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Safe and Equal in EMERgencies SEE ME

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Project duration: 01/03/2022 - 31/08/2023



SEE ME objectives:

- ▶ The aim of the project is 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 persons with disabilities
 - Collection and exchange of best practices, expertise and planning at the EU level
 - Development of Guidelines related to protection and rescue of persons with disabilities in emergencies, along with protocols for emergency assistance and inclusion of PwDs in civil protection prevention and planning activities
 - Implementation of guidelines through three different models



SEE ME outcomes and outputs:

- ▶ The expected project outcomes are:
 - Identified gaps in cross-border emergency preparedness and response,
 - Cross-border operational collaboration in disaster response tested and strengthened.

- ▶ The project outputs are:
 - thorough analysis of gaps and needs in protection and rescue of PwDs in emergencies
 - planning activities and guidelines responding to the specific needs of persons with disabilities in emergencies, along with protocols for emergency assistance and inclusion of PwDs in civil protection prevention and preparedness activities
 - models for guidelines implementation presented (1. as procedures presented in GIS system assisting rescuers in locating and rescuing PwDs; 2. through development of first responder training programs; 3. through implementation of guidelines in local emergency plans)
 - demonstration exercise for local civil protection authorities on guidelines implementation
 - awareness raising campaign to foster respect for the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities and to combat stereotypes, prejudices and harmful practices relating to persons with disabilities.



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