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

**Denomination/Title of the tool**

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| A training center for teaching children and students to respond to natural and man-made disasters |

**Year of production**

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| 2017 |

**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** - area for practical and theoretical trainings

**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 (specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of impact**

□ **Natural disasters in general**

□ **Anthropic disaster in general**

□ **Earthquakes**

□ **Floods**

□ Tsunami

□ Volcanic eruptions

□ Meteorological disasters

□ **Wildfires**

□ **Urban fires**

□ **Health disasters**

□ **Other - public transport safety and car accidents**

**Brief description of the tool**

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| Built and managed by the Sofia Municipality. Provides theoretical and practical training on modules floods, fires, earthquakes (classroom simulator), chemical or industrial accidents, traffic accidents in urban transport, road safety, altitude rescue and others. It also has two study rooms and a museum. In the training center, students are mainly trained, but also children from kindergartens and volunteers. |

**Web address/link**

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| [www.sofia.bg](http://www.sofia.bg) |



**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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| **Sofia Municipality - department of Emergency aid and prevention** |

**Part II – Analysis of the Tool**

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

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| The purpose of the training center is to enable children and students from the territory of Sofia to pass the theoretical and practical preparation for reaction to various types of disasters and incidents. Each school can apply to the municipality. Then the students are transported by municipal vehicles to the territory of the training center. Within one day, they pass the theoretical and then practical trainings. The theoretical is expressed in a short lecture by a lecturer and projection of several specially prepared children's films. The practical session consists of passing through several modules, the most important of which are flood, fire, earthquake road safety and incidents in public transport. The children undergo through a special classroom simulator that simulates a 9th-degree earthquake under controlled conditions and CCTV. The training center is located outside the city in the mountain, well organized and ensures the complete safety of the children. There is also a museum exposition of equipment and facilities used by civil protection services over the years to which children can touch. |

**Pedagogical/didactic strategy of the too**

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| The training introduce the children with various critical situations in which they can get in school, on their way to school or at home, and also what preventative measures to take to prepare themselves in advance. The teachers demonstrate and explain the correct behavior in such situations. |

**Part III – Assessment of the tool**

**Main successful characteristics**

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| * Provides opportunities for training in an environment that is close to the real; * Allows extra-curricular employment; * Allows teachers to periodically organize additional hours to implement their programs; |

**Main points of weakness**

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| * Lack of e-learning resources through which children can continue to enrich their knowledge; * Lack of a specifically developed curriculum to be followed - trainings are organized according to the abilities of the lecturers; * The training staff is composed of disaster response professionals, but there are no people with pedagogical skills to develop programs and adapt them to different age groups; * The training center does not have the capability to cover all pupils in the city; |

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