Service 2022



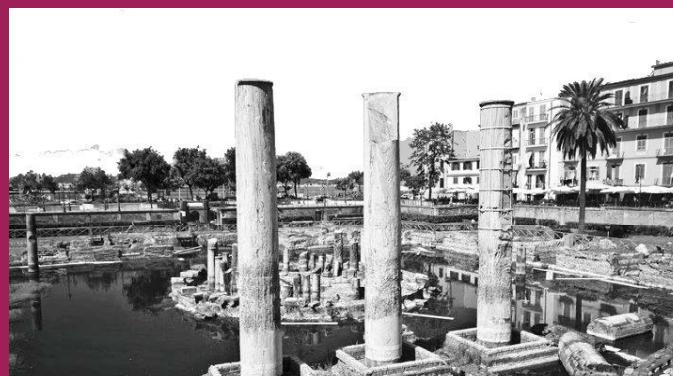


# National PLAN

The Extraordinary Plan for Monitoring and Conservation of Cultural Heritage is aimed at launching AN INTEGRATED SATELLITE-TERRESTRIAL MONITORING SYSTEM that makes it possible to monitor, at different territorial levels, the risk factors and any emergency situations relating to cultural heritage.

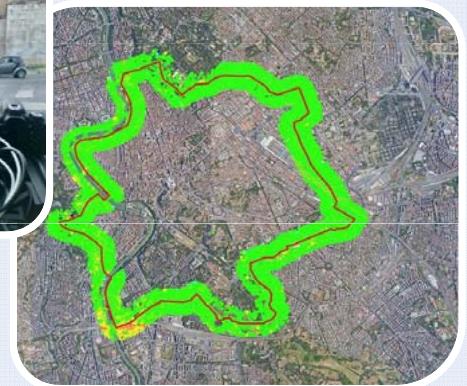
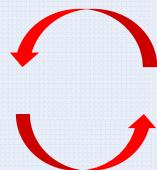
**TARGET:** to assess the CH at greater risk of loss or damage to a monitoring system aimed at allowing the timely start of extraordinary conservation interventions and support the planning and regular maintenance and management

- ✓ Deep Knowledge of CH
- ✓ Maintenance
- ✓ Monitoring and prevention



## VISION & TARGET

- Carry out an EXPERIMENTAL MONITORING CAMPAIGN of the most vulnerable CH (e.g. towers, bell towers, churches, linear systems, archaeological areas, etc.) INTEGRATING in situ survey and monitoring with EO and SATELLITE MONITORING, possibly also extended to significant surroundings territorial and environmental.



- Prepare **GUIDELINES** and develop INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT TOOLS, which allow managers or owners of CH (public or private) to ACTIVATE MONITORING, OPERATING PROCEDURES and subsequent CONSERVATIVE and MITIGATION INTERVENTIONS, in relation to the results of the monitoring itself.

## STRATEGY

The experimental phase of the **MONITORING** plan will allow to increase the level of **knowledge of the state of conservation of cultural heritage** and of the corresponding exposure factors relating to environmental and anthropogenic hazards, through the acquisition of satellite data, to specific case studies, to define a methodology for elaboration and post-processing of the acquired data.



EO and satellite data  
AQUISITION



Post processing,  
dissemination and  
visualisation of data  
Downstream service



## GENERAL FRAMEWORK AND ROAD MAP

### EXPOSE ELEMENTS NATIONAL LEVEL

Digitalisation and geo-localisation of all the site under analysis and investigation (i.e. Parks & Gardens)



### HAZARD MAPS NATIONA LEVEL

FLOOD, LANDSLIDE, SEISMIC, FOREST FIRE, DROUGHT, ETC.



### RISK MAPS PRODUCTION NATIONAL LEVEL



### SATELLITE (EO) AND IN SITU MONITORIN NATIONAL PLAN



### PROTECTION, SAFEGUARD AND PROTECTION PLOCIES (MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

## Suggestion for the discussion

- Natural and anthropogenic hazards affecting CNH at Euro-Mediterranean due to future climate change;
- Direct and indirect effects;
- Italian Risk maps on CH, their use and application;
- Focus on Parks and Gardens;
- Support on EO and satellite monitoring;
- The Extraordinary Plan for monitoring and conservation of Italian CH



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