

Resilient Coastal Communities: Transnational FLAG Seminar



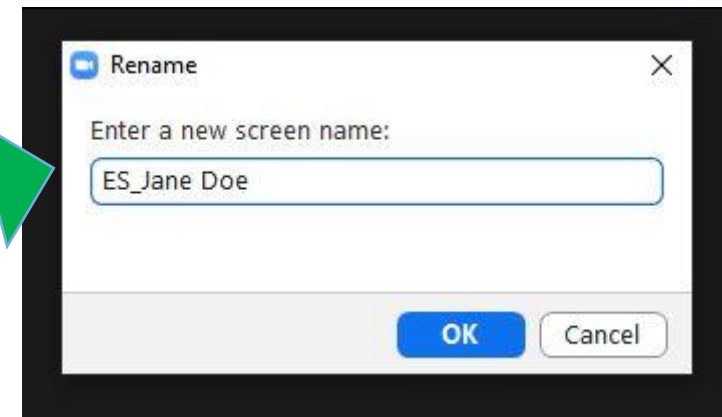
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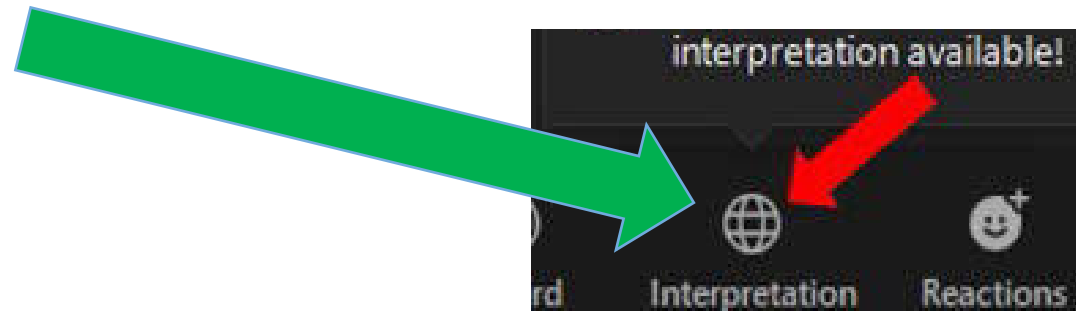




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DAY 1: Tuesday 16th November



Time	Activity
9.30 – 10.30	<p>Introductory plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by Felix Leinemann, Head of Unit, Blue Economy Sectors, aquaculture and maritime spatial planning, DG MARE, European Commission• FARNET presentation on resilient coastal communities.• Interactive exercise using Menti.
10.30 – 11.00	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Economic Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote presentation on fostering economic resilience by Davie Philips (Cultivate, Ireland).• Project example from Poland, Carp Valley FLAG.• Project example from Hiiukala FLAG, Estonia.• Panel discussion on factors impacting economic resilience in FLAG areas.

DAY 2: Wednesday 17th November



Time	Activity
9.30 – 11.00	<p>Environmental Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote presentation on environmental resilience by Sebastian Linke (Associate Professor in Environmental Social Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden).• Example from East Finland FLAG.• Example from Stockholmsbygd FLAG, Sweden.• Panel discussion on how FLAGs can support activities that address different environmental threats.
11.00 – 11.30	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Thematic Workshop – Supporting local energy cooperatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical workshop with REScoop.eu (<i>the European federation of citizen energy cooperatives</i>) on how FLAGs can help their coastal areas get involved in setting up participative energy cooperatives.

DAY 3: Thursday 18th November



Time	Activity
9.30 – 10.30	Social Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote presentation on social resilience by Sarah Coulthard (Senior Lecturer in Marine Social Science, Newcastle University, UK).• Project example from France, Estérel-Côte d’Azur FLAG.• Project example from Denmark, LLSÆ FLAG.• Panel discussion on local projects strengthening the social fabric of coastal communities and making them more resilient.
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 12.30	Thematic Workshop – Building resilience into future FLAG strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical workshop given by VertigoLab on how FLAGs can integrate resilience, including economic sector analysis, into their future local development strategies.
12.30 – 13.00	Conclusion, quiz, and farewell

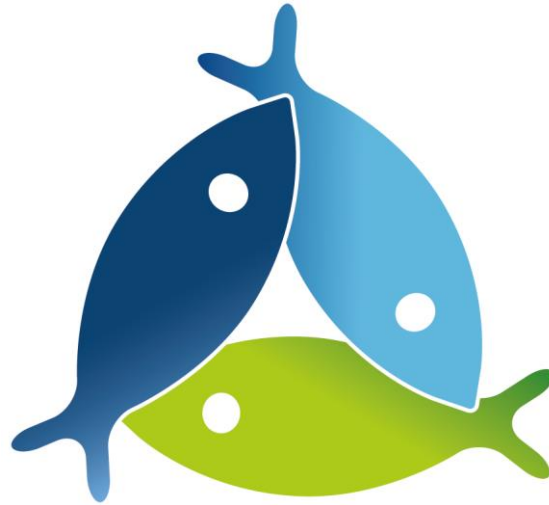


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What is resilience?



- The ability to **resist, absorb and recover** from - or successfully **adapt** to - **adversity or change**.
- Not a fixed state but a **continuous process** of acquiring and sustaining the **resources** required to function well under stress.

Why is it important?



Multiple crises:



Different aspects of resilience



Resist



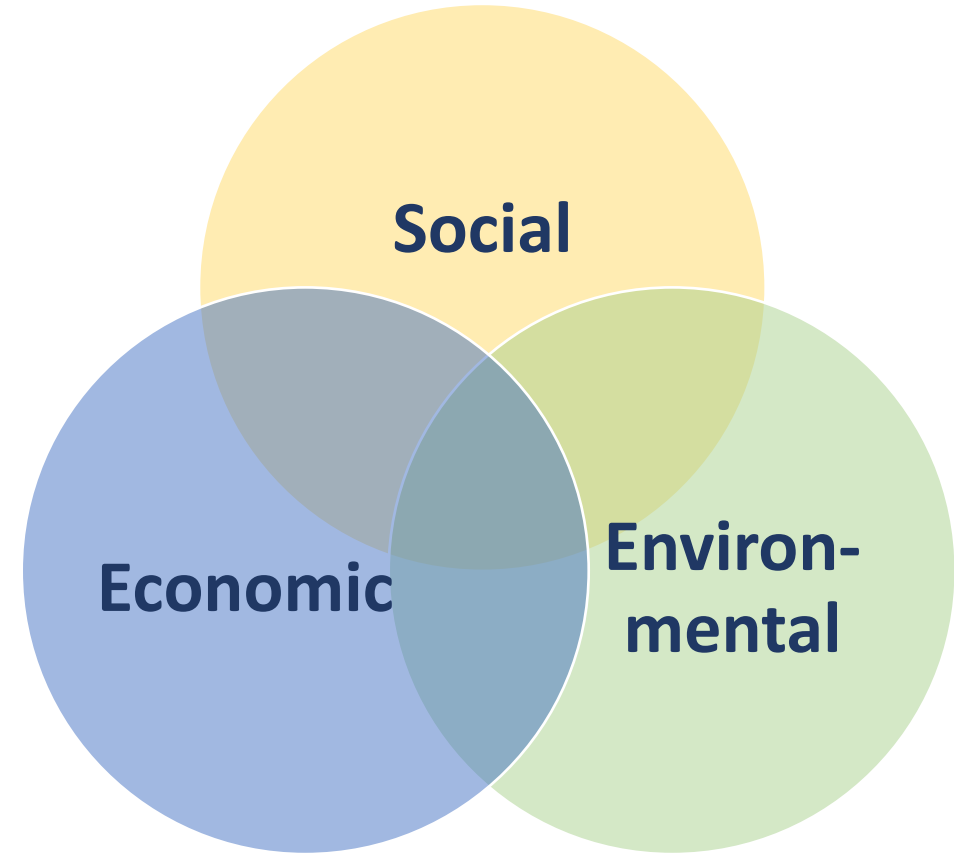
Bounce back



Adapt



Transform



Adapted from a presentation by Alistair Adam Hernandez.

Ingredients of resilient communities



- ✓ **Openness:** access to many types of information from outside.
- ✓ **Connectedness:** ability to communicate for a rapid response.
- ✓ **Diversity:** availability of different responses and resources from a wide range of people, skills and institutions.
- ✓ **Participation:** mobilisation of maximum number of people.
- ✓ **Redundancy:** back-up systems if primary system fails.
- ✓ **Learning:** capacity to continually adapt to change.
- ✓ **Flexibility:** enough people willing to do things differently.

What can FLAGs do?



- ❖ **Strengthen the social fabric of their communities**
- ❖ **Promote environmentally resilient practices**
- ❖ **Help local businesses and supply chains reduce their vulnerability.**



Social Resilience



- **Build social capital:** key role of the FLAG!!
(this resulted in [quick response and collective solution](#) in the face of COVID-19 crisis, [Basque FLAG](#), Spain)
- **Encourage social inclusion** (e.g. a [women's association mobilises people with disabilities](#) to help recycle plastic marine litter into usable products for the fisheries sector, Costa Sostible FLAG, Spain)
- **Facilitate social innovation** (e.g. [joint venture between the Red Cross and local fish auction](#) helps the unemployed into work while securing a place to process undervalued local seafood, Thau FLAG, France)



Social inclusion for vibrant fishing communities



Economic Resilience



- **Strengthen and diversify supply chains, products and markets** (e.g. [Stonefish](#) with new product development, processing, tourism and hospitality, Hiiukala FLAG, Estonia)
- **Foster a more circular economy** (e.g. processing [unwanted by-catch](#) into new marketable products, Lapland FLAG, Finland)
- **Facilitate access to information, services and knowledge exchange** (e.g. [better temperature and salinity data](#) to help secure a local supply of oyster spat, Auray & Vannes FLAG, France)



Environmental Resilience



- **Adapt to climate change** (e.g. decarbonising economic activities in Culatra Island, Sotavento do Algarve FLAG, Portugal)
- **Secure ongoing access to natural resources and energy** (e.g. reducing energy and water use in shellfish processing, North East FLAG, Ireland)
- **Safeguard healthy ecosystems** (e.g. strengthening the protection of Marine Protected Areas, Murcia FLAG, Spain)



Resilience checklist



- ✓ **Be prepared** – start right away!
- ✓ Support a local economy that can **meet most of its needs** itself
- ✓ **Reduce** consumption; **reuse** natural resources and materials;
recycle
- ✓ Preserve **variety** in as many ways as possible
- ✓ Capitalise on all the **skills and talent**
- ✓ Build **external antennae**
- ✓ **Influence policy** for issues that are too big for a FLAG to address
- ✓ Always have a **'plan B'** up your sleeve!



What does resilience mean to you?



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Time for a coffee!
...we start again at 11.00