

Name of organization	AUPEX - ASSOCIATION OF POPULAR UNIVERSITIES OF EXTREMADURA REGION
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Organization type	<i>NGO non-profit organization</i>
Aims and activities of the organization	AUPEX (Association of Popular Universities of Extremadura) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992, whose members are the 220 municipalities with Popular Universities in Extremadura. A network of education, culture, and social transformation, developing various projects in the areas of culture, education, environmental awareness, citizen participation, and social and digital inclusion. AUPEX is uniquely positioned due to its history, its expertise in training, its teaching and pedagogical resources, and its distributed presence in medium-sized and low-density towns, with more than 290 employees in the region. It works in a network with municipalities, universities, research centers, organizations, and individuals committed to education and territorial development, innovation, and sustainability, serving more than 100,000 people annually in training activities for employment, entrepreneurship and innovation, research and social intervention, digital transformation, culture, and international cooperation.

Proposed project

Call of proposal	HORIZON-CL3-2025-01-DRS-01: Citizen and regional and/or local authorities' engagement in enhanced disaster risk awareness, including education, and preparedness
What can we offer	<p>AUPEX's Role in Strengthening Risk Management Capacity</p> <p>The most important response factor, and one that requires the most time than any other, is an educated citizenry. Any preventive strategy requires responsible citizenry to follow the guidelines established by the aforementioned disaster response institutions.</p> <p>The need to confront an environment at an alarmingly increasing risk from disasters, and the possibilities of carrying out such a fight by an organization like ours, compels us to get involved in this battle, which we believe to be of the highest priority.</p> <p>AUPEX has more than 30 years of experience training people of all ages at the local level, and also has 76 digital spaces where it offers training tailored to the needs of the population.</p> <p>Therefore, we can collaborate in improving disaster preparedness by promoting greater citizen participation and offering awareness and education, since our work is carried out directly with people in rural areas.</p>