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| **1st Open Call – People to People Projects** |
| **Project code & acronym** | ROHU00256 - CrossTrain |
| **Project title** | Cross-border training of disaster prevention volunteers |
| **Priority** | P3 - A more sustainable, community-based and effective cross-border cooperation |
| **Specific Objective** | ISO6.3 - Building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions |
| **Implementation period** | 12 months (19 March 2025 – 18 March 2026) |
| **Objective** | The project aims to improve cross-border disaster response capacity by developing a common risk management strategy, increasing the quality of cross-border interventions in risk situations, and improving the skills of professionals and volunteer intervention personnel so that they can address different types of emergencies and be able to establish additional joint disaster operations for more efficient, faster intervention. |
| **Partnership** | **Lead Partner:** LP HU:Hajdú Speciális Kutató-Mentő Egyesület (Hungary) |
| **Project Partner:** PP2 RO:Asociația ADI Intervenție în Situații de Urgență Nord-Vest Bihor (Romania) |
| **Total budget** | EUR 199.920,00, out of which ERDF EUR 159.936,00 |
| **Summary** | The challenge addressed by the project is the development of cooperation and sharing of human and material resources for more efficient, faster intervention in different types of emergencies and joint disaster operations. The project's primary communication goal is to make disaster management workers' activities more widely known.In total, 100 people will be trained in professional preparedness, covering the management of different types of fires, as well as search of personnel, and technical rescue tasks in specific local conditions.During the project, a total of 20 multi-day training sessions will be implemented for 10 groups, and a real-time database will be created to enable the nearest available and trained volunteer to be alerted and called upon for the actual interventions. A new cooperation procedure will be developed during implementation that will allow for more effective joint cooperation in cross-border events, even in each other's areas of intervention, through better sharing of resources.At the end of the project, a presentation open to all interested parties will be organised at the "Regional Cross-Border Training Centre for Integrated Emergency Preparedness" in Hajdúszoboszló with the participants who have completed the training so that the public to be able to see the results of the training. |
| **Main results** | The project aims to achieve several key results:1. **The participation of 100 people in joint courses** to train staff from the two regions by the end of the project. In Romania, the focus will be on training in specialized rescue, natural disasters, and fire-fighting. In Hungary, the focus will be on the search for victims and missing persons in urban and rural areas, field first aid, and surgery.
2. **Two organizations working together** in the implementation of project activities and tasks.
3. **Sharing with the public the results of the trainings** through the closing event and presentation that will be organized at the "Ruin City Training Site" in Hajdúszoboszló with the participants who have completed the training and opened to all interested parties.
4. **The development of a common procedural protocol** that regulates the joint operation of the voluntary disaster prevention units in the region and laying down guidelines for cross-border assistance and a record of available resources, as well as methods of real-time communication by the end of the project and governing, after the project completion, the joint operation of the voluntary disaster prevention units operating in the region for the continuous cooperation.
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