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Participating organizations in the project gained more knowledge about developing innovative educational materials.

-An open educational resources (OER) platform for adult learners in different languages was created with 8 Training modules:

- \* Occurrences and impact of disasters
- \* Flood disasters
- \* Landslide disasters
- \* Fire-related disasters
- \* Rescue equipment (for floods, fires, landslides)
- \* Promoting prevention over recovery
- \* Resiliency metrics/indicator
- \* European mechanism in civil protection

-An interactive mobile app and game are created, which will be as the digital trainer that will give the volunteers and trainers innovative knowledge and help volunteers to improve the practical skills of prevention and preparedness.

-The "READY4Disasters International Training" meeting of the "READY4DISasters" project was held in Turkey, 16-19 April 2024.



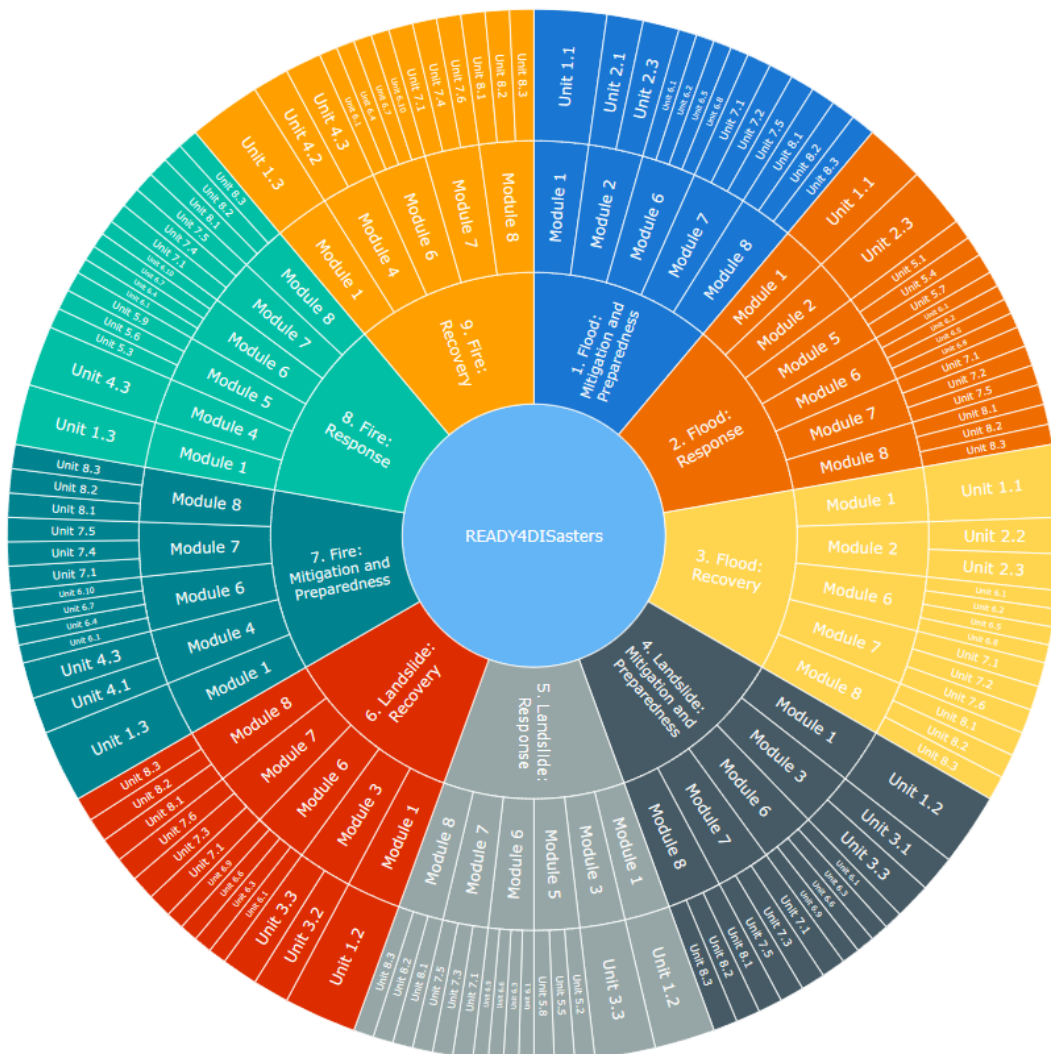
## A Brief Overview of Open Educational Resources and the wheel

The training materials were developed according to the competencies identified in the competence map.

READY4DISaster project's Open Educational Resources (OER) is ready in English and National languages ( Turkish, Italian, Georgian and Greek).

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.

An interactive wheel was created that enables learners, depending on the knowledge they want to acquire, to follow one of the 9 educational pathways.



## Some news about the “Strategy Game for Android”

One of the outcomes of the project is a Strategic Game application. It is based on the content of the Modules developed within the project. Based on the active collaboration with project partners, Digiway creates an App with three games: Fire, Landslide and Flood. Each game consists of 3 levels: Beginner, Intermediate and Advance. The games are three-dimensional and the design is very close to real situations. Questions appear periodically in the games, for which the player earns/loses scores by answering correctly/incorrectly.

At the moment, the fire game is finished. The design of the landslide and flood games have also been completed and the scenario elements are being worked on.

The fire game is currently being tested on Android phones.

The usability of the two game prepared by " Digiway " on fire and landslide disasters for the interactive mobile application were discussed among all the partners and training was given to the participants through the mobiles in the International training in Turkey.



## READY4Disasters Partners International Training in Kocaeli, Turkey



The International Educational Program, which is a significant outcome of the READY4DISasters project, continued under the direction of Gebze Technical University, was hosted by the Fire Department of the Metropolitan Municipality of Kocaeli (KBB) and the Provincial Directorate of Disaster and Emergency Management of T.C. Kocaeli (Kocaeli AFAD). On the first day of the training, activities began after introductory speeches by the director of AFAD Kocaeli Mehmet Emin Koçan, the head of the fire department KBB Ömer Islamoğlu, and the project coordinator Professor Dr. Selcuk Toprak.

Participants from Italy, Greece, Georgia, and Turkey attended the training. On the first day of training, participants received detailed information about the project and its results. In this context, they were informed about the multilingual e-learning platform that will be used for the training of volunteers, created from open educational resource units, as well as the strategic games to be used as self-assessment/measurement tools.

Subsequently, participants received field training for fire intervention and basic field training from the personnel of the Fire Department after the technical excursion and training held at the KBB Fire Department.

On the second day of training, participants received a wide range of technical information and detailed information about the organization, starting from the office of the 112 emergency call center, which is the first step in emergency response by AFAD personnel at the Kocaeli AFAD foundation.

It is planned that the project's products will be shared and put into use at a project closing conference to be held at Gebze Technical University in November 2024.

#### Photos from the meeting in Kocaeli:





## READY4DISasters project on YouTube

### READY4DISasters project is on Youtube Livestream!

-The project coordinator Prof. Dr. Selçuk Toprak presented READY4DISasters project as well as answered questions on a YouTube live stream by Medyascope channel:

<https://youtu.be/gjB8uFmLVqE?t=116>

-Video from the International training meeting in Turkey is here: <https://youtu.be/RFG4paEZT4c>

## What is next?

READY4DISasters partners work on the next steps:

- Pilot testing in each country
- International meeting in Georgia ( June 2024)
- Last meeting in Turkey with a conference at GTU University
- Dissemination of the local activities in each country

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