

NEXT Romania - Ukraine

Improved guarding and intervention in Maramures and Ivano-Frankivsk natural protected areas

The problem. Project's solution

Protected natural areas face growing threats due to public unawareness, illegal activities, and cross-border biodiversity degradation, which is intensified by climate change and unsustainable practices. The project addresses these challenges through strengthened cross-border ecosystem monitoring and joint enforcement by the Maramures Gendarmerie and National Guard in Ivano-Frankivsk. It promotes a common conservation framework, responsible tourism, and environmental education using eco-friendly equipment—to protect biodiversity and support sustainable local development.





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Cross Border Partnership

Lead Partner

"Pintea Viteazul" Maramures 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?

- · local, regional, and national authorities
- sectoral agencies
- general public

Project Outcomes

- 80 participants in a joint exercise in the field of fighting environmental crime
- 1 Joint Action Plan for Nature Conservation and Biodiversity Protection
- 2 cross-border workshops to develop a joint action plan for nature and biodiversity protection
- endowment of Maramures
 Gendarmerie with special equipment to protect biodiversity (8+1 seat hybrid minibus, tracked vehicle, snowmobiles, satellite phones, night vision binoculars, first aid equipment, and others)
- endowment of Unit 1241 of the National Guard of Ukraine with mobility equipment (all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, thermal vision devices, and others)