

GOVERNANCE

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Resilient and inclusive rural development through cross-border governance and civic engagement

The problem. Project's solution

Rural communities along the Romania–Ukraine border face weak administrative capacity, limited social services, poor digital infrastructure, and fragmented cross-border cooperation, leaving vulnerable groups with inadequate support. The project addresses these challenges through Local Support & Information Centers, mobile service teams, joint strategies and protocols, and stronger cooperation between public authorities and civil society to create inclusive, resilient, and coordinated local governance systems.



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Project Start May 2026
Project End November 2027

Cross Border Partnership

◆ Lead Partner

Panaci Commune, Suceava county, Romania

◆ Partner 2

Dorna Arini Commune, Suceava county, Romania

◆ Partner 3

Poliana Village Council of Mukachevo District of Zakarpattia Oblast, Ukraine

◆ Partner 4

Chudey Village Council of the Chernivtsi District, Chernivtsi Region, Ukraine

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Who benefits from the project?

- local and regional NGOs, and Local Action Groups
- local public authorities
- **general public** - including refugees, veterans, elderly persons, survivors of domestic violence, and other disadvantaged individuals

Project Outcomes

- **3 Local Support & Information Centers (LSICs)** will be created and endowed (minivan, kitchenette, co-working, and multifunctional room with 10 foldable beds • 3 co-working zones (desk, chair, laptop, headset, etc) in Panaci, Dorna Arini, and Chudey.
- **1 Center of Excellence in EU and international funding access** established and endowed (3D printer, laptops, VR headset, plotter, drone, radio system, 8 desks, chairs, conference table, generator, and UPS unit for power backup) in Poliana.
- **1 training in Best practices in crisis and emergency response** for 28 participants
- **1 training in Community mediation and conflict resolution** for 28 participants
- **1 training in Digital skills for inclusive service provision** for 28 participants
- **1 training in EU-funded project management and project evaluation** for 28 participants
- **3 online workshops**
- **1 Strategy for accessing EU/international funding** developed
- **4 organisations cooperating across borders**