

## ***Interactive comment on “From mapped faults to earthquake magnitude: A test on Italy with methodological implications” by Fabio Trippetta et al.***

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In an attempt to defend the manuscript by Trippetta et al., Andrea Billi (the corresponding author) and his coworkers only succeeded in worsening the fallacies we pointed out in our comment. Importantly, they contradict themselves by repeating that their work is not aimed to analyse the seismic hazard but it is rather a "product for scientific use

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only", and then admit that "this study developed within the framework of nuclear waste repositories planning".

Regrettably, Billi and coworkers concluded their defense with the defamatory statement reported below:

"We acknowledge the expertise of the Authors on this topic, but at the same time we emphasise the conflict of interest they have maintaining the monopoly of fundings on the seismic hazard in Italy since decades."

This statement is unacceptable and demands that we suspend here our scientific interaction with Billi and coworkers up until they retract their allegations, or specify which aspect of the Copernicus Publications' Competing Interest Policy ([https://www.solid-earth.net/about/competing\\_interests\\_policy.html](https://www.solid-earth.net/about/competing_interests_policy.html)) they presume we have violated, providing the necessary evidence. We otherwise reserve the right to take any action to defend our good reputation on this matter.

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