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| **Project information** | | |
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| **CALL FOR PROPOSALS** | Large Infrastructure Project |
| **Priority:** | 1 Environmental protection and risk management |
| **Specific objective:** | 1.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches |
| **Jems Code:** | RORS00005 |
| **Project title:** | **A more secure cross-border area by enhancing the emergency response capability** |
| **Acronym:** | COOP |
| **Duration[[1]](#footnote-1):** | 30.11.2023 – 29.11.2026 (36 months) |
| **Interreg IPA**  **contracted funds:** | **€ 8.075.000,00** |
| **TOTAL contracted funds:** | **€ 9.500.000,01** |
| **Absorption rate (%)[[2]](#footnote-2):** | **%** (The rate will be updated after the final project report is approved.) |
| **Project overall objective(s):** | - Risk prevention and management of non-climate related natural risks (i.e. earthquakes) and risks linked to human activities (e.g. technological accidents), civil protection and disaster management systems and infrastructures.  - Development and implementation of awareness measures and training products in the field of environment and emergency preparedness, including for children/ youth to respond to emergency situations. |
| **Short description:** | This project encompasses several interconnected activities aimed at enhancing the capabilities of Fire & Rescue Units and improving disaster preparedness and response in the cross-border region spanning Serbia and Romania.  The project involves joint specialized training sessions for Fire & Rescue Unit commanders and officers. These sessions, held both in-person and online, focus on addressing gaps in current training and addressing new trends in the field. The training will involve theoretical and practical components and will be conducted by EU experts, gathering at least 20 participants from each country. To raise awareness and knowledge of disaster risk reduction within the local community, one of the partners will implement various activities, including developing a web platform, organizing press conferences and round tables, and distributing promotional materials. The web platform will provide information on disaster preparedness and prevention, while the round table discussions aim to engage the community in identifying solutions and sharing experiences.  Additionally, joint exercises with Romanian and Serbian firefighters will be conducted, comprising tabletop exercises to verify operational cooperation and field exercises simulating real emergency situations. These exercises are planned through conferences and on-site visits to ensure compliance with legislation.  Investments will also be made in specialized training centres, firefighting equipment, and IT&C infrastructure to enhance training capabilities, emergency response capacity, and working conditions for personnel. This includes procuring equipment for firefighting and rescue training, vehicles for emergency response, and modern IT&C equipment for operational centres.  Overall, the project aims to improve cross-border cooperation, enhance disaster resilience, and strengthen the capacity of emergency services in the eligible areas. |
| **Concrete results achieved by the project:** | (The results will be updated after the final project report is approved.) |

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1. the implementation period (including extensions) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. total funds spent/total funds contracted \*100 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)