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Press Release

Training Event with subject Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) operations after a strong earthquake was held successfully on the 16th & 17th of October 2021, in Preveza, inside the former military camp of “Agios Andreas”. The Event was carried out under the activities of the “ERMIS” Project, co-funded by the Interreg V-A Greece-Italy 2014-2020 Programme and organized by the Civil Protection Department of the Epirus Region, with the assistance of the 5th Special Disaster Management Unit, of Hellenic Fire Force and the participation of the Volunteer Group “Club of Hellenic Special Forces of Preveza”. For the needs of Training Event, inside the area of the former military camp, a specially designed building collapse simulation field was constructed, under the supervision of the Commander of the 5th Special Disaster Management Unit Mr. Golias and Units specialized executives. During the Training Event, through the execution of a number of complex USAR scenarios and the application of relevant operational protocols & software tools of INSARAG (International Search and Rescue Advisory Group), on which the training was based, the participants got acquainted with the use of specialized equipment, supplied by the Region of Epirus as part of the Project. The Training Event was completed on Sunday, the 17th of October, at noon, in the presence of the Regional Governor, the Member of Parliament for the Regional Unit of Preveza Mr. Giannakis, Vice-Regional Governors, the Fire Forces Operations Coordinator for Epirus - Western Macedonia and Ionian Islands Mr. Kontogiannis, the Commanders of the Services of the Fire and Police Forces of the Region of Epirus, and representatives of the Army and the Local Authorities. Watching the final phase of the Training Event, the attendees once again witnessed the mindset and the high level of operational ability of the 5th Special Disaster Management Unit, as well as the substantial assistance that can be provided, if required, by an organized disciplined and well-trained volunteer a group like the “Club of Hellenic Special Forces of Preveza” which acted as field operations Unit of Epirus Region Civil Protection Department in the framework of ERMIS Project. With the exemplary organization and execution of the educational scenarios, the participants particularly demonstrated the culture of cooperation, which characterizes the state and the self-governing mechanism of the Civil Protection services of the Region of Epirus, which is a prerequisite for effective responding to large-scale events.

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