

Disasters and the Disabled in Istanbul

EDUCEN Field Study

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ABOUT AKUT ASSOCIATION

- **1996:** Establishment (Mountain SAR)
- **1998:** Natural disasters added to the mission
- **1999:** Special status "*Public Benefit Association*" obtained / became member of UN-INSARAG
- **2006:** 10 Teams in Turkey



ABOUT AKUT ASSOCIATION

- **2010:** 26 Teams in Turkey
- **2011:** AKUT Foundation established / INSARAG certificate obtained
- **2012:** AKUT Institute established
- **2014:** 33 Teams in Turkey



EDUCEN Project



- European **D**isasters in **U**rban Centers: A **C**ulture **E**xpert **N**etwork
- A coordination and support action funded within H2020, Secure Societies Call
- From June 2015 to June 2017
- 11 Partners
- 7 Case studies in 7 cities

EDUCEN Project: *Assumptions*



- Disaster risk reduction policies and practices are intrinsically cultural.
- Culture influents on the way people prepare for, experience, respond, and recover from disasters.
- Improving disaster risk reduction efforts should be founded on a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of this interplay

EDUCEN Project: *Process*



- Allowing knowledge and understanding of culture(s) in light of disaster risk reduction to become accessible to relevant stakeholders.
- Encouraging, enabling and sustaining multi-stakeholder dialogue through which academics, practitioners and communities can actively engage and share knowledge, expertise and experience.

EDUCEN Project: *Objective*



A multi-level, multi-media handbook, including visuals, maps, written narratives, and videos to support disaster risk reduction professionals to better appraise relevant cultural aspects in their own 'community of practice' as well as in the environment where they intervene...

EDUCEN Project: *Case Studies*

COUNTRY	CITY	RISK	VULNERABLE GROUP
GREECE	Volos	Seismic, Hydro.	Refugees
ITALY	Milan	Tech., Hydro.	Visitors (Expo)
	Umbria	Hydro.	Immigrants
	L'Aquila	Seismic	Refugees
NETHERLANDS	Dordrecht	Hydro.	Multicultural pop.
SPAIN	Lorca	Drought, Hydro.	Immigrants
TURKEY	Istanbul	Seismic, Hydro.	Disabled

EDUCEN Project: *Istanbul C.S.*



- Literature survey (M1-M2)
- Preliminary interviews (M2)
- Draft training content (M3)
- Workshops (M3-M4)
- Content re-adjustment and trainings (M4-M6)
- Reporting (M6)
- Integration (M6 to M12)

EDUCEN Project: *Istanbul C.S.*



- Disabled, relatives, caregivers: Building resilient networks
- Perception change: From victims to responders
- Producing knowledge + transferable models
- Including disabled citizens in disaster management process
- Opening the way for specific public policies



Kick-off meeting: 25-27 June Wageningen University, Netherlands



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