

# Collaboration of european NGOs in CIVIL PROTECTION

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# **SAM.I European Network**

- 19 no-profit member organizations
- 18 european countries involved
- 145.000 volunteers represented
- 45.000 employed staff
- Over 1,3 million members



ANPAS, Italy - ASB, Germany - ASBÖ, Austria - ASCR, Czech Republic - ASSR, Slovakia - CB, France - CDI, Macedonia - DKFH, Denmark - FSR, Romania - IDC, Serbia - LSA, Latvia - LSB, Lithuania - SFOP, Poland - SRCE, Croatia - SSK, Georgia - SSU, Ukraine - USB, Hungary - WK, South Tyrol - ZSU, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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### **VOLUNTEERING**, FUNDAMENTAL PILLAR for:

- Development of civil society
- Consolidation of democratic life
- Management of social challenges



#non-remuneration #skills and competences #bottom up approach #active citizeship

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## VOLUNTEERS IN CIVIL PROTECTION FIELD



- Volunteering in civil protection must be seen as a strategic vector for institutions, a determining element for the lifestyle of citizens and a generator of innovative and performing multi-level alliances.
- The volunteer of civil protection is key-player:
- *# being first responder during emergencies*

and humanitarian crises

*# being able to stimulate* 

a prevention culture among citizens



# **OUR CHALLENGES**



- Humanitarian emergencies increasing, regulatory reforms, social changes and limited resources IMPLY the need of:
- Safeguarding the volunteers' actions
- Improving the cross-border collaborations
- Protecting the great value of volunteering



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# **OUR APPROACH**



- We stimulate cross-border assistance during emergencies
- We share and improve skills and best practices
- We collaborate to encourage active citizenship through prevention and preparedness campaigns
- We contribute to the growth and to the future of our communities

#### We believe volunteering is our chance for a better future! We demand to protect it carefully!



#### Thanks for your attention!

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