Unified Network for International Cooperation, Operational Response, and Neighboring Safety

The problem. Project's solution

Legal, administrative, and operational barriers, combined with fragmented communication, limited institutional capacity, and emerging security risks, continue to hinder effective cross-border cooperation between Romania and Ukraine. These challenges reduce the efficiency of border management, emergency response, and community engagement. The project addresses them by introducing a digital cooperation platform, joint training programmes, harmonised procedures, and stronger institutional partnerships, creating a more secure, coordinated, and resilient cross-border region.

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Cross Border Partnership

Lead Partner

Maramures County Police Inspectorate, **Romania**

Partner 2

Maramureş County Prefect's Institution, **Romania**

Partner 3

International Association of Regional Development Insitutions "IARDI", Zakarpattia region, **Ukraine**

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Who benefits from the project?

- **national public authorities**
- **local public authorities**
- **general public**

Project Outcomes

- **enhancing the operational capacity of specialized K9 police units** (endowment with two 4x4 off-road vehicles. 7 (seven) comprehensive equipment kits for specialized police officers, 7 Mobile Canine Paddocks, etc)
- **endowment of PP2 with a specialized vehicle will serve as a mobile hub**
- **1 Methodology for Customs Canine Training and Deployment jointly developed**
- **1 Joint Action Plan for Canine Training and Cross-Border Deployment jointly developed**
- **1 web-based platform** designed to support cross-border cooperation by enabling real-time information exchange, document sharing, coordination of training activities, and communication between Romanian and Ukrainian partner institutions
- **4 workshops (2 in Romania and 2in Ukraine)** with 12 experts (6 RO and 6 UA),
- **2 binational round table discussions** (one in each country) will be organized via videoconference (online) with the 12 experts and stakeholders
- **2 joint field exercises with 40 police officers**
- **3 organisations cooperating across borders**