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**READY4DISasters partners have several updates for you!**

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**Training Material Development:** Collaborative brainstorming and development of innovative educational materials by participating organizations.

**OER Platform Completion:** The Open Educational Resources (OER) platform is now complete, facilitating pilot tests and the finalization of the Methodology and Toolkit Manual.

**Training Materials Prepared:** All training materials are available in five languages, designed based on a competence map from surveys with experienced volunteers.

**Interactive Mobile App and Game Update:** The final version of the interactive mobile app and game is released, serving as a digital trainer to enhance practical prevention and preparedness skills for volunteers and trainers.

**3rd International Meeting:** Held in Georgia from June 26-28, 2024, this meeting significantly advanced the project's objectives.

**Upcoming Webinars:** Two webinars scheduled for October and November 5, 2024, open to all participants.

**Closing Conference:** Planned for November 2024 at Gebze Technical University, this comprehensive conference will feature international participation and showcase the project's outcomes.



# An Overview of Open Educational Resources

## Completion of Online Education Platform and OERs

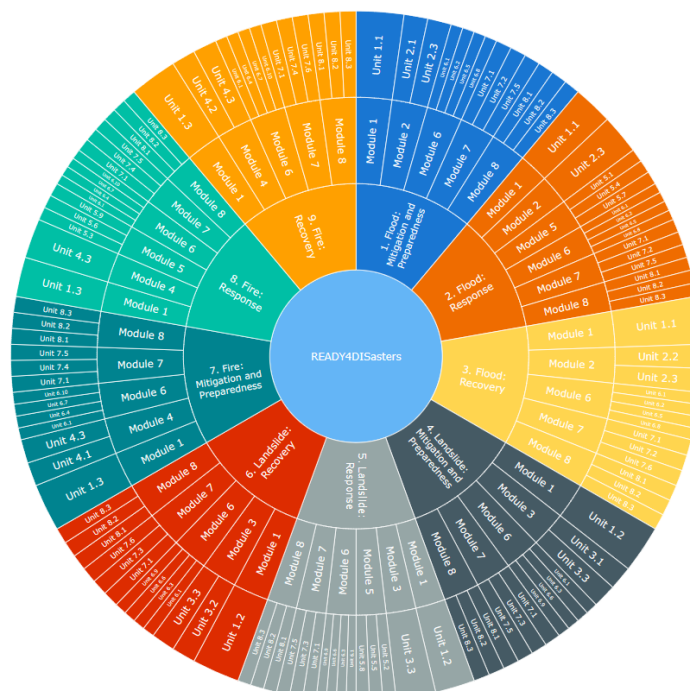
- **Final Development Stage:** We have successfully reached the concluding phase in the development of the Open Educational Resources (OER) platform.
- **Translation and Adaptation:** The educational modules and OERs have been translated and adapted into the national languages of the partner institutions ( Turkish, Italian, Georgian and Greek).
- **Pilot Testing Methodology Established:** The methodology for pilot testing the OER platform, covering 8 modules and 48 units, has been determined. This will involve testing the platform and all modules with a selected group of users to identify potential issues and collect feedback for further enhancements.  
An interactive wheel \* was created that enables learners, depending on the knowledge they want to acquire, to follow one of the 9 educational pathways.

- **Handbook Methodology and Toolkit Updates:**

The final Handbook Methodology and Toolkit are ready.

They aim to describe a common methodology to evaluate the Ready4Disasters training program:

- The competence map and training path
- Interactive Mobile App and Game (Strategy Game for Android and iOS)
- Methodology Handbook
- The training program ( Modules and the training course)
- The OER platform for e-learning (Open Educational Resources)
- The interactive wheel and the table with the training paths.



\*Interactive wheel

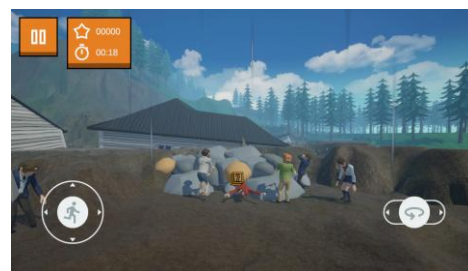
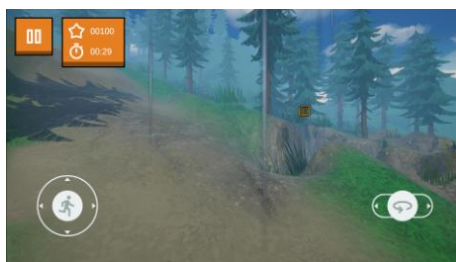
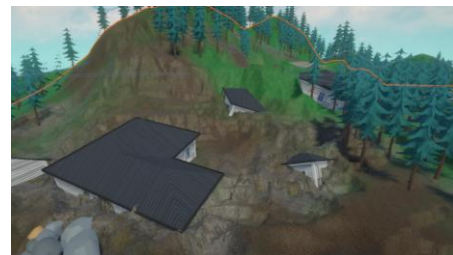
## Some news about the “ Strategic game for iOS and Android”

### The development of an interactive mobile app and game

We're excited to share updates on the mobile game designed to enhance disaster management training. The development process has been progressing smoothly with significant milestones achieved recently.

- **Android Version Nearly Complete:** The Android version of our interactive game is nearly ready for launch. This version has undergone extensive testing and refinement to ensure it provides an engaging and educational experience for users. It covers various disaster scenarios, including fires, floods, and landslides, each designed to teach crucial aspects of disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.
- **iOS Version in Progress:** Development for the iOS version is well underway. This expansion is part of our commitment to making the educational tool accessible to a broader audience. The iOS version is expected to mirror the Android version in functionality and educational content, ensuring that all users have a consistent and informative experience regardless of their device type.

Both versions of the game aim to provide a comprehensive educational experience, enhanced by real-life scenarios that teach users how to effectively manage disasters. The game also includes a manual to guide users on how to maximize their learning outcomes, making it a valuable resource for disaster management training.



## READY4Disasters Partners Meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia

### Building resilience together!



The READY4Disaster project partners met in Tbilisi, Georgia attending the 3rd international project meeting!

On June 26-27, 2024, the third international meeting was held in Tbilisi, organized by the company „Digiway”, Georgia, where the project participants from Turkey, Italy and Greece participated.

Issues being worked on within the project “READY4DISasters” – Resilient communities through awareness and preparedness against the risks of fire, flood, and landslide, were discussed at the meetings.

Project activities were focused on developing a top-notch online training course and game App for civil protection trainers and volunteers in Turkey, Greece, Italy and Georgia and, soon, for the rest of Europe.

In particular, Pilot testing Changes on the Handbook Methodology, OER platform, Dissemination activities and educational games, as well, during the meeting, further activities were planned.

Also, a mini-workshop was held to finalize and perfect the game scenarios. Project participants visited the Museum of Firefighters in Tbilisi and also, had an interesting Technical Visit to the training center of the emergency management service, where they viewed the simulation environment of various rescue operations. It was a great meeting with positive results for the project.



## READY4DISasters project on YouTube and social media

### READY4DISasters project is on Youtube Livestream!

- **Video Update from Georgia:** Explore insights from our 3rd Transnational Meeting in Georgia by watching the video <https://youtu.be/2uDWFYAB7n8>. This gathering was pivotal in advancing our collaborative efforts and discussing strategic directions.
- **Local Activities in Greece:** View the engaging video showcasing our local activities in Greece <https://youtu.be/Fjh6qLBpBxE>. These activities demonstrate the practical application of our training materials in local settings.
- **Highlights from Italy:** On June 18, 2024, Training 2000 in Italy presented the goals and significant achievements of the READY4Disaster project at an international meeting in Senigallia. This meeting focused on the transition between Industry 4.0 and 5.0 and included trainers and experts in the field.
- **Media Coverage in Turkey:** The READY4DISasters project has been featured in both local and national news in Turkey, celebrating its innovative training approaches and interactive games.

The READY4Disaster training resources are designed to benefit a wide audience, from civil protection trainers and volunteers to citizens eager to develop crucial skills in disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. These resources aim to enhance community resilience by providing comprehensive education on managing and responding to natural disasters.

## What is next?

READY4DISasters partners work on the next steps:

The READY4DISasters partners are actively advancing the project with several critical activities planned across the partner countries. Here's an overview of the key initiatives:

- **Pilot Testing Across Countries:** Each participating country will conduct pilot testing of the developed resources. This step is vital to ensure the effectiveness and applicability of the educational materials and tools in diverse settings, refining them based on user feedback.
- **Final Meeting and Conference in Turkey:** The culmination of our collaborative efforts will be marked by a final meeting scheduled to take place in Turkey, hosted at GTU University. This event will not only serve as a project wrap-up but also include a conference that showcases the outcomes and lessons learned through the project.
- **Local Activity Dissemination and Multiplier Events:** Each country will host events to disseminate the results of local activities. These multiplier events aim to engage a broader audience and amplify the impact of the project, enhancing community awareness and preparedness for natural disasters.

This project offers a remarkable opportunity to work alongside incredible colleagues and experts from across Europe, all united by a common goal—to enhance community resilience against natural disasters. We are excited about the potential of this collaboration to make a meaningful difference.

Stay tuned and follow our journey as we strive to bolster community resilience against natural disasters across Europe!

Stay tuned for more updates on the #Ready4Disaster project!

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