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Participatory EmeRgenCy Evaluation in civil ProtecTION



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EFEP TRAINING SCHEME - CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

PERCEPTION wants to give young people - with an interest in emergency planning and humanitarian crises - the opportunity to participate in an extensive training programme to learn about the EFEP (Evaluator & Facilitator in Emergency Planning) professional profile. The aim of this learning and training scheme is to introduce basic concepts and tools to young trainees who wish to learn more about emergency planning, facilitation, assessment of risks, and their social and environmental impacts. These trainings include local training classes (48 hours) in Cyprus, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands and Bulgaria, online transnational exchanges (24 hours) to develop a case study alongside EFEP trainees from across Europe, a webinar (4 hours) on entrepreneurship and a **ten-day field trip in Italy in June - July 2023**.

ABOUT THE PERCEPTION PROJECT

In case of natural disasters and humanitarian crises, it is required that experts/teams are able to assess what worked well in the emergency response as well as identify the mistakes that occurred during crisis management effort. These experts/teams need to (inter)act with public authorities, local actors and stakeholders, and thus, their role is crucial post-emergency. In this phase, new strategies can be developed in order to improve preparedness and response to a future crisis by learning from past mistakes.

Evaluation is a key concept to achieve the above, and thus, expert evaluators can become a key professional role in emergency planning. Evaluators are experts able to assess crisis management approaches and identify strategies to prevent future disasters or alleviate their impact, making this process part of the civil protection planning. Another key element to achieve this is facilitation, which is the ability to apply participatory approaches aiming at building a constructive relationship between citizens, enterprises and local/regional authorities.



In this context, PERCEPTION – Participatory EmeRgenCy Evaluation in civil ProtecTIoN – a project co-funded under the Erasmus + Programme, KA202 Strategic partnerships - aims to create a new professional profile, namely, the **Evaluator & Facilitator in Emergency Planning** (EFEP) to catch this opportunity in terms of employability and innovative Vocational Education Training (VET). The EFEP operates in local and entrepreneurial contexts acting as a link between enterprises and public bodies, fully knowing civil protection plans application and safety measures in enterprises/factories located in risk areas. The EFEP can transversally read and see complementarities and synergies among the 2 levels (internal and external emergency planning/management) and to ease their assessment and understanding using a participatory approach, which can support recovery and reduce future disaster impacts.

To learn more about the EFEP profile, watch our video, by clicking here.
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WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

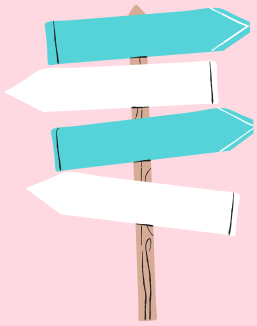
The following list represents a list of priority criteria. The criteria are NOT outlined in order of importance:

- Reside in one of the EU member states
- Age: 18 - 35 years old
- Reside (even temporarily) in one of the partner countries of PERCEPTION (Italy, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Spain, The Netherlands) and be able to travel in Italy based on your residency permit.
- Have had at least one previous experience as a volunteer (preferably in Civil Protection and/or Humanitarian aid)
- Being students, unemployed or underemployed
- Good knowledge and understanding of English (minimum of B1)

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57 POSITIONS AVAILABLE ACROSS THE EU

- Italy 10
- Cyprus 10
- The Netherlands 15
- Bulgaria 11
- Spain 11



The above positions refer to the selection process of country-based EFEP applicants.

WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?

EFEP trainees will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and experiences, skills and attitudes through the alternation of local working groups/class lessons and virtual **transnational exchanges**, and during the immersive field trip in Italy. Case studies will be analysed at local/transnational level, embedding a work-based approach. They will be reflective of (each partner) country's situation.

Selected participants will directly experience the situation, condition, and background of different risk areas, with **diverse socio-economic characteristics and various emergency planning/management approaches** (legislation, profiles involved, qualitative and quantitative data to analyse, etc).

During the **ten-day Summer School** in Italy, participants will get involved in **study visits** in an area highly or potentially highly susceptible to disruptive events and with different typologies of enterprises in its boundaries. Participants will be asked to address crisis management from an EU perspective and define an emergency plan that matches civil protection legislation and safety risks, presenting their whole experience and results during a public event.

This will support EFEP trainees' abilities in public speaking and presentation. Communication will thus be an important competence tackled not only during the field trip in Italy, but also through the learning of becoming a facilitator in participatory planning which implies the use of effective communicative approaches.



This skill will be continuously sharpened throughout the training activities (participants will work in teams, cooperate, exchange information, lead etc.).

The added value in terms of skills to be acquired focuses on analysis capacity, synthesis capacity, critical understanding, the ability to manage complex technical or professional activities or projects, decision making in unpredictable contexts, taking responsibility for managing professional development of individuals and groups, attitude to work in a group and as an individual to accomplish time-bounded work, and problem-solving through solution-oriented approaches. These will be linked to entrepreneurial attitudes/knowledge enhanced during a four-hour webinar.

The project will provide all successful EFEP trainees the certificate 'Evaluator & Facilitator in Emergency Planning' in a Europass format with the conclusion of the Summer School. The certificate will be awarded to participants committing and attending all stages of the learning programme.

WHEN & WHAT: DATES & SPECIFICATIONS OF THE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

A. ONLINE AND/OR CLASS TRAINING

January 2023 – March 2023

48 hours to be attended in the country of application (national groups) focusing on:

- Emergency Planning
- Social & Environmental impacts of Risks
- Facilitation
- Strategic Evaluation



*The described activities are to be attended in **person** and/or online. Should the condition not allow the physical participation, the attendance will be adjusted to remote learning and adjustments will be provided in due time.*

The organisers cannot provide digital devices to participants, who will need to use their own. Activities will most likely take place during working hours (Monday to Friday).



B. VIRTUAL EXCHANGES

April – May – 2023

6 sessions (4 hours each) for a total of 24 hours aimed at a case study co-construction. Participants will be guided through a step-by-step path taking into consideration the following elements:

- Analysing the context (risk, targets, territory, communities, businesses, etc.)
- Describing the event (what impacts does it generate?)
- Managing the crisis (how was the event managed?)
- Analysing the emergency plan (how was the emergency addressed?)
- Identifying the relevant stakeholders (who's who)
- Set up the participatory evaluation process (how can we improve the emergency planning?)

The described activities will be organised online. The organisers cannot provide digital devices to participants, who will need to use their own. Activities will most likely take place during working hours (Monday to Friday).



C. ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEBINAR

May 2023

1 webinar of 4 hours through which participants will be supported in understanding how to transform their passion and volunteering experience into a real job opportunity, how to address business plans, marketing strategies, build their own network of relations, etc.

The described activities will be organised online. The organisers cannot provide digital devices to participants, who will need to use their own. Activities will most likely take place during working hours (Monday to Friday).

D. SUMMER SCHOOL IN ITALY

30/06/2023 - 09/07/2023

This intensive/immersive 10-day experience will see all the participants merging their work on the case study and assess it; present their case study work in a public event; test their assessment and facilitation skills in a real environment and meet other EU-based EFEP trainees with similar interests.

- **Venue**: Luserna San Giovanni, Italy
- **Hosting organisation**: GAL Escartons e Valli Valdesi
- **Duration**: 9 nights - 10 days
- **Covered costs**: travel, accommodation, subsistence, travel insurance



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APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

To apply, participants need to:

- Fill out this form: https://forms.gle/uqejaQfRAmLxVZ6z9
- Upload through the form an updated Curriculum Vitae in Europass (preferrably) format in English
- Motivation Letter in English (why you wish to apply, background/interested in relevant topics, what you wish to achieve through this training programme)

Apply before December 20, 2022, 17:00

Fill out this form to apply: https://forms.gle/uqejaQfRAmLxVZ6z9

All you need to upload is:

- An updated CV (English)
- A motivation letter

All candidates meeting the basic requirements will be invited to an interview by the respective hosting organisation in their country.

All selected participants will be asked to sign an agreement with GAL EVV (hosting organisation of the Summer School) and each sending organisation.

The final group of participants will be announced by the end of January 2023 at the latest.

GOOD LUCK!