

## Emergency Responders Upskilling System for Enhanced Resilience and Innovation

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

ENSURE is the new EU-funded project addressing the increasingly extreme weather events, floods and forest fires, exacerbated by climate change. Emergency responders, including firefighters, search and rescue teams, and support personnel, play a pivotal role in mitigating the consequences of these disasters. ENSURE seeks to upskill emergency responders, fostering their resilience, preparedness, and innovation capabilities through state-of-the-art training methodologies, digital tools, and community-driven practices.

### KICK-OFF MEETING

On 20th and 21th February, the ENSURE consortium met in Patras for the face to face meeting. The 20 partners from 9 countries across Europe had the chance to meet in person, review the first activities of the project, and set the basis for the incoming months.



### MEET THE PARTNERS!

Check out the ENSURE website to learn more about the partnership:

<https://ensure-project.eu/partners/>



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### ENSURE Disaster Response Skills

This project aims to upgrade the skillset of firefighters based on the ESCO 5411.1 profile incorporating new competencies into their professional profile. The current formal taxonomy focuses solely on traditional firefighting roles, while advance technology, international collaboration, mental health, or community engagement skills are limited referenced. Including the latter as key pillars, ENSURE proposes the **Disaster Response Skills (DRC)** model for enhancement of the current skillset.

That is why we have carried out a mapping procedure of the necessary competencies and launched **4 brand-new ESCO profiles** validated by 150+ experts across Europe.



### CREO: Community Resilience & Engagement Officer

Crisis communication channels, multilingual briefings, vulnerable population coordination, social media emergency alert.

### IDRC: International Disaster Response Coordinator

Leading multicultural teams, multilingual crisis communication, cross-border resource allocation.

### DRT: Disaster Response Technologist

Drone operations, GIS mapping, smoke pattern analysis, structural stability assessment.

### MHRTES: Mental Health & Resilience Trainer

Emergency psychological support, stress management, post-incident debriefing, responder wellbeing monitoring

Learn more about the project in our website: <https://ensure-project.eu>

