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projects:
SEE ME & SEE ME 2



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PROJECT SEE ME (Safe and Equal in EMERgencies)

- Financed under Call for Proposal for Prevention and Preparedness Projects, UCPM

Project duration: 01/03/2022 – 30/10/2023

Project value: 367,815.39 Eur, EC co-financing 85%

Coordinator:

- Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia, Civil Protection Directorate

Partners:

- Ministry of the Interior of Montenegro, Rescue and Protection Directorate (MoI, RPD)
- Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief (ACPDR)



PROJECT AIM: to improve the safety and equality of the persons with disabilities (PwD) in emergencies through:

- Awareness-raising campaign on equal rights in emergencies
- Analysis of gaps and needs in the provision of protection and rescue to the PwD
- Collection and exchange of best practices, expertise and planning at the EU level
- Development of Guidelines related to protection and rescue of PwD in emergencies, along with protocols for emergency assistance and inclusion of PwDs in prevention and planning
- Implementation of Guidelines



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THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- ❑ **analysis of gaps and needs** in protection and rescue of PwDs in emergencies:
 - ✓ 3 questionnaires were made and sent to 1) associations representing PwDs
 - 2) members of the operational forces
 - 3) Member States of the Mechanism
- ✓ three **Panel discussions**, one in each country
- ✓ **International conference** was held in Podgorica, Montenegro
- ❑ **The Guidelines** for dealing with PWDs in emergency situations
<https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/projects/see-me>
- ❑ **pilot training program** according to the procedures set out in the Guidelines created and training organized



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- ❑ Video on GIS system assisting rescuers in locating and rescuing PwDs has been filmed



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1O EZbgo9BYI>

- ❑ **5 workshops** were held for representatives of local and regional self-government units in Croatia with the goal to familiarize the participants with the importance of including PwD in prevention and planning activities



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- a **demonstration exercise** was organized in Rijeka, Croatia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxR7ZMLknjY&list=PLVevEdFcQ-rPVvY66ZI9PcR1EBCNqZ00h&index=13>



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- ❑ **awareness raising campaigns** were organized in Croatia, Slovenia and Montenegro
 - a didactic film <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1EvkcF4OPg>
 - 3 short versions of the film in partner languages and English language on the behaviour of blind and partially sighted and deaf and hard-of-hearing people in case of a natural disasters were produced
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JoHqxWOWEyE>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWf66OOaQXk>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QgdmdeuRoc>
- ❑ Different **brochures** were produced as instructions for PwDs in case of disaster:
 - **for people with physical disabilities**
 - for people with intellectual disabilities
 - for blind and partially sighted people (with audio version)
 - for deaf and hard of hearing people (with video version)
 - for children and people with autism spectrum disorders
- pocket version of the **instructions** on dealing with PwDs in urgent situations was issued in Croatia, intended for members of the operational forces.



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PROJECT SEE ME 2 (Safe and Equal in EMERgencies 2)

- ❑ Financed under **Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (Track 1) Call**
- ❑ **Project duration:** 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2025
- ❑ **Project value:** 407.370,40 EUR, EC co-financing 95%
- ❑ **Participant:** Ministry of the Interior, Civil Protection Directorate
- ❑ **PROJECT AIM:** to improve the safety and equality of the persons with disabilities in emergencies through:
 - Collection and exchange of best practices and expertise at the EU level,
 - Development of Training program for first responders related to protection and rescue of persons with disabilities in emergencies,
 - Implementation of training for the first responders including 112 operators through “train the trainers” model,
 - Empowering PwDs in order to increase their resilience to disaster risks,
 - Upgrade of GIS system assisting rescuers in locating and rescuing PwDs.



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PROJECT SEE ME 2 (Safe and Equal in EMERgencies 2)

Activities held:

- Training of the 112 operators for efficient communication with PwDs (2 trainings: in Zagreb and Split)
- Training of the first responders (police, emergency medicine, firefighters, civil protection, mountain rescue, red cross) on how to approach and rescue PwDs:
- 2 trainings of planned 5 already held (Split and Rijeka)



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PROJECT SEE ME 2 (Safe and Equal in EMERgencies 2)

Activities held:

- Back to back with the trainings, the activities of the empowerment of PwDs are also organized
- In Split: in cooperation with the Croatian Red cross, the training of the members of paraswimming club „Cipal” has been organized. The members of the club, persons with different disabilities, learnt on first aid and rescue of the drowning person and they shown it in the exercise



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PROJECT SEE ME 2 (Safe and Equal in EMERgencies 2)

Activities held:

- Back to back with the trainings, the activities of the empowerment of PwDs are also organized:
- In Rijeka: the empowerment of the members of the Centre for rehabilitation Rijeka (Pulac) was organized together with an exercise



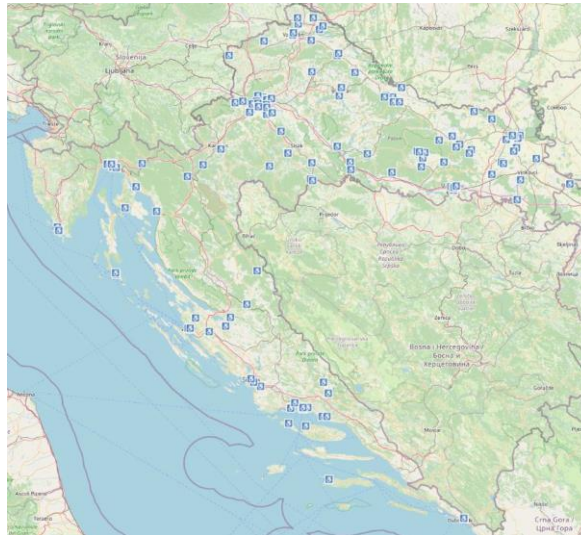
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GIS component:

- Based on the Agreement signed between Ministry of the Interior and Croatian Institute of Public Health, who is owner of the Croatian Register on Persons with Disabilities, the data will be exchanged
- In order to expand the database with the data that are currently missing, the collecting additional data through the web application will be made possible in the second quarter of the 2025



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Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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