



Increase in community cohesion during the disaster recovery phase

Particularly in the recovery phase, Maltese participants also highlighted the potential for an increase in community cohesion: “After something has happened you see communities uniting [...] If there is a carpenter he could help someone else by making furniture, an electrician can help someone else by working on their electricity, a plumber working on water. Many times, communities after a disaster like this unite.”

Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Social networks](#)

Disaster Phases: [Recovery](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [Government](#), [Local authorities](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#), [Man-made non-intentional hazards or emergency situations](#), [Man-made intentional hazards](#)

Recommendations:

- [Develop guidelines for disaster practitioners that take into consideration the different needs of and approaches to different ethnical groups](#)
- [Foster social connectedness and the development of a strong sense of community, as these encourage citizens to help each other in disaster situations](#)

Source

[Deliverable D5.4 "Report on citizens' reactions and opinions: Citizen Summit 2 \(Malta\)" \(page 17\)](#)

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