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About RETES

Strengthening tourism resilience through cooperation, preparedness and skills development

Tourism destinations across Europe are increasingly exposed to climate-related hazards, natural disasters and complex emergency situations. These challenges directly affect tourism operators, local communities and public authorities, highlighting the need for stronger preparedness, coordination and resilience within the tourism sector.

RETES – Enhancing Resilience in Tourism through Education and Skills – is an Erasmus+ project that responds to these challenges by strengthening disaster risk management competences in the tourism sector. The project promotes cooperation between tourism operators, vocational education and training (VET) providers and civil protection stakeholders, transforming real operational experiences into structured and transferable training solutions at European level.

By strengthening disaster risk management capacities in the tourism sector, RETES aims to improve awareness, preparedness and cooperation, while supporting the integration of resilience and emergency readiness into training programmes. Through this approach, RETES contributes to safer, more resilient and better-prepared tourism destinations.

To achieve the project's objectives, RETES adopts a collaborative and practice-based approach that actively involves all relevant stakeholders in the analysis of local needs and the validation of practical solutions. Through research, workshops and pilot testing, the project supports the creation of shared strategies adapted to local contexts and real risk scenarios.

At the same time, RETES develops flexible training materials combining interactive content, multimedia resources and practical learning scenarios. The project also introduces a micro-credential approach to recognise acquired skills and shares its results through communication tools, visual materials and information packs that support awareness-raising, knowledge transfer and long-term impact across Europe.



RETES so far...

From mapping local needs to building stronger cooperation in tourism resilience

During the first six months of the implementation of the project, the consortium met in Italy in order to plan the foreseen activities related to the development of Collaborative Action Plans for enhanced cooperation between the tourism sector and disaster risk management operators. The objective of these activities is to enhance collaboration among economic operators, representatives and workers in the tourism sector, and local emergency management stakeholders by defining a common methodology to develop local action plans for coordinated cooperation in case of climate change-related emergencies or natural disasters.

For the development of the local action plans, local reports on “Tourism and Disaster Management Ecosystems” will be prepared through a mapping exercise and an in-depth analysis of the tourism and disaster management ecosystems in the five project areas. These reports will provide a comprehensive analysis of the interaction between the tourism sector and disaster management frameworks across the five territories. They will be developed through desk research and surveys and further refined through a workshop organised in each project area.

So far, the RETES consortium has completed the local desk research and surveys, and four local country-specific workshops have been organised.



Mapping and Workshop



As part of the mapping process, RETES partners have organised local workshops in the project territories, bringing together representatives from the tourism sector, civil protection authorities, local institutions and vocational education and training providers.

These workshops provided a valuable opportunity to discuss how cooperation between tourism stakeholders and disaster risk management actors can be strengthened at local level. Across the different territories, participants shared their experience and identified common needs, including clearer communication channels, practical protocols, stronger coordination mechanisms, and training activities adapted to the specific characteristics of each destination.

The discussions also highlighted the importance of involving tourism operators more actively in prevention and preparedness, without replacing the role of emergency services. In many cases, participants stressed that tourism businesses, local authorities, civil protection bodies and training providers need shared tools, regular dialogue and practical exercises to be better prepared for climate-related emergencies and natural disasters.

The outcomes of these workshops will help RETES partners refine the analysis of local tourism and disaster management ecosystems and support the development of collaborative action plans adapted to real territorial needs.





Fire Prevention Season in Greece

From 1 May to 31 October, Greece enters its annual fire danger period. For tourism destinations, this is a key time to reinforce prevention, raise awareness among visitors and operators, and strengthen cooperation between the tourism sector and civil protection actors.

The fire danger period in Greece officially starts on 1st May and lasts until 31st October each year. During this period, a strict ban on the use of fire in the countryside is in force and high fines are imposed on those who do not comply with the fire protection rules.

This period is particularly relevant for tourism destinations, where visitors, tourism operators and local communities need to be aware of prevention measures and safety recommendations. In this context, RETES can contribute to strengthening awareness and cooperation between the tourism sector and civil protection actors.

Key Prohibitions & Obligations:

1. Burning of dry grass and tree branches: Burning in forests, agricultural lands and plots is strictly prohibited.
2. Clearing plots: Land owners are obliged to keep their plots clear of dry grass and debris to prevent fires.
3. Outdoor works: Works that cause sparks, such as welding or branch burning, are prohibited in the countryside on days with a high risk of fire.

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