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| **1st Open Call – People to People Projects** | |
| **Project code & acronym** | ROHU00002 – UNITE |
| **Project title** | The Unseen Aggression - Prevent&Combat domestic violence across borders |
| **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 (14 March 2025 – 13 March 2026) |
| **Objective** | The project aims to promote sustainable community-based and effective cross-border cooperation in the Satu Mare – Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg region. It also aims to foster mutual trust through people-to-people activities and raise awareness about domestic violence among young people and communities in the cross-border area. The ultimate goal is to reduce this phenomenon. |
| **Partnership** | **Lead Partner:** Inspectoratul de Poliție Județean Satu Mare (Romania) |
| **Project Partner:**  PP2 HU:Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg Vármegyei Rendőr-főkapitányság (Hungary) |
| **Total budget** | EUR 191,148.60, out of which  ERDF EUR 152,918.88 |
| **Summary** | The project’s top priority is strengthening regional partnerships and addressing domestic violence through a collaborative action plan. As regional law enforcement agencies, the partners are resolute in making a positive impact, and the inclusive approach enhances their collective capacity to tackle this complex issue comprehensively.  The activities by which the project achieves the project-specific objective are the following:   1. **Two key workshops**: one for police officers for knowledge sharing and skill enhancement, and one for professionals from various fields related to domestic violence (judges, prosecutors, social workers), with 100 participants. 2. Develop a **comprehensive curriculum** for preventive activities within schools, covering a range of topics related to domestic violence. 3. Running a **common cross-border domestic violence awareness and sensitisation campaign in schools** for at least 300 individuals on both sides of the border. 4. Launching a **media campaign** for the general public on the impact of domestic violence in collaboration with local NGOs, schools, and community organisations, using a dynamic media campaign, promotion panels, podcasts, and a dedicated Facebook page. 5. Organising **6 community events** (3 events in Romania and 3 events in Hungary) to prevent and combat violence, using 2 mobile units. The mobile units will be stationed at key public events such as festivals, fairs, and community gatherings to attract visitors' attention and create awareness about domestic violence. 6. Development of **a joint working methodology and action plan** to minimise the victimisation of victims of domestic violence, involving government agencies, non-profits, law enforcement, healthcare providers, educators and social workers. |
| **Main results** | The project’s approach is pioneering by combining cultural sensitivity, linguistic inclusivity, digital outreach, and on-the-ground support. The project results allow the involved organisations to provide immediate support to those affected by domestic violence, while promoting a sense of community and collective action.  The project aims to achieve several key results:   1. **Amplified message on topics related to domestic violence** through the dynamic media campaign, the dedicated Facebook page and the community events. 2. Mobile unit transformed for this purpose, serving as **information centers, counselling hubs, and focal points** within the communities. 3. **Noticeable increase in public awareness** about the prevalence, signs, and consequences of domestic violence in both counties, and help-seeking or abuse reporting by people who were previously unaware or hesitant to report incidents. 4. **Strengthen regional partnerships** and address domestic violence through a collaborative action plan, **enhancing organisations' collective capacity** to tackle this complex issue comprehensively. 5. **Unified and comprehensive response to domestic violence** from professionals from various fields related to domestic violence (police officers, judges, prosecutors, social workers) that goes beyond regional boundaries. Collaborating across borders enables project partners to share valuable information and data about domestic violence cases, abusers, and victims and empowers law enforcement agencies and support organisations to identify patterns, track abusers, and implement effective prevention and intervention strategies tailored to the unique dynamics of the region. |