

NEXT Romania - Ukraine

Joint protection of bats in cross border regions of Romania and Ukraine by raising environmental awareness in local communities

## The problem. Project's solution

Given that the extinction of bats irreversibly disrupts the ecological balance in Ukraine-Romania cross-border area, there is the need to ensure their protection, as habitat loss and human activities threaten their survival.

The project aims to set a collaborative strategy with focus on community involvement, sustainable protection plans, and awareness campaigns to ensuring long-term conservation and ecological balance.



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## Who benefits from the project?

- 3,500 people involved
- 50 representatives of local NGOs and specialists

## **Project Outcomes**

- 1 strategic plan to ensure longterm protection of bat species
- 1 pilot action in the cross-border area
- 2,000 participants in the awareness campaign about bats
- 2,000 workbooks for ecological education of the young generation
- interactive education games and boards
- 2 films about the ecological and economic importance of bats
- 1 mobile application to identify bat species, educational games, etc.
- 250 bat and owl protection items