**Part I: General information about the selected tool**

**Denomination/Title of the tool**

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| Youth fire brigade "Young Firefighter" |

**Year of production**

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| 1999 |

**Language/es**

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| BG |

**Country of production**

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| Bulgaria |

**Kind of tool**

**□** Ministerial Educational Program

**□ local/regional/national level or extracurricular activities**

□ model of web awareness campaigns

□ web tools indicating how to behave in case of disaster / first aid

□ cartoon

□ TV series

□ audio-seminar

□ video game

□ Edu-documentary

□ app for tablets and smartphones

□ web based edu-games

□ edu-blog

□ e-learning platform

□ video products

□ edu-video trailers

□ e-seminar

□ Mooc seminar

□ slideshows

□ web booklet

□ e-guide

□ web site

□courseware

□ e-book

□ a-book

□ Flash Application

□ App for Android

□ App for Iphone/Ipad

□ Weminar

□ E-seminar

□ video spot

□  **other** - **extracurricular activities and sports**

**General aim of the tool (selected as many as appropriated)**

□ Training for volunteers

**□** Training for school teachers

□ Training for school staff

□ **Information about the correct behaviors in case of disaster**

**□** Information about the rules of preventions

**□ Education for students**

□ General public awareness campaign

□ Scientific information about the disaster for adults

□ **Scientific information about the disaster for children**

□ Technical training for civil protection professionals

□ **Other - firefighting sport**

**Areas of impact**

□ Natural disasters in general

□ Anthropic disaster in general

□ **Earthquakes**

□ Floods

□ Tsunami

□ Volcanic eruptions

□ Meteorological disasters

□ **Wildfires**

□ **Urban fires**

□ Health disasters

□ Other

**Brief description of the tool**

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| In general, this is an extra-curricular activity or a club of interest that covers children between 12 and 16 years of age. Students undergo special trainings and participate in competitions. This approach combines the disaster response with sport. The disciplines are as close as possible to the professional work of firefighters. |

**Web address/link**

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| <http://sofia-fire.bg/content.php?cat=6&subcat=14&id=66&m=0>  <https://www.mvr.bg>  <http://pojarna.com/bg/sections/rabota_s_deca/>  <https://youtu.be/baX7KM0vtjE>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kl6e541x9g>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTP3Wzx8lmU> |

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**Users/target (selected as many as appropriated)**

□Volunteers

□ Civil protection professionals

□Pre-primary educators

□Primary school teachers

□Secondary school teachers

□ University educative staff

□ Pre-primary kids

□Primary school children

□ **Secondary school students**

□ University students

□School staff

□ General public

□ Other (specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Editor, Institution or Entity responsible of the production**

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| * **General directorate Fire Safety and Civil Protection;** * **Ministry of Education and Sciences;** * **Municipality administrations;** * **School directors;** |

**Part II – Analysis of the Tool**

**Description of the aim of the tool and of its contents**

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| The Young Firefighting Youth Teams is an international movement. In Bulgaria it was restored at the beginning of the academic year 1999/2000 under the control of the Ministry of Education and Sciences (MES).  The activity covers the system of pre-school and school education. The main goal of the youth movement is to increase the physical capacity of young people and to develop lasting practical skills and preparedness for the right actions in fires and disasters.  "Young Firefighter" teams are trained and prepared by Fire Safety and Civil protection officers, with the assistance of the municipalities, school directors and educators and under the control of Ministry of Education and Sciences. Admission to the team is voluntarily, requiring children to be between 12 and 16 years of age.  An application to the school principal is required and consent of the parents. The construction of new squads in schools begins at the beginning of each school year. As well as an out-of-class form for enhancing the fire-fighting culture of adolescents, youth firefighting units can also function in the form of a freely selectable subject. In this case they receive approval and financial support from the municipalities. The theoretical training of young firefighters is guided by the squad instructors (firefighters-professionals), in the form of lectures and seminars on subjects previously agreed with the ministry. The school principal appoints a pedagogical officer for each unit. The competitive preparation and conducting of the competitions between teams is in accordance with the International Regulations for Youth Firefighting Competitions, issued by the International Commission for the Guidance of Young Firefighters at the International Fire and Rescue Services Association (CTIF).  An attractive side of the youth fire-fighting teams is the rich sports calendar, which includes the holding of local, regional and national competitions, a spring tournament, as well as the Julian Mansarov Autumn Tournament, founded in 2004, in memory of a disciple who died, rescuing his classmates at the bus crash on April 4, 2004 near Lim in the territory of Serbia.  The rules of competitions include elements of combat deployment with firefighting equipment and overcoming obstacles. The teamwork (10 youngsters in one team) is crucial. The first racing discipline "Combat racing" includes four sections. A hose line is built over obstacles; by co-pumping a target is shot with water and then the fire fighters equipment is arranged in a certain order. At the end nodes used in carrying out fire-fighting and emergency rescue activities are performed. In the second racing discipline "400 meters relay obstacle running" simultaneously in two adjacent corridors the teams pass through nine sections with a relay transmission. Three obstacles are overcome - a lath stand, a wall with steps and a wooden partition. In this discipline the construction of an extinguishing line is carried out too. Children also use fire extinguishers. Winners (medalists) are teamed from first to third place in the two racing disciplines, and on the basis of the ranking in both disciplines a team leader is ranked in the overall ranking. The conditions to be met by the members of the youth firefighting teams are: age from 10 to 16 (competitions are only for children between 12 and 16) physical health confirmed by a doctor, to submit an application form to the school signed by a parent. A minimum of 13 students are required to set up a youth fire department. |



**Pedagogical/didactic strategy of the tool**

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| This is an extracurricular activity or a free choice subject, that combines enhancing of the firefighting culture and promotes the physical activity and teamwork. |

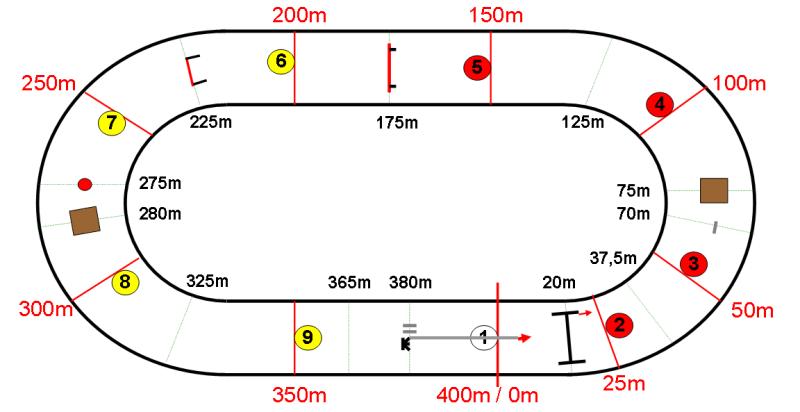
**Part III – Assessment of the tool**

**Main successful characteristics**

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| * Ensures preparation in an environment that is close to the real; * Gives an extra opportunity for an extracurricular activity or a free choice subject; * It is competitive - teams can go through different levels of competition - local, regional, republican and international; |

**Main points of weakness**

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| * This practice focuses primarily on fires. Nowadays there are many different types of risks and threats of disasters. The introduction of disciplines covering other types of disasters can also be considered; * This is a tool for physical and practical training that does not pay enough attention to theoretical knowledge and prevention; * This is a sports activity whose ultimate goal is to win competitions rather than to increase knowledge and skills. In practice, physically weaker and non-athletic children lose their ability to participate; |

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