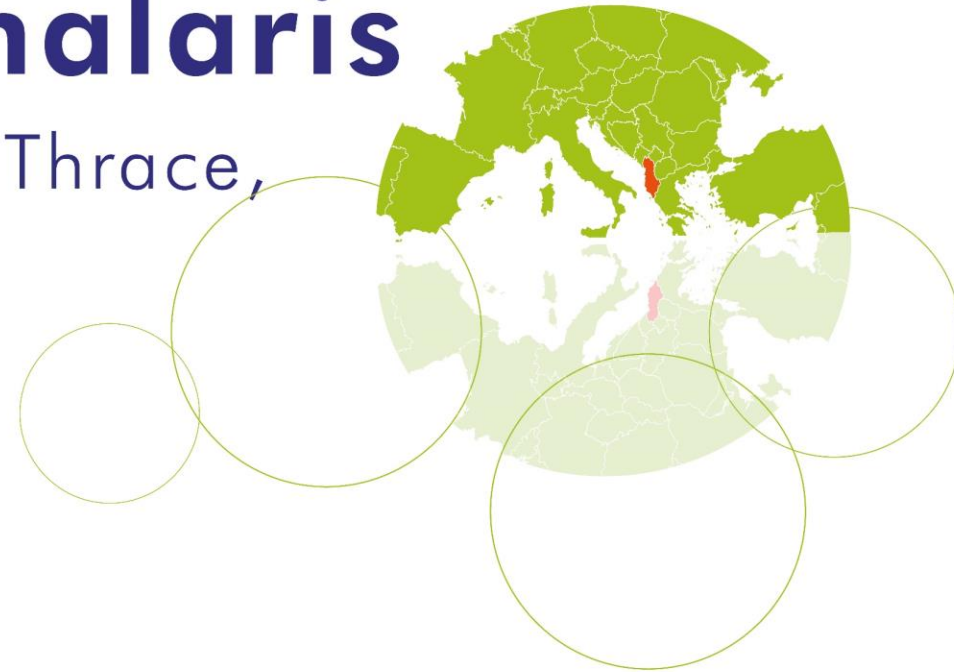


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Building Resilience in the Western Balkans Introduction to the GROWTH Project Outcomes



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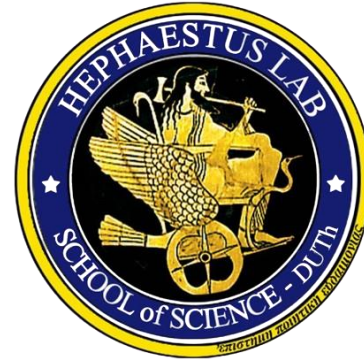
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Introduction

The Western Balkans are a strategic region for stability, trade, and transit. The EU has emphasized resilience, security, and integration to stabilize and support this region. Projects like GROWTH embody the EU's commitment to building resilience and fostering partnerships across borders.

The EU's Role in Building Resilience in the Western Balkans

- Western Balkans play a strategic role as a bridge between the EU's core and southeast flank.
- The EU has supported regional stability and integration efforts, with a vision for further integration by 2025.
- The EU sees resilience as a priority, aiding in disaster preparedness and crisis response initiatives.

Introducing the GROWTH Project

Strengthening resilience by offering targeted national and local scientific and practical training activities for capacity building and awareness-raising of the risks and impacts of manmade disasters

- GROWTH aims to strengthen resilience in the Western Balkans by training local responders and leaders.
- Core Mission: Increase regional capacity for disaster risk management and resilience.
- Focuses on both natural and human-made disasters, fostering a culture of preparedness.

Key Areas Addressed by GROWTH

1. Disaster Preparedness and Response Training:

- Civil protection personnel learn critical skills to manage complex, changing environments.

2. Educational Outreach:

- Raises community awareness around safety and resilience.
- Creates a foundational culture of safety.

Policy and Partnership Support

- The GROWTH Project collaborates with local governments and agencies, promoting tailored, region-specific training.
- Promotes synergies across EU initiatives, enhancing the EU's overall security framework.
- Aligns with EU policies for the Western Balkans, strengthening regional partnerships.

Human Dimension, Safety, and Technology

1. Human-Centric Focus:

- Empowering people to be proactive and informed about risks.

2. Safety as a Priority:

- Embedding safety as a core value in communities.

3. Technology Integration:

- Data analytics and real-time tools for proactive response and risk reduction.

Conclusion and Call to Action

- Resilience-building projects like GROWTH are critical for regional stability and security.
- Encourage collaborative support for EU and local efforts to enhance resilience.
- Let us work together to build a safer, resilient future for the Western Balkans.



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