





Newsletter 1

The Project

VOLinACT project aims to create specific volunteers' profiles, who will be collaborating inside Volunteers' Fire Protection Organizations (existing or going to be created in every country) for the optimization of the preparedness activities and, furthermore, for dealing with people's needs in the postdisaster phase.

The main objectives of the project:

- Dissemination of the necessity of forest fire prevention;
- Raising awareness activities and training volunteers;
- Creation of specific volunteers'profiles for collaborating inside Volunteers' Fire Fighters Protection Organizations.

During the project period, volunteers of these profiles will be trained through e-learning sessions for working in an international environment, so as they could be available, not only during emergencies at the national level but also for supporting volunteers' teams in other EU countries.

VOLinACT are going to create a website for potential firefighters' volunteers, with information on how, why and what. We will also create groups on social media so that trainees will have the chance to know each other during the project period and for better cooperation in case of emergency.

The Outputs

The main activities of the VOLinACT Project are below:

- Mapping the skills and the competencies across the partners' organizations in relation to VOLinACT project. A map of skills will assist VOLinACT to find out what the project volunteers know and what they can do, to discover gaps or shortfalls in their knowledge and performance, and to plan and deliver effective learning solutions.
- Creation of a VOLinACT toolkit that will be a set of training tools for adult learners' keen on boosting their volunteering competences.

In this regard the defined IOs of the VOLinACT are:

- O1: Competence Map development for Trainers
- O2: Creation of Training Toolkit for Volunteers
- O3: Training and Testing Methodology
- O4: OER Platform
- O5: Strategy Game for Android

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Project Partners



<u>OIKOPOLIS</u> is an organization that focuses on environmental literacy and cultural competence through a number of local and international activities.

<u>Ovar Forma</u> is the owner of Escola Profissional de Cortegaça, a VET School. It aims to develop learning, investigation and formation to contribute to the development of the citizens.

<u>SBTC</u> is a Turkish SME committed to the promotion of innovation and enhancing the spirit of entrepreneurship. And it offers solutions for the specific problems of its target groups.

<u>LARES Italia</u> – *National Union of Civil Protection Experts*, is an Italian Association in the field of Civil Protection founded in 2006. The main goal of LARES Italia is to represent and involve – at national scale – students, graduates, experts, and academics in disaster management university courses. <u>Georgian Technical University (GTU)</u> was established in 1922 and since then it is one of the leading universities in Georgia. GTU is actively participating in EU projects and has close links with many European Universities.

<u>TRAINING 2000</u> is a training organisation accredited in the Marche Region, Italy for adult's training, with experience in education and training in different sectors (VET/ Adult Education/ School Education).

Project 1st Virtual Meeting

Due to the travel restrictions as a result of the Covid-19, project meetings are currently only possible virtually. Therefor the VOLinACT team met **virtually on 23 November 2020**. **OIKOPOLIS**, the project coordinator, hosted the project partners via ZOOM and the project partners presented their own organizations and contribution to the project.

All the details and photos of the project meeting are here. Please click the link .

