

24th IDRiM Cafe

Role of Social Capital and Community Resilience in DRR

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Marius Dogeanu

Moderator

*Major General **Marius Dogeanu** heads Romania's General Directorate for Civil Protection (DGPC) within the Department for Emergency Situations (Ministry of Internal Affairs), with more than 25 years in national and international crisis management. He has led EU Civil Protection Teams in major disasters from Mozambique to Haiti and the Philippines, coordinated Romania's USAR response to the 2023 Türkiye earthquake, and served as technical adviser to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and as a Seconded National Expert with the European Commission's DG ECHO. He chaired the Council of the EU's Working Party on Civil Protection during Romania's 2019 Presidency, currently chairs the UN INSARAG Regional Group for Africa, Europe and the Middle East, and holds a PhD in Environmental Science.*



Mihai LUPU

Title:

DSU as the Bridge between the State and Civil Society

With experience in behavioral change methodologies, organizational culture, community development, and interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration, Mihai Lupu brings a strategic perspective to emergency response and public preparedness.

He is currently serving as Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Raed Arafat, Head of the Department for Emergency Situations within Romania's Ministry of Internal Affairs, where he contributes to the coordination of complex emergency response mechanisms and multi-stakeholder engagement.

Mihai is also a board member of Academics Stand Against Poverty, a Fellow of the Yale Global Justice Program, and the founder of the international platform EduCaB, focused on strengthening local social and civic infrastructure in 12 countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and Central America.



Mihaela MUNTEANU

Title:

Trust Before the Crisis: Social Capital as Resilience Infrastructure

Mihaela Munteanu is an advocacy and communication specialist with over 25 years of experience in Romania's social services sector and media.

She serves as Advocacy and Communication Director of FONSS (the Federation of NGOs for Social Services) and coordinates the Nicolina Iași Humanitarian and Social Assistance Center, where she built a complex of services for Ukrainian refugees from the ground up.

An accredited trainer and author in the field of social economy, she also chairs the Iași NGO Commission and has a background spanning organizational communication, public administration, and social journalism.



Stefan CIBIAN

Title:

Mobilizing Civil Society in Crisis – study case Community Resilience in Romania's Response to Emergencies

Stefan Cibian is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Făgăraș Research Institute and a Visiting Lecturer in Political Science at the University of Bucharest and Babeș-Bolyai University. Holding a Ph.D. in Political Science from Central European University, he is a former Chatham House Academy Fellow whose work spans civil society development, community resilience, philanthropy, and international relations, with particular expertise in the mobilization of Romanian civil society during crises such as the war in Ukraine.

He serves as President of the Romanian NGDO Federation (FOND), sits on several foundation boards, and has published extensively on civil society, community foundations, and the Sustainable Development Goals.



col. Iordan GAVRILĂ

Title:

From Concept to Implementation: A National Public–Private Platform for Civil Resilience

Iordan Gavrilă, Head of Coordination and Implementation of Resilience Requirements Unit, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romania, coordinates at the national level, the implementation of resilience requirements within the General Directorate for Civil Protection of Romania's Department for Emergency Situations.

Drawing on extensive experience in the civil protection system, he promotes resilience-building initiatives both institutionally and within



Rama U Pandey

Dr. Rama U Pandey is Professor and Dean (Academics) at the School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal. She heads the National Centre for Spatial Rural Development Planning (NCSRDP), established by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, and is a member of the National Wetlands Committee under the Wetlands Rules, 2017. An architect and environmental planner, she has nearly three decades of experience in academia and industry, with research interests in climate-informed planning, ecosystem services, socio-ecological resilience, and livable built environments. She has contributed as an environmental planner to SPA Bhopal's multinational and national projects focused on climate resilience, regional planning, and rural spatial planning.



Subir Sen

Dr. Subir Sen is Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences and Joint Faculty in the Centre of Excellence in Disaster Mitigation and Management (COEDMM) at the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. His areas of research interest include Economics of risk, uncertainty and insurance, and Economics of climate change and disasters. He was Visiting Professor at DPRI, Kyoto University and Keio University in Japan and special invite for University Immersion Programme of IDMR, Sichuan University, China. He earlier served TERI University, New Delhi and Madras School of Economics, Chennai. He was a Member of the Board of Governors, Asia Pacific Risk and Insurance Association (APRIA) (2019-2022), Secretary (2022-2024) and Joint Secretary (2020-2022) of the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE). He received distinguished awards such as the JSPS-ICSSR Joint Research Project, GDN's Japanese Outstanding Research on Development (ORD), subsidy from the Geneva Association, etc. He contributed to sponsored research projects by the Govt. and International agencies like the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, IRDAI, SANEI, APN, DST-CHORD, IFC, World Bank Group and UK NERC. He has more than 25 peer-reviewed publications to his credit and is an Associate Editor of the Asia Pacific Journal of Risk and Insurance and in the Editorial Board of Springer's Economics of Disasters and Climate Change.

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