

Info Days

EVENTS' REPORTS



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Molise Region (IT)

Info Day “Network of Safety Ambassadors” in Molise

Regione Molise, lead partner of the E-CITIJENS project, in cooperation with Regione Molise - Servizio di Protezione Civile and the Regional School Office, organised an Info Day addressed to teachers of 4 high schools in Molise. The goal of the Info Day was to establish a "surveillance network" involving high school teachers in Molise that will later train students in becoming aware "Safety Ambassadors". As part of the Citizens Awareness Raising Campaign, the event presented the action and was an occasion to explained the functionalities and goals of the E-CITIJENS EDSS platform. Particular stress was put on the importance of raising students' awareness about their role of responsible and "active sensors" of emergencies. The involved teachers will in fact be providing students in Molise with training on how to report critical events through an effective and responsible use of the various social media. With this action, the E-CITIJENS project is offering a key multidisciplinary training opportunity to schools, teachers and students in Molise entailing civic education, media education and digital education.

The event involved teachers from 4 secondary schools in the three main cities of Molise: Istituto Tecnico per il Settore Tecnologico “Marconi” and Istituto Superiore “Pilla” in Campobasso, Istituto Tecnico “Fermi-Mattei” in Isernia, Istituto Onnicomprensivo “Giordano” in Venafro.



Split and Dalmatia County (HR)

Three Info Days of the E-CITIJENS project successfully organized in Split

On May 5, 2022, the first info day of the E-CITIZEN project from the Cross-Border Cooperation Program INTERREG V-A Italy – Croatia 2014-2022 took place at FGAG - Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy in Split. The total value of the project is EUR 2.8 million, of which 85% is financed from the funds of the European Regional Development Fund. The general goal of the project is to increase the safety of the Croatian and Italian Adriatic area in the event of natural and man-made disasters through the improvement of measures and instruments for prevention and management in case of danger.

The experts of the project partners, **Mr Ognjen ČAVAR** from the Split-Dalmatia County and **Ms. Martina BAUČIĆ** from the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy in Split, briefly presented the project and the key results of the project: EDSS platform - a system for managing emergency situations for the needs of civil protection based on social networks. Students are invited to actively participate in the upcoming activities: exercises that will test the EDSS platform and the equipment acquired through the project (infrared thermal camera, speedboat and underwater scooter for rescue at sea, ICT and radio-communication equipment). 23 students participated in the event.

The official link to the event article is the following:

<https://www.italy-croatia.eu/web/e-citijens/-/e-citijens-1st-info-day-was-held-at-fgag-faculty-of-civil-engineering-architecture-and-geodesy-in-split.-1>





On May 13, 2022, the second info day of the E-CITIZEN project from the Cross-Border Cooperation Program INTERREG V-A Italy – Croatia 2014-2022 was successfully held on the campus of the University of Split, in the immediate vicinity of the University Library. In this period of the year a numerous students are preparing for the exams in the University Library, and upon arrival, in front of the entrance, they were greeted by the promoter and introduced to the key goals and activities of the E-CITIEJNS project.

Students were directly informed how through their own activities on social media they can reach out and provide support to the emergency services in decisions making process in extraordinary circumstances. It was explained to them which tags and keywords to use and how the software filters all information and transmits the most valuable ones, with photos, text and geolocation that users of social networks tag, to decision makers. Students from different faculties showed interest and promotional materials of the project were distributed to them, as well.





On June 8, 2022, the third info day of the E-CITIZEN project from the Cross-Border Cooperation Program INTERREG V-A Italy – Croatia 2014-2022 was successfully organized in the city district of Split 3. Info day took place with a goal to inform the general public, of all age groups, about the E- CITIJENS project. City district Split 3 was chosen as the venue for the third info-day because the historic center of Split is full of tourists in the summer months, while in the afternoons in the area of Split 3 there is mostly local population. The promoter stopped passers-by of different age groups to introduce them to the goals and activities of the E-CITIJENS project. Citizens' interest was high, although younger people, up to 35 years old, showed a significant interest compared to the older population, which coincides with the frequency of using social networks. It was explained to them how the IT platform developed as part of the E-CITIJENS project works as it is designed to directly involve citizens in campaigns to raise awareness of risks and the use of social networks during disasters and emergency situations in such a way as to contribute to the quality of emergency information service.



Veneto Region (IT)

More than 600 students from Veneto area involved in the E-CITIJENS project

The E-CITIJENS team of the Protezione Civile Veneto was really committed to raise local student's awareness about the project and its activities. They organised a series of online Info Days taking place between March and May 2021 that involved more than 600 students in the Veneto area. The schools involved were Istituto Comprensivo "Galileo Galilei", Istituto di Istruzione Superiore "Jacopo da Montagnana", Istituto Comprensivo "Lozzo Atesino". The Info Days are part of the E-CITIJENS Awareness Campaign, that aims at stimulating citizens in being "active sensors" of emergencies as well as in informing them about the work of Civil Protection and the value added of cross-border cooperation in finding #innovative, "social-media based" solutions to emergency management. In particular, the events both illustrated the role and organisation of Civil Protection at local level and instructed youth on a responsible use of social media during emergencies as a form of active participation to emergency communication, thanks to the participation of social media communication experts. The online meetings were livestreamed from regional and local civil protection operation rooms in order to boost involvement and awareness raising. Students got the chance to virtually touring operation rooms' equipment and machineries and this helped them understand by experience (although digitally) how civil protection really works, how it manages emergencies and occurring events and get the chance of. Also, they were informed about the forthcoming E-CITIJENS participatory activities consisting of the organization of pilot deployments of the EDSS platform, to which students were invited to partake.



As the events were recorded, they were made available through the project's social media profiles and can be rewatched at the project's YouTube official channel at:

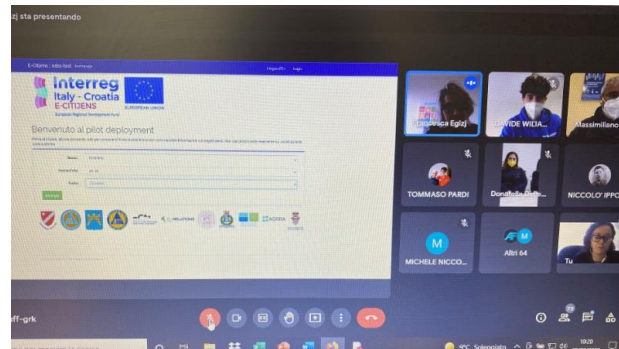
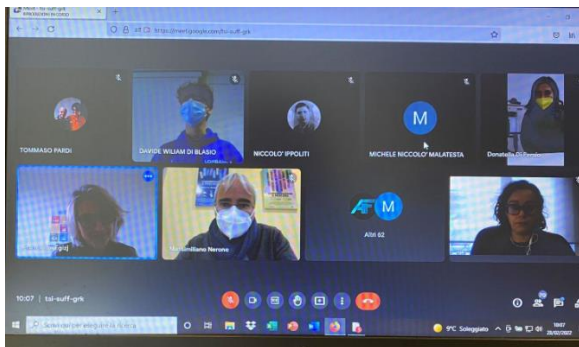
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Municipality of Pescara (IT)

Info Days for students in Pescara area

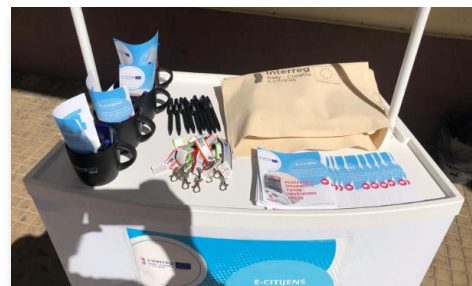
The Info Day was held by the Municipality of Pescara online on 28 February 2022. At that time the covid pandemic in Italy was still very harsh and the safety and health of students needed to be preserved. More than 70 students from Liceo Scientifico “Galileo Galilei” participated in the online meeting, which was focused on explaining the goals of the project as well as to raise students’ awareness about the use of social during emergencies. Also, reference was made to the then ongoing pilot deployments, aimed at testing the EDSS platform, which were presented as a good occasion to actively get involved in the project and put into practice the lessons learned during the Info Day.



Zadar County Rural Development Agency (AGGRA)

Two Info Days for students in Zadar

In occasion of the Info Days by the Zadar County Rural Development Agency (AGGRA) on 20th and 21st June 2022, a give away of branded promotional materials and gadget was organised. Students from High school Stanko Ožanić and Zadar University were gifted with pens, cups, bags etc., together with the project’s brochure. The give away was useful to attract students from Zadar and explain to them the activities undertaken by AGGRA in the context of the project, also underlying the cross-border cooperation value of the project.



City of Dubrovnik (IT)

Info Days organised in Dubrovnik

City of Dubrovnik organised several Info Days targeting both students and citizens of Dubrovnik. The first two Info Days were held as part of the European Week (Europe Info Days 10-14 May) which is organised by the City Administration in occasion of the Europe Day celebrations. The European Week was implemented in cooperation with the Dubrovnik Development agency (DURA) and the Regional Development Agency of the Dubrovnik-Neretva County (DUNEA). The "Open Days of EU Projects in the Dubrovnik-Neretva County" was seen as the perfect context in which to educate and inform about the E-CITIJENS project together with the other EU projects implemented by the City of Dubrovnik.

The first of the two events was organised at the City Hall on 11th May and involved 40 students of the *Marin Getaldić Elementary School*, 7 of which also had the chance of visiting the premises of the City Hall and learned about the E-CITIJENS project directly from the Mayor, Mr. **Mato FRANKOVIĆ**. The Head of Administrative Department for European Funding, regional and International Cooperation Ms. **Zrinka RAGUŽ** was also present to welcome the students and explain the European activities organised by the City of Dubrovnik.



Along with raising awareness of student about the E-CITIEJNS project and its goals and activities, the event was a good occasion to expose the students to the added value of cross-border cooperation and the benefit of the European Union. Students were given a presentation in the Small Hall, in which the procedures of national and European projects were explained, and the projects of the City of Dubrovnik, institutions, trade and utility companies (co-)owned by the City were presented. Also, as part of the visit, the students toured the premises of the City Administration, all in

accordance with epidemiological measures, and were introduced to the scope of local self-government and the functioning of administrative departments and services.

The second Info Day was held on 14th May at Dubrovnik City Centre and targeted 94 people among local population as well as tourists, who were informed about the E-CITIJENS project and about the role of citizens as active sensors of emergencies. The E-CITIJENS project



was presented in its objectives and expected results and citizens were informed about the activities the City of Dubrovnik would organise in the months ahead.

A third event was organised on 2 May and involved 35 citizens, whereas on 31 May 2021 44 pupils of the *Montovjerna Elementary School* were involved in a work café on target risk earthquakes, in line with the Interreg Italy-Croatia programme's priorities. Following the two earthquakes that hit Central Croatia in 2020, causing both human losses and extended damage, the E-CITIJENS Awareness Raising Campaign was for this reason timely and advantageous. Thanks to the involvement of **Mrs. Ana MILIČIĆTHIRD**, Head of the Civil Protection Service Dubrovnik, students gained an insight on the "General Rules of Conduct for Children in the Event of Earthquakes". A special emphasis was placed on how to increase resilience and safety including practical instructions on "what to do" before, during and after



earthquakes. A simulation of an earthquake was also conducted and students were suggested that the best behaviour is to find shelter and safety under their desks during the actual earthquake. Also, reference was made to the responsible use of social media during emergencies. Elementary school students should be under parental control when using smartphones or other digital devices that can be used to access social media. Informing them about the correct use of social media during emergencies had a strong educational value for them and their families.