

WP 3 – TF No 3 Citizens raise awareness

1. Title of event

Common Awareness Day for children (26 sept 2011)

2. Type of event

Video conference

3. Location and NUTS classification

Greece, Patras
Italy, Teramo, S.Omero
Italy, Macerata
Poland, Bielsko - Biala District
Portugal, Baiao
Bulgaria, Kardzhali
Spain, Catalonia, Solsona

4. Description of event

International awareness days for children occurred on 26 September 2011, during which the school children from territories involved in Interreg IVC PRoMPT project were able to share each others their ideas and approach how being prepared to face Forest fire outbreaks and to spread adequate prevention culture.

They furthermore exposed their paintings or other art designs from an art competition launched in a previous info day.

The event lasted 2 days (1 day at school and 1 day at the square)

5. Methods, processes, practices and technologies used in event

Focus:

Correct information and preparation of children to confront the outbreak of a Forest fire

1. Training activities concerning the information on the wildfires emergency.
2. Raising actions aimed at children in order to spread a culture of adequate prevention.

Objectives:

The knowledge of a WildFire emergency:

1. What is a Wild fire;
2. Initiation, development and spread of a wildfire;
3. Wildfire fighting and switch off;
4. Rehabilitation activities.

To increase the capacity in preventing and reacting to wildfires:

Topics to be discussed in the first day:

Opening a discussion with the children in school about the following topics:

- * Why we chose children to involve in the event
- * The importance of enhancing the trust of citizens by acknowledge of Civil Protection organizations

and Fire Fighting Corps.

Activities to be done by the children before the main event:

Children from selected schools in the 6 involved countries participated in an art competition about the theme: 'wildfires' following the below 3 messages (in their mother language and in English).

1. "Prevent and Rescue our forests. Maintain and Protect the nature"
2. "Train to Restrain an Explosive wildfire Early"
3. "Protect the forest because it protects us"

The main event In the main square (26 September 2011)

- * Exposition of the paintings or other art designs made by the children.
- * Common discussion among the children through internet by disseminating their messages in English at the proposed time.
- * Awards were distributed to the children who had made the best designs (3 awards) and an award for all the children who will participate in the events.
- * Press Conference

Media were present and a press conference given by the Authorities.

The whole activity will be on a video and will be disseminated by tv and radio.

The local and Regional Public authorities, Fire Brigade, Forest Corps, Civil Protection and Volunteers Associations and Media participated in the event

Materials and Equipment:

1. Cockades with "PROMPT" logo, Interreg IVC logo and the flag of EU
2. 100 Paint colors and sketch blocks for the paintings/designs and panels for the exhibition of the designs.
3. A tent to be placed in the square
4. Teleconference equipment (PC with camera, microphones, internet access)
5. PROMPT project banner.
6. 3 awards for the best paintings and 100 gifts for all children participating in the event.
7. 100 T-shirts printed with PRoMPt logo, Interreg IVC logo and the flag of EU.
8. Dissemination of the "Wildfires Survival Guide for All" and the leaflet "PROMPT" .

6. Target group/s of the event

Schoolchildren

General Public

Local and Regional Public Authorities

7. Number of participants

An average of 100 Schoolchildren and 250 citizens per country

8. Relevance to p themes/ objectives/ outputs

(themes)

(objectives)

Project specific objective 3: To improve citizens behaviour to face forest fire and earthquake disasters

(outputs)

9. Proposal for enhancement/adaptation measures of event

Adaptation to specific context and needs

10. Source of data (*Project, Institution, Body who carried it out*)

Interreg IVC programme PROMPT project, Comunità Montana della Laga (Mountain Union of Laga), Civil Protection Val Vibrata Volunteers Association