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IPL Project (IPL - 248) Annual Report Form 2024

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1. PROJECT NUMBER (approved year) AND TITLE:

IPL – 248 (2019): Innovation in slow-moving landslide risk assessment of roads and urban sites by combining multi-sensor multi-source monitoring data

2. MAIN PROJECT FIELDS

(1) Technology Development

- A. Monitoring and Early Warning,
- B. Hazard Mapping, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment

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4. OBJECTIVES: (5 lines maximum)

The project is aimed at developing and testing appropriate procedures for the use of innovative multi-temporal multi-sensor monitoring techniques jointly with multi-source field data for the landslide hazard, vulnerability and risk assessment in (slow-moving) landslide-affected areas. The proposed procedures will be double-tested in different geo-environmental contexts taking advantage of previous/ongoing studies carried out by the Project members in selected areas in both Italy and Serbia.

5. STUDY AREA: (2 lines maximum)

Some study areas severely affected by slow-moving landslides were selected in both countries: Calabria region and Cilento area, southern Italy; and SW Belgrade suburb (Umka landslide) in Serbia.

6. PROJECT DURATION (1 line maximum)

3 years

7. REPORT

***7.1 Progress in the project:* (30 lines maximum)**

According to the approved proposal, the Project was arranged in six phases. The first two phases (see Annual Report 2020), concerned: *i*) the collection, review and harmonization of all available information on landslides in the selected case studies in southern Italy and in Belgrade (Serbia) area; *ii*) the filling in and collection of ad-hoc prepared damage fact-sheets for the exposed buildings/roads in both study areas; *iii*) the generation of surface displacement temporal time series at the full available spatial resolution – through the Multipass Differential Interferometric (DInSAR) technique via the SAR Tomography approach – of Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) dataset acquired by both the Italian COSMO-SkyMed constellation and the ESA Copernicus Sentinel-1 mission over the Belgrade city and its surroundings including the Umka landslide.

In the second year of the project (see the Annual Report 2021) the three involved institutions worked on the definition of a common approach (Fig.1) aimed at assessing the slow-moving landslide hazard and investigating the vulnerability of structures and infrastructures in landslide-affected urban areas (Peduto et al., 2020). Specifically, the proposed approach consists of three main phases (Fig. 1) including: step I) the detection of the elements (i.e. buildings and road) exposed to landslide risk; step II) the assessment of a damage severity level (DL) and the intensity parameter (IP) computed using the available monitoring data; step III) the vulnerability analysis by combining the above DL and IP information selected according to the scale and type (i.e. empirical or numerical) of analysis, and deterministic (i.e. cause-effect relationships) or probabilistic (i.e. aimed at generating consequence forecasting tools such as fragility and/or vulnerability curves) approaches.

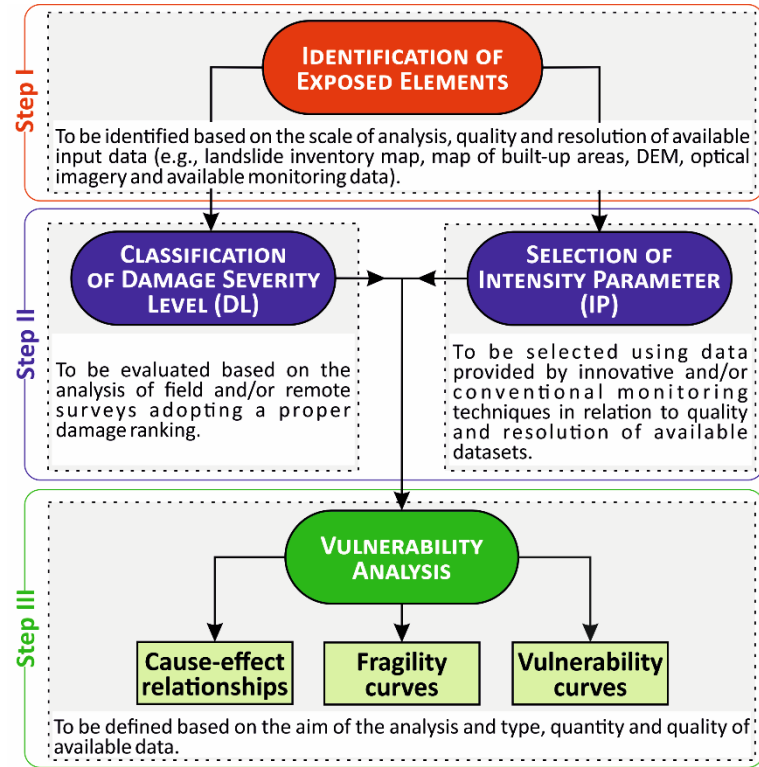


Fig.1 Flowchart of the proposed approach (modified from Peduto et al., 2020).

In agreement with the project proposal, in the third and fourth years of the project the three institutions started applying the proposed approach to selected case studies. With reference to Italian case studies, via the joint use of conventional monitoring data (GPS and damage surveys) and remote sensing (DInSAR and Google StreetView) empirical cause (displacement) – effect (damage) relationships were derived for both buildings and roads interacting with slow-moving landslides (Peduto et al., 2021a, b). As for roads, the risk was quantitatively assessed in terms of repair costs under fixed scenarios. Furthermore, a numerical analysis aimed at investigating the response of a masonry building undergoing slow-moving landslide-induced displacements was carried out (Nicodemo et al., 2021) and the results obtained successfully compared with the information collected during multi temporal damage surveys on the modeled building. As for the Umka landslide case study, multi-source monitoring data allowed a data-driven landslide characterization (Samardžić Petrović et al., 2020; Abolmasov et al., 2021) that was validated against the landslide geomorphological-geotechnical model, which was previously outlined based on geomorphological criteria and geotechnical investigations. The processing of very high resolution X-Band COSMO-SkyMed data was also supported by a complementary processing of C-Band Sentinel-1 data: the high intensity rate of the movement in the area of interest of the Umka landslide, coupled with the heavy presence of vegetation pose challenges in the effective monitoring capability at X-Band, consequently the processing has been integrated with Sentinel-1 trading off between lower spatial resolution but with the advantage of higher robustness against both temporal decorrelation as well as deformation signal ambiguities.

As for the case study of Acri in Calabria region (southern Italy) (Peduto et al., 2025), the quantitative risk analysis for a state road crossing an area of southern Italian Apennines diffusively affected by slow-moving landslides

was carried out. Multi-disciplinary data consisting of geological-geomorphological features, geotechnical characterization of geomaterials, both conventional (i.e. GPS and inclinometer) and remote sensing (i.e. MT-DInSAR) displacement measurements, in-situ and virtual (i.e. Google Street View images) surveys, and probabilistic tools (i.e. fragility and vulnerability curves) were appropriately exploited. The peculiarity of the used data is i) the multi-temporal recording of the road damage to catch the response of the infra structure (i.e. both the road pavement and the side retaining structures) with time, and ii) the association of the cumulative landslide-induced displacements with the corresponding damage in order to feed empirical forecasting tools for consequence analyses. The thorough knowledge of the slow-moving landslides and their interaction with the exposed roads were implemented within the proposed method to assess the direct economic losses in terms of repair costs, should no countermeasures or mitigation works be implemented in due time. Considering that the studied area resembles very typical conditions of inner roads in hilly and mountain areas of southern Italy, the method can represent a valuable tool for decision makers to prioritize money allocation for risk adaptation and mitigation actions for roads in similar geo-environmental contexts.

7.2 Planned future activities or Statement of completion of the Project (15 lines maximum)

In 2020 and 2021, the full exchange of best practice and expertise among the different partners has been slowed down because of Covid pandemic that did not allow the scheduled joint technical visits to the study areas due to travelling problems among European countries.

During 2022 and 2023 joint activities restarted and collaboration among the involved groups allowed achieving the fixed goals.

Then, some of the results were presented orally within during 6th World Landslide Forum held in Florence (Italy) from 14 to 17 November 2023 by Dario Peduto with the presentation “Monitoring/surveying data-based quantitative risk assessment for a road crossing a slow-moving landslide-affected area” and by Gianfranco Nicodemo with the presentation “An integrated multi-source data analysis for the assessment of consequences on the slow moving landslides affected built up environment”.

In 2024 the activities focused on the risk assessment for roads in selected case studies.

The activities of 2025 will be devoted to cross-compare the results from different case studies to test the exportability and reliability of the proposed procedure.

7.3 Beneficiaries of Project for Science, Education and/or Society (15 lines maximum)

Direct beneficiaries of the project are community/municipalities affected by landslides. Local and regional authorities in both Italy and Serbia – housing sector, infrastructure authorities, Civil protection departments – were contacted and informed about the results of the project during the third and fourth year of the project development.

The results were disseminated to PhD students and Young Doctors attending the last five editions of LARAM2020, LARAM2021, LARAM2022, LARAM 2023, LARAM2024 “LAndslide Risk Assessment and Mitigation” International School, which is yearly organized by GEG-UNISA with the contribution of several ICL members. For instance, Prof. Dario Peduto during delivered lessons on “DInSAR-based landslide

characterization” (on 15 September 2020) and “Landslide vulnerability assessment” (on 16 September 2020); and “Multi-source data-based monitoring” (on 15 September 2021) and “Innovation in landslide vulnerability analysis” (on 15 September 2021).

Additional dissemination activities dealt with a short course – organized by Profs. Abolmasov, Đurić and Marjanović - on “*Innovation in geotechnical monitoring of slow-moving landslides and subsidence*” that Prof. Dario Peduto and Dr. Gianfranco Nicodemo delivered at the University of Belgrade in June 2023.

During the LARAM2023 in September 2023 both Prof. Biljana Abolmasov and Prof. Dario Peduto have been invited to deliver lessons that also dealt with the results of the project. Prof. Abolmasov delivered two lectures “Post-event landslide database” and “BEWARE (BEyond landslide aWAREness) project”, Prof. Dario Peduto addressed “Multi-source data based monitoring” and “Innovation in vulnerability analysis”.

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7.4 Results: (15 line maximum, e.g. publications)

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