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The European Commission in its 7th Framework Programme (2007-2013) supported the largest research project in earthquake engineering, SERIES, which aimed at fostering a sustainable culture of co-operation among all research infrastructures and teams active in European earthquake engineering. In this volume, top seismic experts and researchers from around the world, including the George E. Brown, Jr. Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES) in the USA, present the most recent outcome of their work in experimental testing,

as well as the outcomes of the transnational access activities of external researchers who have used Europe's seven largest and most advanced seismic testing facilities in the framework of SERIES. This includes EU's largest reaction wall facility, EU's four largest shaking table laboratories and its two major centrifuges. The work presented includes state-of-the-art research towards the seismic design, assessment and retrofitting of structures, as well as the development of innovative research toward new fundamental technologies and techniques promoting efficient and joint use of the research infrastructures. The contents of the volume demonstrate the fruits of the effort of the European Commission in supporting research in earthquake engineering.

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