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The International Volunteers meeting of EVANDE in Citta di Castello, Italy

**“EUROPEAN MEETING AND WORKSHOP ON DISASTER
RISK MITIGATION”**

HERAKLION CRETE, 13 OCTOBER 2016

The meaning of the International Volunteers Meeting

Civil Protection Volunteering is an increasing phenomenon across the EU although it is unequally developed in different member states and regions. Also the knowledge are somehow «unbalanced».

In the framework of the EVANDE project, the aim of the meeting was to offer an opportunity for the exchange of experiences, knowledge and practices (and create networking) among the civil protection volunteers coming from the project partner countries.



The Volunteers' Groups

The International Volunteers' Meeting gathered around 40 participants from Greece, Italy, Spain and Bulgaria in Città di Castello, Italy on 3rd and 4th of June 2016, at the headquarter of the Villa Montesca Foundation in Città di Castello, in Assisi and in Bastia Umbra



Sharing Experiences: Civil Protection Volunteers in Europe

The first day, on 3rd of June 2016, each national group of volunteers presented its work, focusing on issues such as organizational structure, main activities, training methods, communication, partnerships, etc. The coordinators of each partner country offered also a short introduction on the national civil protection system in place aiming to clarify the framework where these volunteering groups are active in.

Some “hot topics”

- *National Registry of Civil Protection Volunteers and the incentives given by the state in terms of reimbursement to the volunteers and their employers*
- *Collaboration among regions and between the public institutions and the volunteers as an advantage of the civil protection system*
- *Experience of the Irpinia earthquake (but also in Liguria, Toscana, Abruzzo, Emilia Romagna)*
- *International operations in Cosovo, Albania, Ukraine and the collaborations with NATO*
- *The spirit of social solidarity as one of the main motivation of civil protection volunteer*
- *The importance of the radio communication in case of emergency - multi-point communication in the experience in L'Aquila*
- *Training of volunteers such as the “Protect Myself and the Others” and other large-scale training project at national level*
- *Refugee crisis – the intervention of volunteers in Greece*
- *The participation in international civil protection exercises*
- *Awareness-raising about disaster risk reduction*
- *The need of financial support*



Visit at the operational centre of civil protection in Città di Castello

Guided visit at the internal and external structures of the operational centre and explanation about how the centre works and what are the main technical equipment used. The President of the Radiamateur in Emergency Association, presented how the radio-amateur centre (hosted within the Operations Centre) works, its equipment and the history of operations.



The experience of Assisi



In the morning of the second day, on 2/7/2016, the participants were transferred to Basilica of Assisi where they had a meeting with **Mr. Sergio Fusetti**, coordinator of the restoration projects of the Basilica after the earthquake in 1997. Mr. Fusetti focused on the human losses, material and cultural damage that have happened in the Basilica during the earthquakes. Finally, he explained how the restoration projects have been coordinated and stressed the importance of the support of the civil protection volunteers.



The National Exhibition on Security and Emergency (Expoemergenze)

The participants were transferred to the National Exhibition on Security and Emergency (**Expoemergenze**) in Bastia Umbra, a biennial national event which serves as a meeting point between the major institutional, economic and volunteering association representing, in various ways, the theme of the emergency (more than one hundred exhibitors from all over Italy; thirty-eight professional events including seminars, workshops and dedicated conferences). The participants get informed about the ultimate technological and commercial innovations and advances in the civil protection sector.



Workshop with the European volunteers in Expoemergenze

- Presentation of the EVANDE Project
- Innovative activities of civil protection and European experiences
- Experiences of Civil Protection from Europe - *Civil Protection Volunteers Groups (Heraklion, Comunidad Valenciana, Liguria and Umbria, Sofia District)*
Each volunteer group presented itself and some significative experiences of intervention in emergency

About 80 participants (policy makers, public authorities and several civil protection volunteers groups coming from all over Italy)



The shared European experiences and practices

- PROTEKTA Group of Heraklion presented its experience in the **sea rescue of refugees and asylum-seekers in the Greek islands**, by the sailing boat “Oceanos” and the rescue ship “Aigis 1”
- The Hellenic Volunteers Firefighters Union presented some significant **emergency interventions in the Ilieia-Peloponese region, in the Chios island and in the Ymitos region in Athens**
- The Red Cross, Division of Samaritans Rescuers and Lifeguards/Branch of Heraklion presented examples of **international civil protection projects**
- The Municipal Group of Civil Protection Volunteers in Valencia presented the **emergency response in the case of the subway accident occurred in Valencia in 2006**
- The Municipal Group of Civil Protection Volunteers of Bastia Umbra shared with participants the experience in the **emergency response operations in the earthquake in Abruzzo region**
- The Umbria Region presented the regional system of civil protection and the activities done during the **earthquake in Umbria**
- Beigua Geopark and Liguria Region presented the **new alert system adopted by the Region in 2015 which is composed by hydrogeologic and snow risk weather forecasts**
- Wild Fires Office of Liguria Region described the vulnerability of the Liguria region in terms of wild fires and presented some **civil protection exercises**
- The Civil Protection Volunteering Group of the Municipality of Mele presented their experience in the emergency response operations in the **earthquakes in Emilia Romagna**
- The Voluntary Formation for Disaster Response of the Sofia Municipality presented the **Bulgarian strategy for the development of civil protection voluntary units (2012-2020)** and its expected outcomes and also some strategic activities such as training, prevention and response

Impacts and results

A group of people get together in order to accomplish something collectively that they could not accomplish separately – we can give a contribution to society, a phrase which sounds trite but is fundamental

I learnt that being a civil protection volunteer it's always the result of a commitment to excellence, intelligent planning, and focused effort

Excellent experience, giving new fresh motivations about how we can contribute to the whole

I would like to say a very, very big "THANK YOU" about the wonderful organization of the meeting. It was a pleasure for me and all participants to be a part

The meeting and the EXPO and the visit to the Basilica of Assisi were really a great experience

Learn, share, understand, participate; these are only some of the benefits of the International workshop

The meeting gave inspiration and tools for the civil protection volunteering groups. It was a great experience for great people to do great work

I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better

They spoke about the event

The step forward

The key role of the Department of Civil Protection

- According to the Italian Legal Framework
- The DPC gives guidelines and policies to the overall system
- The Regional Departments develop activities according to the national policies.

The Approach

- understand a lifelong learning strategy considering the overall system as a devoluted learning network
- promoting self evaluation procedures and practices to collectively evaluate the performance
- Best Practices approach: gathering, analyzing and sharing experiences and info
- the "portfolio": set up and promote a portfolio of SKA, focusing on competences - rather on tasks - and raise awareness
- the Observer approach: acknowledged auditors
- pilot projects on Billan de competence to set up a "bank of knowledge"
- encourage web community of interest (social networks) to share experience, exchange and transform: knowledge / information and reinforce the participation and the commitment transform knowledge / information and reinforce the participation

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Attualità

01 giugno 2016



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Leggi la notizia

Persona: restauratore sergio fusetti
Organizzazione: protezione civile fondazione villa montesca
Luogo: città di castello creta
Tags: volontari meeting



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European volunteers of Civil Protection in Città di Castello

Will take place in Villa Montesca, Assisi and Bastia, on Friday 3 and Saturday, June 4 meeting of the European Civil Protection volunteers sponsored by the Fondazione Villa Montesca within the project EVANDE - "Enhancing Volunteer Awareness and education against Natural Disasters through E-learning" - improve knowledge and education of volunteers against natural disasters through E-learning

Friday, 30 volunteers from Creta, Bulgaria, Spain and Italy will compete in Villa Montesca on their respective organizations and groups of their own experiences, and in the afternoon will visit the Operations Centre of the City of Castle Town led by the municipal administration responsible. On Saturday, the group will travel to Assisi where the Master Restorer Sergio Fusetti illustrate the interventions of the recovery of the frescoes in the Basilica, the symbol worldwide.

In the early afternoon we will hold a meeting with the Regional Service of Civil Protection and voluntary groups in the Umbria Region; later on foreign guests will visit Expoemergenze, fair dedicated to safety and emergency interventions.

The project involves, in addition to the Fondazione Villa Montesca, also the Museum of Natural History, University of Creta, University of Creta Technical, of the Ribera Consortium, Beigua Park, the EPPO Organization for planning and seismic protection and CEI for Education Initiatives Center. EVANDE aims to: create a new teaching tool to educate and train civil protection volunteers and officials of local authorities through the identification of best practices and knowledge, to develop a web platform to showcase courses and learning and training activities, and also to organize and implement dissemination and local training.





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Thank you for your attention!
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