



# StrengthVOL

## Strengthening Civil Protection Systems through Volunteer Capacities



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# CONSORTIUM

- ▶ Coordinator: the Austrian Red Cross
- ▶ Six Beneficiaries:
  - The Armenian Red Cross Society
  - The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia
  - The Georgian Red Cross Society (with EMS-Georgia)
  - The State Emergency Service of Ukraine
  - The Ukrainian Red Cross Society
  - Resilience Advisors Network





## Specific objective: strengthening capacities for emergency response in Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine

### Context:

With increasing number of disasters and growing needs for better response capacities in Europe and its neighborhood, civil protection authorities and governments are looking to partner with volunteer organizations in addressing these needs.

The StrengthVOL project should address these needs by developing action plans for the increased deployability of volunteers teams in remote areas of Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine.

- ▶ Duration of the action: 24 months, from 01/02/2020 to 31/01/22
- ▶ Eligible costs of the action: EUR 470 589,21
- ▶ EC co-financing: EUR 400 000,00





# Outputs:

- ▶ **Develop a research report and guiding principles for each country in order to:**
  - gain a clear understanding regarding the current integration of volunteers into the CP integration systems
  - have a good overview of lessons learned and recommendations from previous similar initiatives
  - elaborate a set of guiding principles for each country as a starting point for the model definition
- ▶ **Cooperation models and signed agreements in order to:**
  - agree upon a cooperation model in each country between CP authorities and RC national societies
  - advocate among national governments for a new framework for volunteers' integration into CP systems
- ▶ **Piloted and evaluated models:**
  - recruit volunteer teams, prepare them for pilot activities
  - carry-out pilot activities, monitor and evaluate pilot teams
  - develop a strategy for scaling the models in each country





# Main milestones and deliverables

- ▶ Country level workshops organized in each country in June 2020
- ▶ International research exchange workshop organized in Georgia in July 2020
- ▶ Research reports and guiding principles developed by September 2020
- ▶ Volunteers development plans developed by November 2020
- ▶ Cooperation models and agreements signed and developed by February 2021
- ▶ Stations and centers set up in each country by January 2021
- ▶ Simulations organized in each country in November 2021
- ▶ Action plan for increased deployability of volunteer teams by January 2022

