

PUBLIC AWARENESS, PREPAREDNESS, PARTICIPATION AND COORDINATION FOR CIVIL PROTECTION FOR ALL (4PLUS)

Context

The EU's Strategy on Adaption to Climate Change in Europe highlights the increased risk of damage to people, infrastructure and the environment due to climate change, and draws attention to the need for proactive action and response in member states' policies. Also, as mentioned in the "Cross-Border Program IPA II Interreg Albania-Greece 2014-2020", natural or man-made disasters present significant challenges to sustainable development, mainly in the cross-border area. In particular, fires and floods have cross-border impacts, making a joint approach to these phenomena necessary. But, although interventions in these cases is receiving a lot of attention in both countries, there is still a lack of strategic guidelines to assist people with disabilities (PWD) and older people, exposing them to different risks.



Project Objectives

This project's specific objectives were to:

- i) Advocate, build capacities in risk reduction and preparedness in managing civil emergencies, with a focus on PWDs and older people;
- ii) Provide technical assistance to local authorities and interest groups to react to disasters with a focus on PWDs and older people;
- iii) Improve communication, cooperation and coordination between sectors and stakeholders on their work towards achieving risk prevention and reduction;
- iv) Develop databases, training platforms and applications to promote effective risk prevention with a focus on PWD and older people;
- v) Determine mechanisms for continuous monitoring of progress towards enhanced preparedness in the management of civil emergencies, with a focus on PWD and older people.

Deliverables

- Knowledge and best practices exchanged among project partners;
- Cooperation between local authorities in the CB area strengthened;
- Awareness of local communities on the economic importance and social support for people with reduced mobility raised;
- Added value for local natural and cultural resources created;
- Cooperation between the media and organizations for PWD enhanced;
- Education and trainings on disaster preparedness provided;
- Strategies designed and implemented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DONORS:

EU Commission

PARTNERS:

- Urban Research Institute (URI)
- Municipality of Kolonja
- National Confederation of People with Disabilities
- Regional Union of Municipalities of Ionian Islands
- Regional Union of Municipalities of Western Macedonia
- Albanian Association of Municipalities

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