



VOLunteers in ACTion : “Raising Awareness For Volunteer Fire Fighters”

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1. Title of the activity or event

“Visit to forest outpost”

2. Objectives/aims expected by this action

Apart from training volunteers for locating wildfires , this event also aims to spread forest watching and fire locating volunteerism, through presentations of the event, by the teachers participated in it, not only to their students but also to their parents or even grandparents.

3. Target group (or groups)

School teachers-volunteers on environmental protection issues.

4. Description of the activity (methods, materials, human and physical resources, timing, etc.)

The activity combined hiking in the natural environment with basic training of a fire-locating volunteer. The experienced members of EDASA (Volunteers for Forest Protection of Attica) gave a short training to the teachers who visited the forest outpost and presented to them the basic instruments needed for fire-locating. There was no practice as the visit took place during November. Besides, practice could take place only when a new volunteer stays a whole night in the outpost attending the work of the expert-volunteers.



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5. Steps for the implementation (operative steps to implement the good practice)

Challenging volunteers to visit a fire outpost, during the non-high danger period, and receive training by expert volunteers. After this short training, some of them will be trained during the high danger period, next to expert volunteers in fire-locating and, hopefully, they will be admitted as new members of EDASA.

6. Impact of the good practice and evaluation of the results achieved

Some of the teachers who participated in the described event started working as volunteers for fire-watching whereas most of them kept on making presentations for this event.

7. Conclusions

Although involvement of volunteers in fire-locating activities is not an easy task, we noticed that this activity, having teachers-volunteers as target group, could enhance environmental protection and raise awareness.

Here is the link of a short video from the event:

<https://youtu.be/PNkHLaWRfaA>



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