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| **Project information** | | |
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| **CALL FOR PROPOSALS** | 1st |
| **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:** | RORS00061 |
| **Project title:** | **Improved fire disaster management and risk prevention in vulnerable natural or protected areas and reserves across the border** |
| **Acronym:** | FIREGUARD |
| **Duration[[1]](#footnote-1):** | 24.12.2024 – 23.12.2026 (24 months) |
| **Interreg IPA**  **contracted funds:** | **€ 1.183.356,93** |
| **TOTAL contracted funds:** | **€ 1.392.184,64** |
| **Absorption rate (%)[[2]](#footnote-2):** | **%** (The rate will be updated after the final project report is approved.) |
| **Project overall objective(s):** | Efficient environmental protection and risk prevention through improved fire disaster management, emergency preparedness and awareness raising in vulnerable natural areas and reserves. |
| **Short description:** | This project focuses on two vulnerable natural areas along the border:   * **Deliblato Sands Special Nature Reserve (South Banat)** – Located between the Danube River and the southwestern slopes of the Carpathian Mountains, this is a highly protected and unique natural area. It includes two villages inside the reserve and nine on its borders. The type of vegetation here makes it very fragile, and past wildfires have shown that nature struggles to recover. Shrubs spread quickly after fires, making it harder for the forest to regenerate, which negatively impacts both plants and animals. * **Cornereva (Caras-Severin County)** – A small municipality with 40 scattered hamlets, some of which are within Domogled National Park. Unlike the flat landscape of Deliblato Sands, Cornereva is a mountainous area.   Both areas are at high risk of wildfires, and their survival depends on a fast and effective response system—something that is currently lacking.  **Project Goals:**   1. **Create Functional First Intervention Firefighting Units (FIFUs)** – one on each side of the border for quick first response. 2. **Develop a Cross-border Forest Fire Emergency Management and Risk Prevention Strategy** – focused on emergency response and risk prevention. 3. **Raise Awareness on Fire Risks** – through a cross-border campaign to educate local communities. |
| **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)