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About ENG4VOL

ENG4VOL is a project co-funded by the European Union dedicated to strengthening the engagement and motivation of volunteers in the civil protection sector. The project addresses the critical need for sustained volunteer engagement in civil protection. Volunteers play a vital role as first responders in emergencies such as natural disasters, industrial accidents, and public health crises. Recognising the importance of their contributions, ENG4VOL focuses on:

- Developing strategies to enhance volunteer motivation and commitment.
- Sharing best practices and lessons learnt in the field of volunteer engagement.
- Strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations to support their volunteer teams.
- Fostering collaboration and exchanging expertise across Europe to build resilient communities and better-prepared volunteer networks.

Our European Partnership



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The ENG4VOL project unites experienced civil protection organisations from across Europe, each bringing unique expertise and leadership in volunteer engagement:

Magyar Református Szeretetszolgálat (MRSZ KMCS) – Hungary: Responsible for dissemination and social networks. Involved in volunteer engagement research and the Lessons Learnt document. Host of a multiplier event in Hungary.

Pompiers de l'Urgence Internationale (PUI) – France: Lead partner overseeing project management, reporting, dissemination, and the Lessons Learnt report. Host of the multiplier event in France.

Escuela Española de Salvamento y Detección con Perros (ESDP) – Spain: Coordinator of research on volunteer engagement and host of the multiplier event in Spain. Active in dissemination and project management.

Hellenic Rescue Team of Attica (HRTA) – Greece: Host of a transnational meeting and multiplier event in Greece. Contributor to research, dissemination, and lessons learnt activities.

Meetings & Highlights

Kick-off Meeting – France

The Kick-off Meeting in Limoges marked the official start of ENG4VOL. Led by Iliana Korma (PUI), partners reviewed objectives, activities, and project management procedures. Each organisation presented their roles and expertise. Key topics included project management, dissemination, research, and lessons learnt, as well as plans for multiplier events and financial guidelines.



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Transnational Meeting – Athens

Hosted by HRTA, the second Transnational Meeting in Athens (September 2025) assessed project progress and aligned management and dissemination efforts. Partners confirmed reporting deadlines, strengthened communication strategies, and focused on research findings about volunteer engagement. Future steps include the Lessons Learnt report and the organisation of multiplier events in 2026 across all partner countries.



Survey Insights

The ENG4VOL survey gathered insights from civil protection volunteers across ten European countries, offering a rich understanding of their motivations, experiences, and expectations. Volunteers expressed strong commitment and personal satisfaction, though challenges remain in equipment access, recognition, and inclusivity. The findings call for improved institutional support, training, and inclusive practices, with greater volunteer involvement in decision-making and outreach to younger participants.

Dissemination & Communication

The ENG4VOL Dissemination Plan, coordinated by MRSZ KMCS (Hungary), defines strategies to ensure visibility and impact. The project engages local, regional, and European stakeholders through social media, newsletters, and multiplier events. Profiles on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X, and LinkedIn are centrally managed, with partner contributions. Targets include 700 followers, 2,000 website visits, and three newsletters. All materials comply with Erasmus+ visual identity and include the EU co-funding disclaimer.



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