

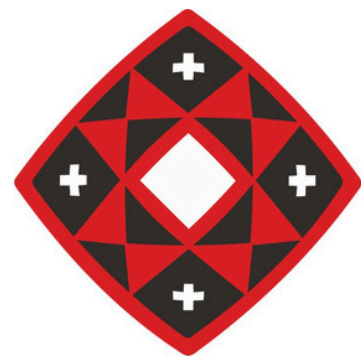
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PROJECT BASICS

Duration: 2019-2023

Cost: 41 320 €

Partners: LAG Nelja Valla Kogu, LAG Kodukant Läänemaa

Target Group: village associations, village leaders, community movement initiators and members, non-profit organizations.

Aim: stronger regional community networks by fostering collaboration and developing joint solutions based on local needs.



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OBJECTIVES

- Supporting the work of civil society organizations in rural areas, including acquiring new knowledge for local service development.
- Sharing experiences in the field of voluntary rescue services.
- Exchanging best practices to strengthen integration, mutual neighborly support, and self-help initiatives within local action group areas.



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KEY ACTIVITIES

- Community development program
- Community Safety Conference
- Integration Meeting for war refugees
- Community Conference
- Study-visit for volunteer rescuers





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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Motivation Seminar – Beliefs and values as motivation sources, self-management methods, stress factors, communication barriers.

Active Communities – Engagement, volunteerism, community services.

Organizational Development – Project writing and implementation, fundraising, marketing.

Experience Exchange Day – Collaboration, event organization, local cafés.

Smart Villages – Digital and social innovation, environment, sustainable villages.



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SAFETY CONFERENCE

- Defining community safety: responsibilities and collaboration for a secure living environment
- Individual and collective roles in ensuring safety
- Lessons learned from recent crises and preparedness for future challenges
- Security at the local level and value-based approaches
- Comprehensive security in times of constant crises
- Community safety through environmental planning
- Neighborhood watch as an effective crime prevention tool
- Youth involvement in community safety
- The role of knowledge and skills in prevention
- Crisis preparedness: the role of local crisis committees and the Red Cross
- Evacuation and community services during crises



STUDY-VISIT FOR VOLUNTEER RESCUERS

- Emergency Response Rescue Corps (Gozo & Comino): 100% volunteer-based NGO specializing in maritime rescue and emergency training.
- Gozo Fire Station: Professional firefighters under the National Civil Protection Department.
- Xemxija Fire Station (Malta): Professional firefighting unit.
- St. John Rescue Corps: Volunteer-based organization providing first aid services at major events and emergency training.
- Malta Red Cross: A key organization in Malta's rescue operations, including maritime rescue and training, alongside national emergency services.



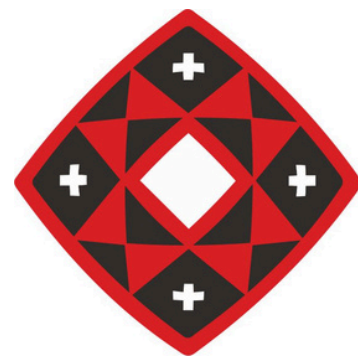


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LESSONS LEARNED



- Community preparedness varies, highlighting the need for crisis plans that are not solely dependent on individual leaders.
- Developing community awareness and skills is essential for ensuring community safety.
- Continuous efforts are needed to build sustainable and resilient communities capable of handling crises.
- Well-functioning and cooperative communities are valuable partners for local governments and the state.



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QUESTIONS?