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**Building Resilience Strategies**

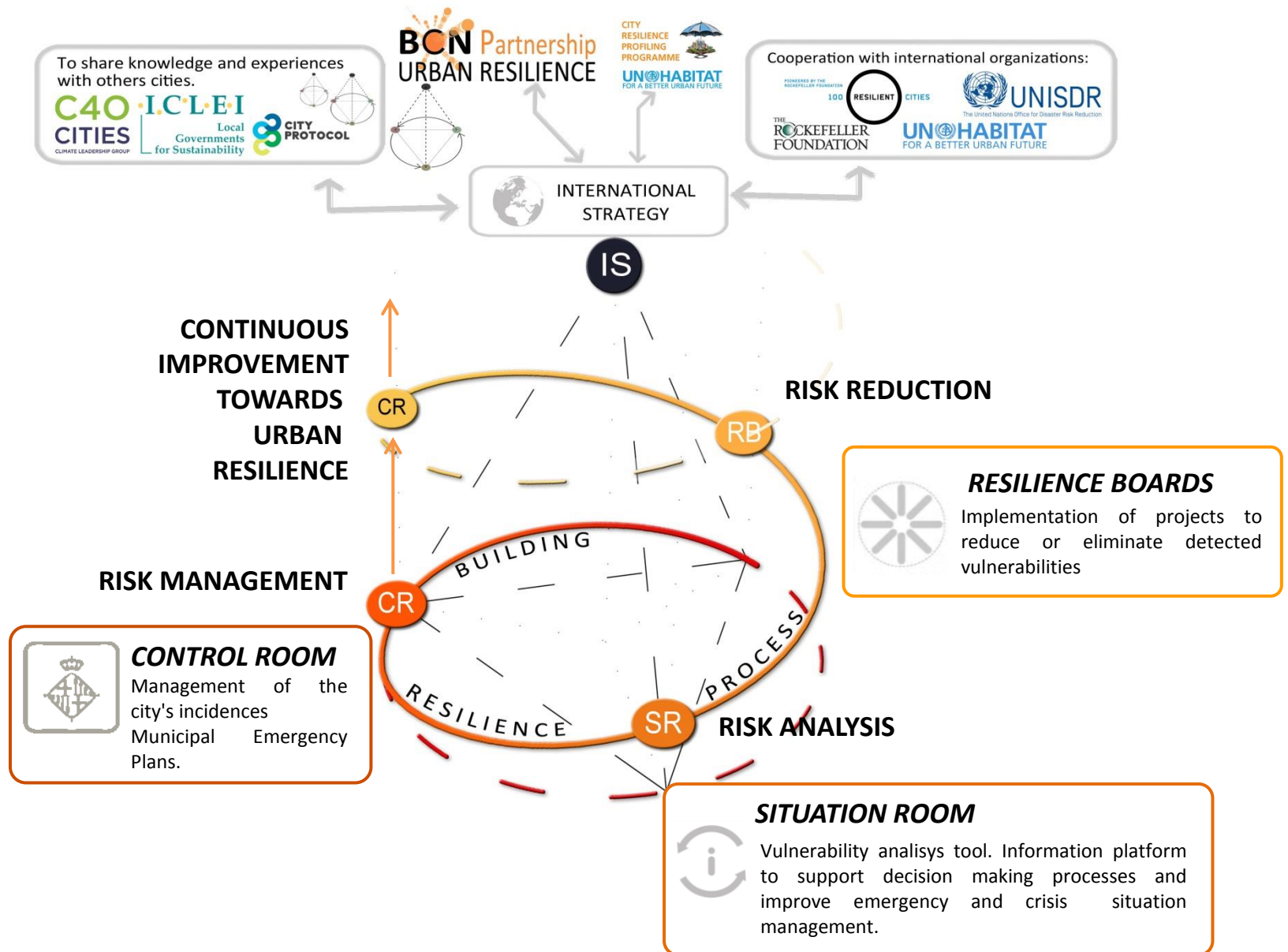


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# BARCELONA'S RESILIENCE DEPARTMENT MAIN WORKING LINES



# FINDINGS. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESILIENCE STRATEGY KEY FACTORS

- **Awareness** on the own vulnerabilities (but be wiser; don't wait until a crisis hits!)
- **Political commitment** and **strong leadership** is needed
- **Transversality**: change in paradigm in the way we approach city planning and management. Intersectoral and key actors collaboration (from different levels of administration, private sector, academia...) is needed
- **Local alliances** and **stakeholder engagement** are vital
- It is a **constant learning process** and involves capacity building and development of tools to support implementation of the resilience strategy



## HOW HAS THE COLLABORATION WITH MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION HELPED LEVERAGE BARCELONA'S RESILIENCE STRATEGY?

- Incorporate resilience in the political agenda of the city, **consolidating political commitment over electoral cycles**. Now entering 3rd political mandate with 2 changes in the government on the city. Resilience department created during last mandate. (Making Cities Resilient Campaign membership, Agreement with UNHabitat, Covenant of Mayors and Mayors Adapt, Commitment with Rockefeller Foundation's 100RC initiative,...)
- Provides **access to resources** (networks platforms, tools, expertise...)
- **Fosters collaboration and knowledge exchange** between cities facing similar challenges
- Helps **creating and sustaining the momentum**. Gives **visibility** to cities and generates expectations amongst key actors that **enhances stakeholder engagement**
- Helps creating a common language and provides with a **conceptual framework of reference** complementing city's more practical, solution oriented approach to resilience building. Medellin Collaboration for Urban Resilience Agreement

