European projects of Slovenian FPA

Slovenian Fire Protection Association (SZPV) is working on European projects in scope of Interreg and ERASMUS+ programmes since 2017.

SZPV gained first experience in project <u>FIRESKILLS</u> (project no. 2017-1-TR01-KA202-045607) with partners from Turkey, Denmark and Italy, working on education of firefighters on preventive precautions and emergency procedures on fires in historic buildings.



Photo: Workshop on rescue of artefacts, Technical Museum of Slovenia, Bistra, October 2018.

In 2018, work on project <u>FIREEXPERT</u> started, in scope of programme Interreg Slovenia-Austria, and is stil going on. Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation the project is prolonged and will end in January 2021. The focus of the FIREEXPERT project is to create an industrial research expert and innovation center (livinglab) for the construction and building material industry - supporting research and development in the field of fire engineering.



Photo: Testing of Ultra-High Fibre Reinforced Concrete (UHPFRC), Fire Laboratory ZAG, Ljubljana, June 2019.





Cooperation in project Fireskills lead to an invitation to another ERASMUS+ project. The Danish firebrigade from Frideriksborg envited SZPV to work in project INCLUSIVE EMERGENCY. Four fire brigades from Denmark, Spain, Finland and Slovenia (from Frederiksborg, Alcalá de Guadaíra, Turku and Kranj) and four other organisations from these countries (Spanish Fundatión Marcelino Champagnat, Danish national association for autism Landsforeningen Autisme, Turku University of Applied Sciences and non-governmental organization Slovenian Fire Protection Association) are developing the first open and multilingual e-learning platform for firefighters on emergency planning and response when involving individuals with disabilities.



Photo: Visit of historic underground flour watermill, Alcalá de Guadaíra, Spain, December 2019.



The latest news from Slovenian agency of ERASMUS+ projects is that new project in which SZPV will work together with other five partners from Slovenia, Croatia and Czech Republic, was granted. The project title is **SKILLED TO BE A FIRE EXPERT**. Three universities (from Ljubljana, Zagreb and Ostrava), one specialized Croatian company, providing fire protecting engineering services and two non-governmental organizations - Majaczech from Bile Policany and SZPV from Ljubljana, both members of CFPA-E, will prepare an online learning platform for fire expert trainers. More information will be available after kick-off meeting of the project in October 2020.