

Emergency Responders Upskilling System for Enhanced Resilience and Innovation

Welcome to the third edition of the ENSURE project newsletter!

In this issue, ENSURE presents a major milestone in the project: the **ENSURE Training Programme**. The project seeks to upgrade the skillset for firefighters and emergency first responders in complex disaster response environments. Through a scenario-based approach, the ENSURE Training Programme brings learners closer to real response environments.

HOW HAS ENSURE DEVELOPED THE TRAINING PROGRAMME?

ENSURE has used a four-stage methodology:

1. **Consolidation** of the design foundation via competency mapping and **+150 experts** validation of the new professional profiles.
2. A **baseline course** design structured around a series of proposed **contextual scenarios**.
3. A **validation workshop** in **Limoges** involving educational and field experts to define the details of the learning objectives
4. A final **validation** with 25 experts across Europe of the proposed programme.



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The ENSURE curriculum is based on a **scenario** approach that bridges the gap between the learners and meaningful training specifications with real response environments.

URBAN EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

This scenario represents a major earthquake in a **heavily populated metropolitan areas**, causing mass displacement, building collapses, infrastructure failure and the activation of USAR operations.

ENSURE emphasises, among other skills. post-incident stress debriefing, psychological first aid, crisis communication, coordination for urban evacuation.



EXTENDED FOREST FIRE SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS



A **large-scale wildfire in remote, mountainous terrain** with limited infrastructure access is described. It calls for multi-day suppression operation, community evacuation from dispersed settlements, and international logistical support.

The Training Programme highlights fire behaviour prediction, UAV-based reconnaissance, inclusive evacuation of vulnerable rural populations, community preparedness, and more.

