

Problem or challenge to be addressed

In the sector of Civil Protection it is a matter of fact that an inadequate response to emergency situations is often the result of disorganization, delays or deficiencies in communication between local actors involved in various capacities in prevention and emergency management. In particular, it seems difficult to collect daily all relevant information on road conditions related to any criticisms and suggestions on alternative routes. In addition, it has been demonstrate that local, regional and national information networks do not cooperate with sufficient efficiency. As a result, citizens are not informed promptly, especially when local roads are concerned. Local roads being the most intensively used by citizens, this represents a serious damage in terms of civil protection. Finally, standardized and automated procedures to exchange data between cross-bordering countries are lacking, and this represents an additional problem in terms of sharing of useful information for citizens who are travelling from a country to another one.

In the territory of Marche region several structures act within this framework: the Security and Civil Protection integrated policies Department (SCPD) acts as a coordinating body, with additional functions of planning and risk prevention. Regarding civil protection strategy, the SCPD coordinates with local organizations (such as fire-fighting corps and volunteers) and interfaces with the National Civil Protection. In the field of traffic risks and road condition management, the SCPD cooperates with the Provinces and other authorities/organizations involved in this matter. The SCPD defines strategies for prevention activities such as awareness campaigns targeted at young people, farmers and citizens in general, cooperating with other local and national institutions.

Profile of Province of Ancona

The Province of Ancona is a Local Authority belonging to the Marche region and operating at an intermediate level (NUTS3) between the regional administration and local municipalities. It represents the interest of the local community and promotes its development. Its role and responsibilities are established by national law, or by specific provisions of the Region which delegate part of its responsibilities to the Province. In particular, the Province operates in many fields including the environment, civil protection, land use and road management sectors where it is committed to:

- a) the detection, collection, processing and updating of data on the risks faced;
- b) the implementation, within the Province, of precautions and action for risk prevention, including maintenance work, extraordinary and emergency services on watercourses; summer forest fire prevention service; protection from landslides and reinforcement of provincial roads;
- c) provincial emergency preparedness plans;
- d) the implementation of emergency measures in case of natural disasters including Management Operations Room for Civil Protection, management of radio communications in an emergency, traffic management measures to ensure navigability of roads in the Province (clearing snow, removing obstacles and equipment in case of accidents, etc.).

The Province is a key actor in the administrative interplay and multilevel governance. It is the institutional “mediator” between the European Union, the State, small local authorities and civil society. The Province is an intermediate body managing Structural funds, a provider of community services, a planner of district economic development, and is in charge of protecting the local natural environment.

Exercise

You are the Head of "Civil Protection" Department of Province of Ancona.

You intend to analyse the topic of Civil protection with particular reference to the issue of traffic information, in order to start the identification of a possible cooperation project.

As a first step, you need to create a map of the local stakeholders in order better to identify a possible project (ex. 1).

As a second step, you will draft a Problem tree (ex. 2).

Time for the exercises: 75 minutes