



HERE ARE THE SELECTED CORE ASSOCIATED LABS

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It's time to celebrate! After a highly competitive selection process, 15 outstanding organisations have been chosen to join the RESILIAGE network as CORE Associated Labs.

These dynamic organisations, representing various sectors and regions, will collaborate with our existing CORE Labs to co-develop innovative solutions rooted in cultural heritage, local knowledge, and community-driven practices.

In this special edition of the RESILIAGE Newsletter, we introduce you to these pioneering CORE Associated Labs, highlight their unique contributions, and share what this collaboration means for the future of community-driven disaster risk management.

CORE Associated Lab Karawanken Geopark

Spanning 14 municipalities across Austria and Slovenia, the Karawanken Geopark is one of the few cross-border UNESCO Global Geoparks. It faces recurring natural hazards, particularly **floods**, which are exacerbated by extreme rainfall events.

CORE Associated Lab Valencia Local Police

Following a devastating **flood** in 2024, Valencia Local Police (PLV) (Spain) is driving efforts to strengthen emergency response and urban flood resilience. With real-world experience and a frontline role in EU projects, PLV brings critical insight to building safer, more prepared communities in the face of rising climate threats.

CORE Associated Lab Cultural Association Of Livadia

Located in the mountainous Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark (Greece), the Cultural Association of Livadia blends tradition with resilience. Originally founded in the 1960s, it now works to mitigate **earthquake** and climate-related risks by drawing on local memory, cultural heritage and community-driven actions.

CORE Associated Lab Cyclades Unified NGO

On the island of Kimolos (Greece), Cyclades Unified NGO works to preserve the medieval Castle of Kimolos, a historic site intertwined with the homes and memories of locals. With fragile stone walls already stressed by time and weather, the threat of **earthquakes** adds urgency to their mission. The NGO leads awareness and restoration efforts rooted in community engagement.

CORE Associated Lab Coal Mining Museum

Located in the heart of Silesia, the Coal Mining Museum in Zabrze preserves Poland's industrial heritage while addressing **seismic** and environmental risks linked to mining. Through community involvement and digital innovation, the museum transforms local mining history into a powerful tool for resilience, education, and regional regeneration.

CORE Associated Lab Geofood

GEOfood (Norway) is an initiative that unites communities and sustainable food enterprises within UNESCO Global Geoparks. By addressing **unsustainable food practices**, it empowers local producers to highlight geoheritage through storytelling and place-based collaboration.

CORE Associated Lab Terras De Cavaleiros Geopark

Set in the diverse landscapes of Macedo de Cavaleiros (Portugal), the Geopark turns geological richness into a force for sustainable tourism and local pride. With 43 geosites, the Geopark invites visitors to connect with nature while raising awareness about environmental risks like **wildfires**, an increasing threat to its ecosystems.

CORE Associated Lab Fundación Uxío Novobeyra

Situated in Galicia's remote Courel mountains (Spain), Fundación Uxío Novobeyra combines cultural memory with environmental action. Faced with growing **wildfire** risks, the foundation revives traditional land practices to build resilience and protect this UNESCO Geopark territory through community knowledge of local heritage.

CORE Associated Lab Happy Yurt

Located in the poetic Shorai Valley of Dobrogea (Romania), Happy Yurt intertwines cultural heritage, memory, and biodiversity to create a unique space for community resilience. Facing growing threats like **droughts**, the initiative uses storytelling, tradition and the symbolic presence of the elusive Shorai to reconnect people with nature and preserve Tatar identity in a changing climate.

CORE Associated Lab Hateg Country Geopark

In the heart of Romania, Hațeg Country UNESCO Global Geopark blends dinosaur-era geology with vibrant cultural heritage. As **drought** and other natural hazards rise, the Geopark engages communities through education, conservation, and sustainable tourism, turning local memory into a driver of climate resilience and regional pride.

CORE Associated Lab Mourne Gullion Strangford Geopark

Where ancient oceans once met, Mourne Gullion Strangford UNESCO Global Geopark (Northern Ireland) now faces a new challenge: **coastal erosion**. As rising seas and harsher storms reshape its intricate shorelines, the Geopark works with local communities to protect its landscapes and legacies, blending geological heritage with forward-looking climate action.

Expanding overseas to Latin America

The Latin American CORE Associated Labs include organisations from Chile, Ecuador and Brazil, dedicated to resilience through environmental conservation, community engagement, and academic research. Their efforts span social enterprises, geoparks and biological reserves to strengthen disaster preparedness and sustainability.

CORE Associated Lab Balloon Latam Social Enterprise

In Chile, Balloon Latam supports rural entrepreneurs facing a growing **drought** crisis. Through community-driven innovation, they're uniting local voices to build resilience against climate-driven natural hazards, turning collaboration into a lifeline for one of the country's most vital ecosystems.

CORE Associated Lab Tungurahua Volcano Geopark

Surrounded by active **volcanoes** and **seismic** risk, Tungurahua Volcano Geopark (Ecuador) combines science, memory, and governance to build disaster resilience. With strong local coordination across municipalities and provinces, the Geopark strengthens socio-economic resilience and equips communities to face volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and landslides.

CORE Associated Lab Cerro Plateado Biological Reserve

In Ecuador's southern Amazon, the Cerro Plateado Biological Reserve protects rich biodiversity under growing pressure from **illegal mining** and deforestation. Through its CORE Lab, the Reserve blends scientific research with local knowledge to strengthen socio-ecological resilience. By promoting sustainable land management, ecosystem restoration, and community participation, it's creating innovative, replicable models for climate adaptation and protected area governance.

CORE Associated Lab Prourb

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, PROURB studies how floods and climate change worsen risks in precarious settlements. Working with the Pastoral de Favelas, the Urban Ecology Laboratory focuses on vulnerable groups, especially Afro-descendant communities, linking research with local action to build urban resilience.

Discover more about the CORE Associated Labs

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Are you ready to expand your knowledge on heritage, community resilience and disaster risk reduction? The RESILIAGE Summer School is your chance to learn from top experts, engage in hands-on workshops, and collaborate with a global network of resilience leaders.

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