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READY4DISasters partners have the last updates for you!

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OER Platform Completion: The Open Educational Resources (OER) platform is now complete. All training materials are available in five languages, and designed based on a competence map from surveys with experienced volunteers.

Finalization tests of the Methodology and Toolkit Manual have been done.

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.

Last International Meeting with the Closing Conference: Held in Turkey from November 19-22, 2024. The conference designed by Gebze Technical University, this comprehensive conference featured international participation and showcased the project's outcomes.

Webinars: Two webinars were held in November and December 2024, and were open to all participants.

Local Activity Dissemination and Multiplier Events :

READY4DISasters organized Multiplier Events in Partner Countries on December 2024. During these events, the project partners introduced all IOS of the READY4DISasters Project.



READY4DISasters's project Intellectual Outputs

This final newsletter is a special edition for the summary of READY4DISaster Project and conducted Multiplier Events.

As of the end of December 2024, the partners of READY4DISaster project are proud to announce the successful completion of their project in this final issue of the Newsletter.

Project website:

<https://ready4disasters.gtu.edu.tr/Home.html>

The project has completed many important activities since its inception.

Firstly, skills and competences were mapped in the partner countries.

The result of the mapping is the Competence Map and the Competence Map Tool to prepare civil protection trainers and volunteers and they have been made available to adult learners interested in enhancing their volunteering competences.

[A Competence Map](#)

The partners launched the READY4DISaster's **OER Platform** to provide information and learning materials to the target group.

[An Open Educational Platform \(OER\)](#)

Each module corresponds to specific competences (e.g., First Aid, Cultural Competence) for targeted skill development. Modules cover: Disaster occurrence, flood risks, rescue techniques, and post-disaster recovery strategies.

[The Modules are available here](#)

The READY4Disaster Strategic Game consists of 3 educational games (for the fire, flood and landslides.) and 3 levels for each one (elementary, intermediate, and advance).

[Interactive Mobile App and Game](#)

READY4Disasters Last meeting and Final Conference in Turkey

The project involves six partners from four countries. It aims to build disaster-resilient communities by raising awareness and preparing society for natural disasters of fires, floods, and landslides. Tools developed include the competence map tool which is developed to equip volunteers with the essential competences needed for effective disaster management, an e-learning platform with eight training modules which is tailored for educators, volunteers, and community members, and a strategic game app simulating disaster scenarios, targeting volunteers and citizens at basic, intermediate, and advanced levels.

The READY4Disaster project partners met in Gebze, Turkey attending the last international project meeting!

It organized by Gebze University, was held in Gebze from November 19 to 23, 2024. The project participants from Turkey, Italy, Georgia, and Greece participated. The agenda, except the final conference had an interesting Simulation Truck and Other Training Activities. Also the participants had the opportunity to participate in an efficient and useful Technical visit in Yalova and Bursa organized by GTU.



The READY4DISasters EU project, led by Gebze Technical University (GTU) with Erasmus+ support, successfully concluded its final conference on November 20, 2024, at GTU Congress Center. Key attendees included Kocaeli Deputy Governor Mustafa Ayhan, GTU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Damla Arisan, fire service officials, academics, students, and international partners from Italy, Georgia, and Greece.



The project's outcomes were presented during the conference, and attendees engaged with the tools and activities. In their speech, GTU's Vice Rector emphasized the importance of scientific collaboration, while the Deputy Governor stressed international cooperation's role in tackling Universal challenges. Prof. Dr. Selçuk Toprak, the project

coordinator, delivered a presentation highlighting the project's progress and the intellectual outputs designed to equip volunteers and trainers with essential disaster management skills.

The event also featured practical activities, including fire training, a mobile earthquake simulation truck, and workshops on disaster management, organized by Kocaeli Provincial Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) and Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality. Participants took part in training sessions focused on the importance of building resilient communities to withstand natural disasters.

The project has fostered knowledge-sharing and strengthened global partnerships in disaster preparedness. Its resources are publicly available in English, together with Turkish, Italian, Greek, and Georgian through the project website at <https://ready4disasters.gtu.edu.tr/>





READY4DISaster Organized Local Dissemination and Multiplier Events Happened

In December 2024, the READY4Disaster project partners organized several multiplier events, in partner countries. During these events the project partners introduced all IOS of the READY4DISaster Project. By doing this the project team met the main purpose of the multiplier events in their regions. The invitations were sent through email to multiple member of the local stakeholders.



created during READY4DISaster.

During the events, they went through all the IOS, discussed about the outcomes, and, looked more deeply into the platform and its modules, checking the content, usability, and feasibility of the activities. Finally, they presented the OER platform which was

This event got many positive responses from the attendees who represented the different target groups and volunteers. By bringing these different people around the city the project team highlighted READY4DISaster's innovative dimension and its novel results.

Also the attendees showed great interest in the project website.



Briefly, READY4DISaster team is thankful to their local and regional stakeholders for their attendance and interests in the project as a whole.



The READY4Disaster project organized two national workshops in Greece, in December 2024, focusing on raising awareness about natural disasters. The events, held at **OIKO.POLIS** premises and the Municipal Council Hall, brought together 48 participants, including civil protection volunteers, students, parents, and trainers.

Key sessions included presentations on disaster response strategies, an emergency action plan, and project outputs such as a Competence Map Tool, training modules, and a mobile game app. The interactive workshop saw young participants teach older attendees how to use the app, fostering intergenerational collaboration. The final session and evaluations highlighted the potential for building a European network of civil protection volunteers.

Training 2000 organized the READY4Disaster multiplier event Fano on December 5 2024 with civil protection volunteers, trainers and experts belonging to the “C.B Club E. Mattei”, the local civil protection organization founded in Fano in 1986. Participants were a diverse group of citizens interested in discovering the project objectives and main outcomes. In general, participants considered the project outcomes useful support their activities in enhancing local safety and preparedness in the local community.



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Also, the three Turkish organizations organized many local events in December 2024 with civil protection volunteers.



The Ready4disaster Project brought together volunteer citizens of all ages using digital tools (Website, Game Platform) to acquire and develop the necessary knowledge and skills for disaster preparedness.

READY4DISasters project on YouTube and social media

READY4DISasters Youtube Canal:

<https://www.youtube.com/@READY4DISasters-y6t>

[Ready4Disasters Closing meeting and final conference in Turkey, November 2024](#)

Erasmus Days:

[Erasmus days READY4Disasters](#)

The project allows you to enhance your skills on one or more of the nine pathways. The pathways are tailored for you to learn your interests with pre-selected education contents.



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or click the link <https://r4d.gtu.edu.tr/> to access OER platform in the wheel

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