

1st Open Call- Normal Projects	
<b>Project code</b>	<b>ROHU-53</b>
<b>Project title</b>	<b>Na-Tu-Re</b> Conservation and protection of the cross-border natural heritage of Bihor - Hajdú-Bihar counties
<b>Priority axis</b>	1- Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources
<b>Investment priority</b>	6/c- Conserving, protecting, promoting, and developing natural and cultural heritage
<b>Implementation period</b>	68 Months (May 01, 2018 – December 31, 2023)
<b>Objective</b>	The overall objective of the project is to improve the conservation status of the project eligible area, having, as a result, a habitat of 5.063,5 hectares with improved conservation status.
<b>Partners</b>	<b>Lead Beneficiary:</b> Sânmartin Commune (Romania)
	<b>Project Partners:</b> PP2: Aqua Crisius Sports Fishermen Association (Romania) PP3: Foundation For Culture And Ecologist Education Ecotop (Romania) PP4: Green Circle – Friends of the Earth Hungarian Member (Hungary)
<b>TOTAL Budget</b>	€ 2,835,216.60 out of which ERDF € 2,409,934.10
<b>Summary</b>	<p>The project aims to make a significant change not only with physical interventions in the river basins and banks, access roads, parking lots, protection fences, animal feeding sites, and removal of invasive species but also through education, by informing the people what to do to improve the current status of conservation.</p> <p>Main activities :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchasing equipment for Betfia cave monitoring and cleaning-LB</li> <li>• Building of a monitoring center of Betfia Natura 2000 Site-LB</li> <li>• Purchasing equipment and endowments for the monitoring center of Betfia Natura 2000 Site-LB</li> <li>• Building of an access road with barriers to Betfia Natura 2000 Site-LB</li> <li>• Building of parking and toilets at the Betfia protected area boundary-LB</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Main results</b></p>	<p>The main results are related to the improvements brought through the project activities at the Betfia Natura 2000 site, the Peta protected area, the Nyírség area, and the Debrecen Forest. Also, the numerous activities to raise awareness regarding the environment are resulting in more aware communities and better prepared in terms of environmental protection and conservation.</p>