

It is a project funded by the Civil Protection 2010 call of EU and it is coordinated from the Natural History Museum of Crete.

The program is titled "Raising earthquake Awareness and Coping Children's Emotions" and is addressed to children, including those with movement disorders. It aims to raising awareness, enriching knowledge and simultaneously educating relative population groups (teachers, parents, volunteers and civil protection operators) on the best practices and the appropriate

response in case of a seismic or volcanic catastrophe. Experience from Italy, Greece and Haiti, as well as the results of other studies worldwide, has shown that Civil Protection was not prepared enough to palliate the emotional shock and burden that such hazards can cause to children.

Long term implementation of innovative educational activities and initiatives is essential for raising awareness regarding seismic danger and the reduction of risks for humans and economy.







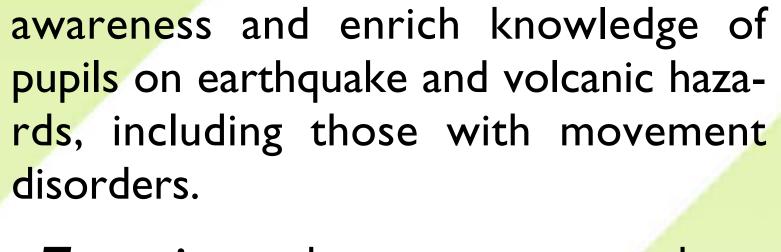






The main objectives of the project are:

- To identify, share and implement best practices and methodologies gained from previous EU projects and partners activities.
- To study and analyse the needs in each participating country.
- To develop and realise innovative initiatives and actions aiming to raise disorders.



- To train teachers, parents or other relative target groups to be able to contribute to children palliation in case of seismic hazard.
- To disseminate and share project's results and outcomes to potential beneficiaries and broader audience on a constant base.

Outcomes

The main outcomes of the project appear through the various tasks and are the following:

- A Needs Analysis study, describing the risks, the current situation, good and bad practices and the necessities in each participating country. It came out through desk analysis data, questionnaires implementation and video interviews.
- Development of innovative and mobile Educational packages (suitcase), addressed to children in order to better inform and be protected in relation with natural phenomena and on protection measures.
- Realisation of the present Travelling Exhibition that can be used by partners, stakeholders, schools and other interested organizations.
- Training activities in Museums and info-centers addressed to children, parents, teachers, civil protection operators and volunteers.
- As well as, various dissemination and publicity activities, like web-site, newsletters, multi-media and web-based products.

Partnership

Besides Natural History Museum of Crete the project is being carried out by a group of European Museums, Research and Educational Institutions that propose a new approach for dealing with the problem through education and knowledge. The partnership consists from two more partners from Greece, Lesvos Petrified Forest and the Greek National Earthquake Planning and Protection Organisation (EPPO), two partners from Italy, Centro Studi e Formazione Villa Montesca and Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia – sezione di Naples, Osservatorio Vesuviano, the Centre for Educational Initiatives from Bulgaria and the **Association pour la gestion** de la Reserve Naturelle Geologique de Haute Provence from France.



All deliverables, planned activities and news are presented at project's webpage:

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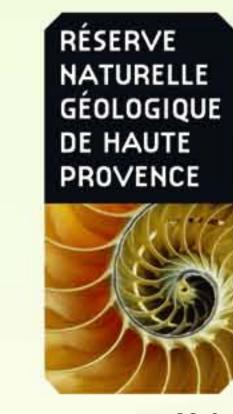








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