



**Coordination**

## Effective coordination of rescue operation in the Ostrołęka-Siedlce subregion and Volyn Oblast

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One of the crucial common challenges of the Polish-Ukrainian cross-border area is the safety improvement. The rescue teams in Siedlecki Poviát and Volyn Oblast face various threats, such as fires of the large forest areas, chemical contamination, traffic accidents, floods, ecological and epidemiological dangers. One of the burning issues the project partners need to fight with is the African Swine Fever (ASF). To ensure safety it is necessary to create the appropriately equipped facilities, to organize specialized trainings for the rescuers' and to organize a joint exchange of the experiences between rescue teams from both sides of the border. Thus, a comprehensive approach was indicated within the project relating to soft, investment and infrastructure activities.

The Polish and Ukrainian partners plan to create two training complexes, one basing on the Fire and Rescue Unit No. 2 in Siedlce (Poland) dealing in particularly with the chemical and ecological dangers, and the other one responsible for managing fire and natural disasters in Luts'k (Ukraine). In the Fire and Rescue Units in Siedlce and Luts'k equipment preparation base for professional gear service and maintenance will be settled along with the modernisation of the radio communication system which will be integrated with automation (gates, intercoms, sirens) and external applications, as well as with other services including police, emergency medical services and State Forests. Moreover, the special regional base of extinguishing agents and neutralizers giving support to an area of at least 150 km. The project partners will purchase new rescue and firefighting vehicles - 5 fire trucks (3 will go to Polish partners - Siedlce and Korczew, and 2 will go to Ukraine), specialized equipment (respiratory protection equipment, high-pressure compressors) and protective clothing. Within the project activities series of trainings and actions integrating firefighters from Poland and Ukraine, will be organized to exchange experiences, improve skills and settle preventive procedures for common actions.

The implementation of the project will contribute to the increased level of safety of the residents, property and the environment. Modern infrastructure, appropriate equipment and extensive trainings will increase the safety of the firefighters during rescue operations. By tightening the cooperation partners will have an opportunity to coordinate their actions which will reduce the reaction time and losses during crisis situations.



**LEAD BENEFICIARY**  
City of Siedlce



**PARTNERS**

- Department of State Emergency Service of Ukraine in the Volyn region
- Korczew Commune
- City Command of the State Fire Brigade in Siedlce



**TOTAL BUDGET**  
**1.84 MEUR**



**PROJECT DURATION**  
**24 MONTHS**



**ENI CO-FUNDING**  
**1.65 MEUR**



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