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READY4DISasters

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## What does the project consist of?

**READY4DISasters** project aims to develop resilient communities through awareness and preparedness against the risks of fire, flood, and landslide. To achieve this objective, diverse groups in the society should be included in the efforts and their competency should be developed.

This is possible promoting new learning and training opportunities concerning this issue among the volunteer citizens.

**READY4DISasters** project will provide necessary digital tools, including digital games along with education and training materials to support volunteers in acquiring and developing basic skills and key competencies in preparation against disasters.

Via the products developed in this project, volunteers will be able to get ready and connect with all aspects of disaster management starting from mitigation to preparedness, response, and recovery.

## Project Partners



[Gebze Technical University](#) (GTU; established in 1992 as Gebze Institute of Technology, GYTE) is a state university located in the Marmara Region of Turkey, with the primary goal of accommodating the needs of 3 Technoparks, 18 Organized Industrial Zones (OIZs) and 35 R&D facilities in the area so as to contribute to the state-of-the-art research and needs of the society.



[Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality](#) is one of the two metropolitan municipalities together with İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality whose provincial borders and areas of authority and responsibility were made equal by the Metropolitan Municipality Law in 2004. Having 23 Head Departments, it operates in many areas such as urban planning, transportation, health and social services, construction works and disaster management.



[AFAD](#) has purpose to i) to determine the disaster and emergency hazards and risks of the province ii) to make disaster and emergency preparations. iii) Reduction, response and recovery of disaster and emergency risk. iv) accreditation and certification of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and volunteers



[LARES Italia](#) – *National Union of Civil Protection Experts*, is an Italian Association in the field of Civil Protection founded in 2006. The main goal of LARES Italia is to represent and involve – at national scale – students, graduates, experts, and academics in disaster management university courses



[OIKOPOLIS](#) is an organization that focuses on environmental literacy and cultural competence through a number of local and international activities.



[TRAINING2000](#) is a training organisation accredited in the Marche Region, Italy for adult's training, with experience in education and training in different sectors (VET/ Adult Education/ School Education).



[Digiway](#) (Georgia) is the newly established Non-profit (non-commercial) legal entity with experience of gamification in any area of teaching and training, design of ICT environment, using mobile games for achieving the specific competencies.

## READY4Disasters Partners Meet Face to Face in Greece

### 1st Kickoff Meeting

The kick-off meeting was organized by the host partner OIKO.POLIS in Greece. During the two days, the participants discussed the project objectives and concretized tasks and activities. Important decisions were taken concerning the future activities to be implemented during the project development. Administrative and dissemination issues were also discussed.

#### The main objectives of the kickoff meeting were:

- ✓ To get to know each other
- ✓ To share information about partner institutions among the project group
- ✓ To share motivations and wishes for outcomes
- ✓ Better understanding and discussion of the project objectives
- ✓ The management and administrative rules
- ✓ To discuss the planning of next activities
- ✓ To set the deadlines for project activities

The first day of the meeting started with a game of acquaintance. The partners presented brief information about their expertise as an institute/organization, the strengths of their institutions and their contribution to the project.

They visit the Diomideios Botanical Garden and watched presentations on "Fire Protection at the Botanical Garden", about floods and industrial disasters and the Municipality's of Chaidari the Business Plan for natural disaster.

The second day the project team attended a visit to 1st Department of National Disasters, Elefsina and they watched presentations about civil protection plan, previous disasters, and future planning. Additionally, the project partners had the opportunity to see the rescue equipment.

Photos from the meeting are here: <https://www.oiko-polis.com/ready4disasters/>

## WHAT IS NEXT?

#### Competence Path Planning Tool for Volunteers:

It will lead to the development of the framework for the training material and the development of the training Modules.

The partners will evaluate current methods of Raising Awareness for Training Volunteers, focusing on the field of floods, landslides and fires and e-resources in adult learning, teaching and training to create the best practice.

All partners will conduct a survey on how people know to react in a disaster in order to Raise Awareness for Training Volunteers.