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World Landslides Forum: Each year, landslides cause damage to 6 billion Euros

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Over 6 billion euro a year for damage caused by landslides in the industrialized countries of the world. This is the outcome of the results presented at the **Second Global Forum on Landslides** held at the FAO headquarters in Rome, organized by the Global Promotion Committee of the International Programme on Landslides (IPL), and in which sees the **ISPRA** (Italian Institute for Protection and Environmental Research) at the forefront of the institutions involved.

During the congress, the ISPRA experts said that, although there is not a uniform and comprehensive dataset on the economic damage from landslides around the world, "we can cite the data for the United States of 1200 million Euros per annum, for Japan to 1500 million Euros, 500 million for China and 1300 million for India . In the EU, the damage amounted to 220 million per year just for Spain. The figure is certainly underestimate because there is missing data from many developing countries. In the EU over 712 000 landslides were surveyed, including expenses on damage and rehabilitation, that only in Italy cost about one billion Euro on an average year.

The World Consortium on Landslides, founded in 2002 at Kyoto University, brings together more than 60 scientific institutions from around the world, with the aim of laying the foundations for a better policy for citizens security through a better land management shared internationally. One of the tools is just the work on World Landslide Forum, which seeks to create an operational link between scientists, companies, professionals in the field of new technologies and policy maker. The forum involves, over a five-day conference, 77 countries with 662 scientific papers and oral reports, spread over 25 thematic sessions, which will range from the mapping of the phenomena to their modelling, impact, mitigation and monitoring.

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