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The partners made a lot of progress with the project activities, and completed 8 modules.

Initially, partners conducted surveys in their countries, dealing with volunteers' skills and competences. Questionnaires of 33 questions were used. A total of 159 participants were surveyed in 4 countries (Türkiye, Greece, Georgia and Italy).

The overall questionnaires' results for each competence and its sub-competences were summarized by experienced volunteers and trainers.

These results indicate what competencies are necessary for volunteers, in order to be more prepared and connected with all aspects of disaster management, from mitigation to preparedness, response, and recovery.

Partners prepared national reports by using the survey results. Then, Gebze Technical University, as promoter, prepared an international report.

The participating organizations in the project gained more knowledge on the development of innovative training material and are enlarging the local networks for sustainability.



A Brief Overview of Open Educational Resources

READY4DISaster project's Open Educational Resources (OER) is ready! The OERs and training chapters are addressed to adults, keen on boosting their volunteering competences. The project's products will enable trained volunteers to make their own choice about whether and how they want to get more involved in raising awareness for disasters by using digital and ICT technologies.

The OERs cover the following chapters:

Chapter 1: Occurrence and Impact of Disasters

Chapter 2: Flood Disasters

Chapter 3: Landslide Disasters

Chapter 4: Fire Disasters

Chapter 5: Rescue/ Rescue equipment (for Floods, Fires, Landslides)

Chapter 6: Promoting Prevention over Recovery

Chapter 7: Resiliency Metrics/Indicator

Chapter 8: European Mechanism in Civil protection

Some news about the "Strategy Game for Android"

One of the outcomes of the project is a Strategic Game. The game is based on the content of the Modules developed within the project. On the basis of active cooperation with project partners, a scenario on fire prevention, operation and defense was developed. The scenario was programmed by the Digiway team and represents the first draft of the game. The game is currently being tested on Android phones, but in the future, it will be adapted to iOS phones as well. The demo of the game made clear the bugs that need to be fixed and the game is being perfected.

At the same time, the landslide game scenario was developed and its programming is in progress.



READY4Disasters Partners Meeting in Foligno, Italy

The second transnational meeting of the project Ready4Disasters has been carried out in Foligno, Italy on 7-8 September 2023.

Daniele Mantucci, the Head of “The Study Centre, Municipality of Foligno, opened the work of the meeting.

Danilo Calabrese from Lares Italia - Unione Nazionale Laureati Esperti in Protezione Civile - welcomed the 27 participants.

The main objectives of the 2nd meeting were:

- Finalization of competence map and training paths.
- Discussion of OER platform and training modules.
- Presentation of a first example of the interactive mobile App and Game.
- Organization of dissemination and promotion activities
- Planning for the next activities and setting the deadlines for the future project activities.

During the second day of the meeting, the participants to the meeting attended the technical visit to the Headquarter of the Civil Protection of Umbria Region. They also attended their presentations about civil protection plans, previous disasters, and future planning.

Video from the meeting is here: <https://youtu.be/4hdDkitnSws>

Photos from the meeting in Foligno- Italy



Dissemination of local activities

The partners participated and organized many activities to disseminate the project

Some of them are:

-READY4DISasters in ERASMUS DAYS:

1. As part of the ERASMUSDAYS event, an online meeting was held on the Zoom platform related to the READY4DISasters project by the project members of Gebze Technical University, Turkey, on Thursday, 12 October 2023.

2 **ERASMUS DAYS** in OIKOPOLIS – Greece: During the meeting, the participants discussed how to organize activities to raise awareness and preparedness activities against natural disasters using the experience from READY4DISaster project and to create a Network of volunteers in their area, as well as to organize workshops in order to inform participants about managing human resources after a natural disaster.

-A presentation is given by Prof. Dr. Selçuk Toprak at 5th International Disaster and Resilience Congress about READY4DISasters project titled "Resilient Communities Against Fire, Flood and Landslides Risks: The READY4DISasters Project".

-ModEx Arcevia 2023: On June 09 2023, TRAINING2000 had the chance to visit the "ModEx Arcevia 2023", the European Civil Defense exercise simulating different disaster scenarios involving the activation of the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM). This time, the goal was to test the response capacity of the Red Cross teams involved (Romania, Austria, Israel, Sweden, Norway and Germany), and eventually share best practices in case of future emergencies at European level with a special focus on disaster:

(<https://www.eu-modex.eu/exercises#h.nvpn7f23bdgj>).

WHAT IS NEXT?

Important decisions were taken concerning the future activities to be implemented during the project development. They will lead to the development of the framework for the training material and the training Modules.

READY4DISasters partners work on the next steps:

-Creation of Training materials for online use by all partners and upload them on an OER platform in the next months.

- Pilot testing's

-Translation and adaptation of the training modules and OERs to National languages

-International training in Turkey on April 2024

-Dissemination of the local activities in each country

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