

# ***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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As executive editor for the SE Discussion manuscript Se-2018-98, I would first remark that the open-access platform of SE is intended to ensure all the different opinions are adequately represented during the editorial workflow, providing a fair and unbiased review process.

The open access policy of comments and replies in SE is also conceived to foster scientific debate on relevant scientific issues such as the ones presented in this SED manuscript. In such a way, SE Discussion provides the possibility for anyone, not just the reviewers, to make constructive comments suitable to help the relevant Topical

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Editor come to decide on the manuscript. Given the societal relevance of the topics presented in the manuscript, the ongoing debate can also potentially help to make further progress in the state of knowledge on such a sensitive issue.

Nonetheless, following the SE editorial policy, as executive editor of the manuscript I have also the duty to censor “comments that are not of substantial nature or of direct relevance to the issues raised in the discussion paper or which contain personal insults, especially if Authors. . .notify the editor in case of abusive comments.”

Therefore, although I am aware that there is a vigorous debate on these topics in Italy that is not only confined to the scientific community, I do believe that comments on scientific articles should be instead confined only to scientific issues. I would also emphasize that comments that regards interpersonal relationships and aspects of the professional reputation of the Author(s) (or anyone else) involved in the debate are to be avoided, because not in discussion here.

To conclude, I would thus recommend that anyone that adds further interactive comments to strictly comment the science of the manuscript and nothing else.

Sincerely,

Federico Rossetti

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