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C2IMPRESS 4th General Assembly and 5th Periodic Meeting



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The Co-Creative Improved Understanding and Awareness of Multi-Hazard Risks for Disaster Resilient Society (<u>C2IMPRESS</u>) consortium, an international collaboration to build disaster-resilient societies through co-creation, engagement, and innovation, successfully held its fifth periodic meeting and fourth general assembly in Ordu, Türkiye, on 8-9 April 2025, hosted by the <u>Ordu Metropolitan</u> <u>Municipality</u>. The meeting brought together experts and stakeholders to discuss the project's progress and plan for its impactful conclusion.

The collaborative project, involving <u>sixteen</u> diverse partners across various countries, seeks to enhance comprehension and raise awareness about natural disasters, encompassing floods, heatwaves, forest fires, landslides and earthquakes, and their multidimensional impacts on affected regions.

On the first day, the work package leaders presented achievements, current tasks updates and challenges. The System for Multi-Hazard Risk Intelligence Network (<u>SoS4MHRIN</u>), an advanced disaster simulation system developed within the project, was presented. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) and risk management strategies that guide the goals and deliverables of the past year were also discussed on the opening day of the meeting. In a specific session, Technovative Solutions Limited (TVS) showcased the C2IMPRESS decision support platform and its microservices.

On the final day of the meeting, a Case Study Area (CSA) Vulnerability Assessment Workshop was held. Since Ordu and Central Portugal are among the CSAs, they were highlighted in the workshop. During the session, participants discussed local vulnerabilities in the context of disaster preparedness and explored resilience strategies to address the identified hazards.

The event was concluded by a visit to one of Ordu's three Early Warning System (EWS) stations located on Civil Creek - a sub pilot area known for hazard exposure, a cable car trip to Boztepe Hill at 550 metres altitude and a city tour featuring Ordu's natural and cultural heritage - highlighted by a visit to Cape Jason, famous for its link to the golden fleece legend.

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About the Project

C2IMPRESS is an EU-funded initiative under the <u>Horizon Europe programme</u>, involving <u>16 partners</u> from diverse sectors and disciplines across Europe. The project redefines disaster risk management from a traditional hazard-centric focus to an innovative, place- and people-centred multi-hazard resilience framework. Key risks addressed include floods, wildfires, landslides, earthquakes, and heatwaves. To achieve its objectives, C2IMPRESS utilizes advanced technologies such as Earth System Dynamic Intelligence (ESDI), the System-of-Systems for Multi-Hazard Risk Intelligence Network (SoS4MHRIN), and community-driven platforms to empower citizens and boost public awareness and resilience against multiple hazards.

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