# **CREWS**



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## CREWS - Enhancing capacities in disaster risk reduction by facilitating public-civil cooperation

### What do you get from CREWS?

CREWS will enable both public authorities and civil society actors to effectively collaborate in disaster risk reduction efforts. CREWS equips public authorities and first responders with new knowledge and adaptable solutions (collaboration mechanism and digital tool). This empowerment enables them to effectively involve local communities in disaster response efforts. By doing so, public authorities are better positioned to optimise their capacities, overcoming limitations they may face during crises. For civil society actors, CREWS offers an opportunity to actively contribute to disaster relief efforts in a coordinated, effective and efficient manner. By fostering public-civil collaboration, the project enhances the capacity of local communities to respond swiftly and efficiently to various types of disasters.

#### How

CREWS will develop a joint mechanism for the collaboration of public players and civil society actors adaptable to regional needs. The project outputs include a collaboration model and a digital tool facilitating effective coordination between public authorities and civil actors. These tools will be tested and applied to extreme weather event scenario and military crises scenario. Current and future experts will be trained on how to integrate the tools in their daily work. The developed solutions will be easily adaptable and can be used in other countries, for various disaster scenarios at the national and local level.

#### **Partners**

Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, District office of Altona, Klaipeda University, Fire and Rescue Department under the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, Lithuanian Red Cross Society, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat, Estonian Rescue Board, University of Eastern Finland, State Fire and Rescue Service of Latvia, Jelgava Municipality institution "Jelgava digital centre", City of Warsaw, The Finnish National Rescue Association, Hamburg Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) and Danish Civil Protection League.

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