

4PLUS - Public awareness, Preparedness, Participation and Coordination for Civil Protection for All

Context

EU's Green Paper "Adapting to climate change in Europe" stresses the increased risks of damage to people, infrastructure and environment due to climate change and draws attention to the need for early action and policy response. Also, raised in the "IPA II Cross-Border Programme Greece - Albania 2014-2020", natural and manmade disasters pose considerable challenges to sustainable development in this particular CB area. In particular fires and floods are increasing having trans-boundary impacts which make a common approach essential. Though prevention is gaining increased importance in both countries, strategic guidance on how to support PwD/older persons is lacking leaving them completely exposed to multiple hazards.

Project objectives

The overall objective of the project is to promote the joint development of Inclusive Practices for Effective Civil Protection of High Risk Society Groups in the CB Area.

MO1. To advocate, throughout the CB area, the need for capacity-building in risk reduction (i.e., in reducing vulnerability and in increasing preparedness for emergency management), for PwD/older persons.

MO2. To improve, through sound technical assistance, the knowledge and skills of the local authorities and communities in being prepared for and responding to the consequences caused by natural and manmade hazards, especially to PwD/older persons.

MO3. To improve the communication, cooperation and coordination among all

contributing sectors and stakeholders towards achieving more inclusive risk reduction results.

MO4. To develop baseline data, norms, standards, training resources, information and ICT applications that foster the sustainable development of effective risk reduction for PwD/older persons and to test these in various settings.

MO5. To establish mechanisms for continuous monitoring progress in strengthening emergency preparedness programmes for PwD/older persons across the CB area.



Expected products

- The transfer of knowledge and exchange of good practice between CB partners;
- Strengthening the cooperation between local authorities in the CB zone;
- Raising awareness of local communities about the economic significance as well as the social significance of the support of CP for persons with disabilities, older persons and persons with reduced mobility in general;
- Creation of added value to the local resources;
- Accessible and reliable rescue communications;
- Partnerships with the media and the organisation for PwD;
- Disaster preparation, education and training;
- Universal design and implementation strategies;
- Increased sense of safety and security at community and personal levels.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DONORS:

- EE Commission

PARTNERS:

- National Confederation of Disabled People of Greece - Branch of Ioannina
- Regional Union of Municipalities of Ionian Islands
- Regional Association of Local Governments of Western Macedonia
- Albanian Association of Municipalities
- Municipality of Kolonja
- Urban Research Institute

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