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1. Introduction

As part of the STREAM project, activity 5.7. Urgent services pilot, all adequate equipment purchased was tested on 5 training drills organized for Civil protection system members in Zadar, Dubrovnik, Split, Gospić and Poreč. The goal of the demonstration exercises was the presentation of the preparedness and response of the participants and operational forces of the civil protection system, the presentation of equipment and the implementation of civil protection measures and activities.

2. Training drills

LP ZADRA NOVA

On June 20th and 21st, 2023, a professional exercise was conducted for 50 participants of the emergency services, which consisted of theoretical and practical part with the following curriculum:

floods and flood protection; rescuing people, animals and property; material and technical means; procedures for intervention in case of floods; risk assessment and prioritization of flood intervention; immediate reactions upon arrival at the intervention; messages about the state of intervention - use of equipment for the radio communication system.

The Zadar County Fire Department is now equipped with 60 submersible pumps, 40 water pumps, 200 firefighting hoses, 2 battery-powered hydraulic shears, 4 power generators, 60 pairs of boots, and 30 raincoats, firefighting vehicle and 60 radio stations for radio-communication system. Firefighting equipment will be used for preventive and remedial actions in case of floods, for saving people and animals, material goods and preserving the environment. Firefighting vehicle will be used for intervention in the event of a flood and the transport of people and equipment, as well as for other needs in accordance with the goals of the STREAM project. Also, the radio communication system was acquired to facilitate communication among operational forces in inaccessible areas. Repeaters were installed at four locations in Zadar County. Purchased equipment was tested on training drills organized for Civil protection system members which is shown in the photos below.





Figure 1. Training drills with purchased equipment in Zadar

PP1 DUBROVNIK-NERETVA COUNTY

Within deliverable 5.7.6 Dubrovnik Neretva County (PP1) organized 5 training drills with the adequate equipment. First training drill was organized for the civil protection systems members for the operation and testing of the equipment acquired through the project on 26th of April 2022. ,in Slano (Croatia).



Figure 2. Training drills with purchased equipment in Slano

The second training drill for the civil protection systems members for the operation and testing of the equipment acquired through the project on 08th October 2022. in Putnikovići (Pelješac).





Figure 3. Training drills with purchased equipment in Putnikovići (Pelješac)

The third training drill for the civil protection systems members for the operation and testing of the equipment was organized on March 31st 2023 in Ponikve.



Figure 4. Training drills with purchased equipment in Ponikve

The fourth training drill for the civil protection systems members for the operation and testing of the equipment was organized on May 27st 2023 in Metković.





Figure 5. Training drills with purchased equipment in Metković

And the last, fifth training drill for the civil protection systems members for the operation and testing of the equipment was organized on June 24st 2023 in Župa Dubrovačka.





Figure 6. Training drills with purchased equipment in Župa Dubrovačka

PP2 PUBLIC INSTITUTION RERA SD FOR COORDINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SPLIT DALMATIA COUNTY

On 30th June, 2023, Public Institution RERA SD Coordination and Development of Split-Dalmatia County organized educations and professional exercises in the civil protection and flood protection sectors. During the demonstration exercise, members of the Split Public Fire Department showed the participants how to react in the event of a flood hazard with the help of equipment acquired through the STREAM project.



Figure 7. Training drills with purchased equipment in Split

PP11 PUBLIC INSTITUTION DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF LIKA-SENJ COUNTY - LIRA

Within A.5.7., on June 27th 2023, the Public Institution Development Agency of Lika-Senj County organized the professional final exercise and training for members of civil protection in the area of the City of Gospić and the Municipality of Perušić - the Lika River. The topic of the demonstration exercise was the rescue, evacuation and disposal of endangered persons and material goods from the flood-endangered area, and the activation of operational civil protection forces of the Lika-Senj County. Through numerous demonstration exercises and an elaborate scenario, members of the HGSS - Station Gospić, the Croatian Red Cross - City Society Gospić, the Public Fire Department Gospić and the operational forces of the Civil Protection Headquarters of the Municipality of Perušić demonstrated their expertise and effective action in the field. In the exercise, they showed the public elements such as headquarters management, securing the threatened area, searching for an injured person on the water, pulling an unconscious person out of the water, pumping out a flooded building, transporting people and property and numerous other activities.



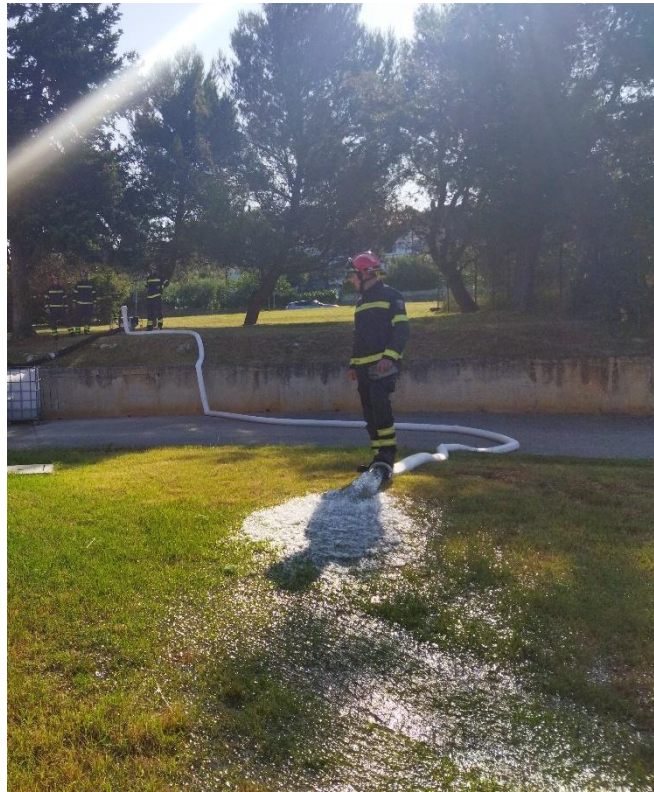


Figure 8. Training drills with purchased equipment on the Lika River

PP13 TOWN OF POREČ - PARENZO

On 30th June 2023, the Poreč Public Fire Department held a demonstration exercise with equipment to fight floods, acquired as part of the project STREAM. During the exercise, the firefighters demonstrated how to use four portable fire pumps with a total flow capacity of 10,000 lit/min, two electric submersible pumps with a total flow capacity of 800 lit/min, and a safety platform and flood boat in case of flooding.







3. Conclusion

The goal of the demonstration exercises was the presentation of the preparedness and response of the participants and operational forces of the civil protection system, the presentation of equipment and the implementation of civil protection measures and activities. In conclusion, such activities have the function of strengthening cooperation and coordination between all involved entities - central and other state administration bodies, local and regional self-government units and operational forces. After the held exercises, members of the civil staff and emergency services will be able to use the acquired adequate and innovative equipment in a professional manner and will be able to react faster and more efficiently in emergency cases.