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1. SUMMARY OF THE EVANDE PROJECT UPDATES

The EVANDE project (www.evande.eu) finalized all actions and deliverables by the end of December 2016. Most activities were focused on dissemination of project's outcomes and deliverables and on training volunteers and local authorities' staff on the use of the e-learning platform as well as the e-games at NHMC, in Crete.

Thus, under this time period partners organized and finalized the following actions:

- National training and dissemination events;
- Training meetings and workshops. In general 32 training activities were

organized by all partners and more than 1185 people participated;



- Printing and sharing of technical booklets and leaflets. The four technical booklets have been translated in all project languages and were printed together with the Best

Practices booklets (only in English though). All printed material can be downloaded by project webpage http://www.evande.eu/?page_id=844;

- Testing and training of e-games at NHMC in Crete;
- Conducted and finalized all technical reports for the EC;
- Presented project outcomes at ECHO in Brussels;
- Organised a virtual meeting for volunteers through the e-learning platform.

Further information on the above activities is presented as follows.



2. EVANDE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

2.1. Training activities in Crete by NHMC

The Natural History Museum of Crete developed several training and dissemination activities addressed to volunteers. Local authorities' officials and staff related with Civil Protection as well as general public. The activities were organized at the NHMC exhibition halls and also in Chania, Sitia, and Ierapetra. More than 210 people participated in these activities.

During the training activities at NHMC the new e-games of EVANDE were tested by the volunteers using the application developed by the TuC and the project's tablets, or personal mobile devices.

All necessary information can now be found at projects webpage at http://www.evande.eu/?page_id=1064.



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2.2. Training activities by EPPO

In order to raise awareness and enhance disaster preparedness, EPPO focused on EVANDE training initiatives addressed to volunteers, civil protection staff and citizens. More specifically:

On 18th of November 2016 EPPO held a training seminar for Municipality staff of Corfu, in order to inform the participants about the emergency planning at workplaces and present the web platform of EVANDE Project.

In the framework of “Gaiotalantosi” Initiative of Pieria Region (North Greece), EPPO organized a training seminar for the volunteers of Pieria Region (9/12/2016), in order to present the role and the responsibilities of volunteers on civil protection issues, the EVANDE Project and the content of the web platform.



2.3. Training activities by Beigua Geopark



Parco del Beigua organized for Italy on the 18/11/2016 in Arezano the National dissemination and training event. More than 70 people from local Authorities, volunteers, teachers and stakeholders participated together with staff of other partners. A training seminar on the use of EVANDE e-learning platform took place simultaneously.

The Parco del Beigua organized seven more training activities at Arenzano, Masone, Cascare, Villanova and Genoa where more than 240 people participated.



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2.4 Training activities by Villa Montesca

Villa Montesca organized several training activities for the Region of Umbria in Italy. The meetings took place at Citta di Castello and were addressed to volunteers, teachers,

experts and local authorities' civil protection staff. About 70 people attended those meetings.



2.5. Training activities by CEI in Bulgaria

National meeting and demonstration of the project outcomes was held in Bulgaria on the 16th December 2016. A good partnership for arranging the event was established between Center for educational initiatives, National association of the volunteers in Bulgaria and Chief Directorate "Fire Safety and Civil Protection" of Ministry of interior (National Fire Brigade services).

Participants were volunteers and local authorities' staff from different municipalities and also professional instructors from 17 fire brigade departments, who are in charge with the education of volunteers. In general: 60 participants were involved. The place of the meeting was the main building of Bulgarian fire fighter services.



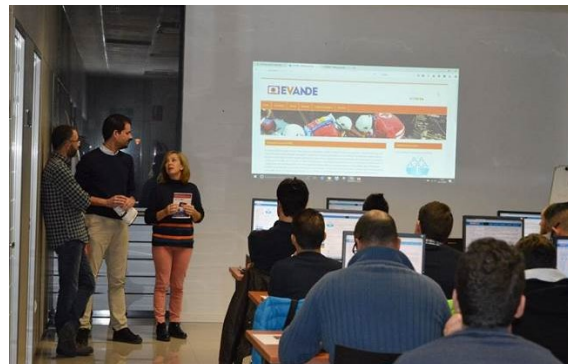
2.6. Training activities by Ribera Tourism in Spain

The National training event for Spain took place at Azira on the 29 of November 2016. Many volunteers and local authorities' staff joined the conference, where the main outcomes, the web platform and publication were presented.

In addition several training centres were organized for the dissemination of e-learning platform. One of them took place on Wednesday, 14/12 at the headquarters of the Consorci de la Ribera. It was a blended on-line training session of EVANDE project, in the field of civil protection and actions for the prevention to natural disasters, particularly those that affect Valencia region in

varying degrees such as floods, forest fires and earthquakes.

The course, which was free, run actually throughout the December, and consisted of a face-to-face first session, which took place on Wednesday 14 December 2016. This session lasted approximately one hour, reported in detail on the operation and organization of the course, which was on-line as well as its content.



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3. Project presentation at ECHO in Brussels

The outcomes of EVANDE project were presented in Brussels on the 6th of December 2016, together with the results of another Civil Protection project, the CPMODEL.

Presentation took place at the premises of the Region of Crete, at Shuman Sq near the EC buildings. Project coordinator together with scientific coordinators from EPPO, TuC, Beigua and Villa Montesca presented the main outcomes of the project and offered detailed information to the ECHO officials who were present.

We would like to thank the Region of Crete for providing its facilities in Brussels and supporting our activities.



European Civil Protection

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6th December 2016, 10:00 - 13:00 am
BRUSSELS, 8th floor in 14 Rond Point Schuman, 1040

Civil protection, urban resilience and training of volunteers: the best practices of the CPMODEL and EVANDE projects

We are pleased to invite you at the common presentation of the final outcomes and activities developed under the CPMODEL and EVANDE projects, co-funded by EC ECHO 2014.

Both projects are focused on raising awareness against nature induced disasters, improving knowledge and skills of civil protection actors and making our societies more resilient.

CPMODEL is dedicated to developing tools to evaluate resilience of local authorities and improve existing situation through an e-learning platform and other educational products. It is coordinated by Fondazione Hallgarten Franchetti Centro Studi Villa Montesca, Italy.

EVANDE is focused on civil protection volunteers and actors, aiming to improve knowledge and skills, facilitate their collaboration and communication and provide a flexible distant learning platform for their constant training. It is coordinated by Natural History Museum of University of Crete, Greece.

CPMODEL

EVANDE

10:00 - 10:15 Participants arrival, welcome coffee
10:15 - 10:30 Welcome addresses
10:30 - 11:00 Presentation of CP-Model project, F. Baldini and M.R. Bracchini, Project coordinators - Villa Montesca Foundation
11:00 - 11:30 Presentation of EVANDE project, C. Fassolas, Project coordinator - University of Crete
11:30 - 11:45 EC CP priorities, B. Zuber, Policy Officer DG ECHO, Civil Protection Policy Unit
11:45 - 12:00 Discussion
12:00 - 13:00 Demonstration of project's outcomes by project's partners - coffee

The event will be hosted by the Region of Crete in its premises in Brussels

Event partners: Regione di Crete, Comitato delle Regioni, CENTRO STUDI VILLA MONTESCA, Natural History Museum of Crete



4. Follow up

All project outcomes and deliverables have been uploaded at project's web page www.evande.eu. The publications, videos, newsletters, the Laymans report, and various presentations can be found at the "downloads" tab. Information on the e-learning platform, tutorials on the use of the platform as well as the links to COURSEVO platform can be found at the "e-learning" tab. For the visitors of NHMC in Crete, Greece, additional information on the e-games that have been developed occur at the "e-games" tab.

All project's future activities, news and relative information will be hosted on the facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/evandeproject> which will remain activity for long.

All project partners are committed to support and sustain all project's outcomes and deliverables, especially the e-learning platform. Any support or guidance will be offered by all partners in all participating countries, though the NHMC and TuC are the most suitable contacts for any assistance.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please visit the EVANDE website: www.evande.eu and the facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/evandeproject> in case you wish to contact project partners.

Contact information of the coordinating partner (Natural History Museum of Crete-University of Crete): fassoulas@nhmc.uoc.gr, evande@nhmc.uoc.gr