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**Auditorium Club House**  
**Joint Research Centre - Ispra**

# Conference

## The (long) history of earthquake engineering

**Speaker: Paolo Negro (JRC – IPSC)**

### **Abstract**

Mankind has been building houses for thousands of years, and the construction skills have moved from simple shelters to cathedrals and skyscrapers.

Surprisingly enough, earthquakes still result into destruction and casualties. The conference will try to identify the reasons of this inconsistency, explain the reasons for which there is still a need for advanced research in earthquake engineering and illustrate the importance of the work being conducted at the European Laboratory for Structural Assessment (ELSA).