

NEXT Romania - Ukraine

# Increase cross-border cooperation and operational capacity of partner structures for a better conservation of biodiversity and of the protected areas

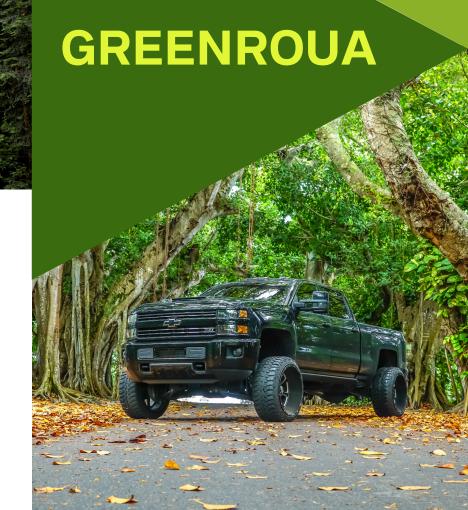
## The problem. Project's solution

The Romanian-Ukrainian border region faces environmental challenges such as the decline in biodiversity, forest degradation, and increasing human pressures. These issues, intensified by climate change and poor practices, demand coordinated crossborder solutions.

Building the capacity of law enforcement institutions, combining soft and hard measures, including training, equipment, and simulation exercises, the project aims to ensure lasting cooperation for the protection of natural ecosystems across borders.



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### Cross Border Partnership

Lead Partner

Satu Mare County Gendarmerie Inspectorate **Romania** 

Partner 2

Unit 1241 of the National Guard of Ukraine, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

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## Who benefits from the project?

- 80 officers involved
- regional and national authorities
- general public

#### **Project Outcomes**

- 1 Joint Action Plan for conservation and protection of biodiversity
- endowment with specialized equipment aimed to significantly enhance operational effectiveness (off-road vehicles, minivans, equipment for mobile command and control center, portable equipment with thermal imaging, etc)
- 2 workshops attended by Romanian and Ukrainian officers, aiming to establish an understanding of the ecological and legislative issues and to exchange of best practices in biodiversity conservation, including strategies for habitat conservation, species protection
- 1 joint cross-border practical exercise to test and perfect the common intervention strategy in protected areas