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| Call type: Call for operations of strategic importance (OSI) |
| Acronym & Project code | ROHU00634 SAFE |
| Project title | **"Together for a safer area"**  |
| Priority | PRIORITY 3: A more sustainable, community-based and effective cross-border cooperation |
| Objective Specific | Specific objective Interreg 6.1 Enhancing the institutional capacity of public authorities, in particular those mandated to manage a specific territory, and of stakeholders |
| Implementation period | 36 months (23 December 2024 - 22 December 2027) |
| Objective | Increasing the level of safety and security for citizens, residents and tourists in the cross-border area Romania-Hungary. |
| Partnership | Main/Lead Partner: General Inspectorate of Border Police (RO) |
| Project partners: PP 2: Bihor County Police Inspectorate (RO)PP 3: The Border Police Training School Avram Iancu Oradea (RO)PP 4: Prefect Institution Arad County (RO)PP 5: Police Education and Training Centre (Rendőrségi Oktatási és Kiképző Központ - HU) |
| Total budget | EUR 4,375,000.00 of which ERDF EUR 2,884,275.58  |
| Summary | The project ***‘Together*** ***for a safer area’ (ROHU00634 - SAFE)*** addresses security challenges in the border region between Romania and Hungary, focusing on improving cross-border law enforcement cooperation. This area faces common security threats such as illegal migration, trafficking in human beings and smuggling, differences in the training standards of law enforcement officials, and different operational capacities and institutional frameworks between the two countries. These disparities prevent a coordinated response to transnational problems, making it essential to develop coherent approaches and strengthen institutional cooperation.The project aims to improve performance standards in border security by investing in modern training facilities, developing a common training curriculum and promoting a culture conducive to cooperation and mutual learning. By aligning operational procedures and methodologies between the two countries, the project ensures a fair training of law enforcement officers on both sides of the border, facilitating the efficient management of common challenges. These efforts will help create a cross-border network of expertise, strengthening the security and resilience of the region.Through joint workshops and standardised protocols, law enforcement institutions will adopt common practices, ensuring cooperation in critical areas such as border control, surveillance and response to security threats. |
| Main results | * **Establishment of a modern and competitive training centre in Oradea** for Border Police specialists, which will include **spaces for specialised training activities.**
* **Rehabilitation of the Dinamo Training Centre in Oradea,** including its endowment, providing a common space for Romanian and Hungarian officers to train, share knowledge and align their procedures, thus contributing to a faster and more efficient response to common challenges.
* **Establishment of a modernly equipped Public Information Centre within the** **Arad Prefect Institution,** which will ensure accessibility, efficiency and involvement, thus becoming a **central cross-border information point.**
* **equipping the Hungarian Police Education and Training Centre** with **state-of-the-art equipment**, making it a **modern training hub**.
* **Develop a common training curriculum** and organise **joint training activities** for law enforcement professionals.
* **the creation of a common public information guide**, which will address topics such as **travel regulations**, **vehicle documentation**, **cargo compliance**, and **combating illegal activities**.
* **75 specialists** participating in **joint actions**, **training activities** and **exchanges of expertise**.
* **1 Joint Action Plan**, which includes a **five-year** framework for cross-border training, integrating **best practices**, **standardised methods** and contributions from **law enforcement institutions in Romania and Hungary**, as well as **1 common public information guide for the population**.
* **4 buildings rehabilitated and/or equipped** and prepared for **cross-border training activities.**
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