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# ECCLESIASTICAL CULTURAL HERITAGE: RISK ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING OF PREVENTION AND REGENERATION



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## REFERENCE FRAMEWORK

16  
22  
25.597  
➤ 66.000  
➤ 100.000

ITALIAN ECCLESIASTICAL REGIONS  
DIOCESES  
PARISHES  
ECCLESIASTICAL CHURCHES  
CHURCHES INCLUDING OTHER PROPERTIES

SEISMIC RISK

FLOOD RISK

LANDSLIDE RISK

FIRE RISK

...and much more risks...

- Industrial
- War
- Volcanic
- Theft
- Abandonment
- Pollution

## MAIN GOALS OF THE PROJECT

The project aimed the investigation of the relation between technical processes for the risk evaluation and the development of decision supporting strategies for planning heritage prevention and maintenance activities, by considering the social and relational processes that deal ecclesiastic heritage governance.

The main focuses of the project:

- investigation on the capitalization of data from Italian Census of Churches in the perspective of risk evaluation
- analysis on interoperability between national open-access databases regarding religious heritage and territorial vulnerabilities
- development of speditive methodology for the integrated risk evaluation to be applied in decisional strategies by heritage managing bodies
- State of the art of research projects, investigation methods and initiatives dealing religious heritage and community participation in the decisional processes about valorisation and regeneration
- evaluation of the strategies to include the theme of risk in the managing ordinary practices of ecclesiastical heritage

## • Territorial and Risk Case Studies



**Piedmont:**  
7 towns; 74 churches; 2 risks



**Emilia Romagna:**  
3 towns; 65 churches; 2 risks



**Campania:**  
4 towns; 37 churches; 1 risk

## Future scenarios:

- Application and experimentation of the method in real territories also trough inclusion of communities
- Strengthening of census procedures
- Awareness raising on the risk problems for heritage managing bodies
- Integration of databases

### BCE-RPR METHOD

#### MULDISCIPLINARY TEAM

- architectural historians
- urban planners
- structural engineers
- social scientists

### TERRITORIAL RISK MAPS

- National territorial vulnerabilities and risks maps: ISPRA; INGV

### R3C-ELABORATIONS

- Cartographic elaboration of territorial case studies

### CHURCH CENSUS SCHEDULES INTERPRETATION

Location  
Typology  
Structural information  
Age of construction

Architectural details  
Level of maintenance  
Photos

### VISUALIZATION OF PRIORITIES

- Index of specific risk for each church
- **Aggregate Risk index** for the large scale planning of activities