



Three days practical learning session and forest fire simulation in Romania

The event is part of the ERASMUS+ project, number 2021-2-RO01-KA210-ADU-000048826 activity A8.

The participants came from the local communities and organisational staff from local and region institutions. Most of them have been from the rural environment, as it is the most affected sector of the society by forest fires.

The event took place in three consecutive working days.

There have been a variety of emergency equipment for practical exercises from the *Salvamont Salvaspeo Vladeasa Cluj* partner (which is the local mountain rescue team), from the local fire fighting department, as well as acquired through this project. The trainers have been from the two emergency services just mentioned, as well as from the local LAG (GAL Napoca Porolissum, the leader in the project).

It has given the opportunity to the members of local communities to learn in a structured and interactive manner, relevant information through an online eLearning platform on the following topics:

1. First Aid and avoiding general panic
2. Leadership, rapid communication and organization of community in case of forest fire emergency
3. Volunteering - an important role in limiting the effects of forest fires
4. Ensuring basic services during the disaster: water, food, shelter

5. Emergency equipment and logistics

6. Evacuation, protection and care: evacuation of himself and own family from the disaster area; protecting property and heritage objectives; animal protection and care



Two days of the event have been dedicated to practical workshops in which the participants had the opportunity to practise and to acquire the necessary skills on manoeuvres such:

- First aid in case of smoke intoxication
- First aid and management of thermal burns
- Implementation of resuscitation protocol in case of cardio-respiratory arrest of a human
- Implementation of resuscitation protocol in case of cardio-respiratory arrest of an animal
- The use of fire fighting equipment that's normally found in a domestic household
- Developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan

- Evacuation of oneself and family

The feedback at the end of the event has been very good and it was easy to note the desire of the participants for other such campaigns as they understood the importance and complexity of emergency situations management.

