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Active Youth for Disaster Resilient Society

We are thrilled to present new **AYDRESS** updates due to our aspiration to **empower** youth to adequately tackle the increasing **climate disasters** and adverse weather conditions.

The reoccurring **floods**, **droughts**, and **storms** visit European communities more often, destroying and decimating everything in their way. Therefore, we are glad to inform you on how AYDRESS wants to implicate and empower youth in real activities through citizen-led composting actions, assisting them to work on climate problems facing them in their realities.

AYDRESS seeks to align with the goals set forth in the **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**, which outlines a strategy to reduce disaster risk and bolster global resilience. This framework serves as a crucial tool for governments aiming to safeguard people and assets from the escalating threat of disasters.



The core focus of our AYDRESS project is to **empower, educate, and involve** young individuals to actively participate in disaster response and **climate protection** initiatives. Through tailored training and community engagement, our aim is to bolster the capabilities, self-assurance, and preparedness of young relief workers to efficiently tackle natural disasters and climate-related issues within their communities.

KoM in Limoges

The AYDRESS project kick-off meeting was held for two days in *Limoges, France* on **April 4th** and **5th**, 2024. This event brought together partners who presented their expertise, roles, and goals within the project framework. Each partner had a dedicated slot to discuss their specific contributions, desired outcomes, and planned strategies.

The meeting started with a welcome speech by *Colonel Philippe Besson*, who explained the project's score and allowed each partner to introduce their organizations. The consortium gave a presentation about themselves by explaining their objectives, experience and what they would contribute to the project. In the second part of the day, the President of **PUI** France presented the project's work plan. This was an opportunity for all partners to dive into the details of their work packages.



The target group was set to be an audience aged between 15 and 25 years old, and the tailored game produced by WhiteSock was set to be 30 to 35 minutes long. The meeting was concluded after deciding how to implement the project's activities and keep the results sustainable in time.



NEXT STEPS

The next steps focuses on the core activities of the project. In order to provide youth people with the knowledge, skills, and resources to effectively manage disasters and contribute to community resilience, WhiteSock (Italy) will develop an ad-hoc **game** called **Inundo**, which will educate users on **risks, vulnerability,** and active **citizenship**.

Then, we will hold local pilot initiatives to foster youth participation in climate change and disaster management. By involving communities in these strategies, the project enhances disaster preparedness and communicates the importance of youth engagement in resilience-building efforts.

Lastly, K&K (Estonia) will develop a **handbook** to promote a culture of proactive **community engagement** and **sustainable resilience**.

This approach emphasizes psychophysical resilience and active participation across all stages of disaster management. These initiatives represent a concerted effort to empower youth as agents of positive change in disaster-prone regions to cultivate a generation capable of responding to disasters and actively shaping a more resilient future for themselves and their communities.

As we move forward on our path, we welcome you to join us in shaping a stronger future for the next generations.

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