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| **Project information** | |
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| CALL FOR PROPOSALS | 1 |
| e-MS Code: | RORS-27 |
| PRIORITY AXIS: | 2 Environmental protection and risk Management |
| OBJECTIVE: | 2.2 Environmental risks management and emergency preparedness |
| PROJECT TITLE: | **Strengthening the capacity of the Romanian and Serbian authorities to react in case of flooding and earthquakes** |
| ACRONYM: | FLOEQ |
| DURATION[[1]](#footnote-1): | 07.07.2017 – 06.07.2019 (32 Months) |
| Interreg-IPA  FUNDS CONTRACTED: | **€1.717.514,50** |
| TOTAL FUNDS CONTRACTED: | **€2.020.605,30** |
| ABSORBTION RATE (%)[[2]](#footnote-2): | 93,85 % |
| PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S): | To improve capacity of the cross-border area to jointly manage floods and earthquakes situations and rescue by the end of project implementation period.  To strengthen cross-border cooperation between the two sides in order to reduce the effects of floods and earthquakes by the end of project implementation period.  Raising awareness of local population regarding actions and rules to be followed in case of floods and earthquakes. |
| SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: | Disasters do not consider countries’ borders and can, therefore, threaten entire areas in neighbouring countries, stating disaster risk management by definition a cross-border issue. Therefore, cross border cooperation in terms of good preparedness and capabilities of all relevant stakeholders in cases of emergency situations, as well as technical and procedural harmonization between the intervention teams, has a crucial importance to the timely and successful disaster response in border areas.  The targeted project area is vulnerable to different types of natural disasters, particularly floods, landslides, earthquakes, forest fires, technical and technological accidents, that can cause human losses and damages, affecting economic stability and growth. The project aims at strengthening cooperation of emergency management services of Serbia and Romania, with emphasis on their regional branches in the eligible area across the border, improving preparedness of the Serbian and Romanian regional protection and rescue units for response in case of joint intervention. The project contributes to a better preparedness of the whole cross-border region for emergencies and disasters.  Through the project, partners improved the capacity of the protection and rescue units through a comprehensive education process, joint field exercise and procurement of necessary technical equipment that is owned by the Sector for Emergency Management in Serbia and “Drobeta” Inspectorate for Emergency Situation in Romania, and used by local operational units.  Specific working rules for joint intervention teams in case of floods and earthquakes were elaborated, printed in three languages (Romanian, Serbian and English) and distributed.  A public awareness campaign through organization of workshops for young pupils from schools in the project area was implemented.  Press conferences on both sides of the border were organized during the project implementation.  Promotional materials and educational brochures were printed and distributed in the project area. Previous experience and practice from other countries have shown that raising awareness of the general population about the risks natural disasters, and providing them with the relevant information and advice on what to do in case of floods and earthquakes, is among major elements in reducing the harmful effects on people, animals, economic and cultural assets and the environment. |
| DEGREE OF ACHIEVEMENT OF INDICATORS: | 4 Infrastructure, equipment built/ installed/ modernized in the field of cross border services for environmental protection.100%  20 Participants to project initiatives and events for information and awareness rising.  Participants to capacity building initiatives – through 3 Trainings and joint field exercise for local protection and rescue units and other operational units are conducted in the project implementation. 250%  Population benefiting from flood protection measures – through 7 Workshop and seminars for local authorities regarding joint intervention in case of floods and earthquake were organized and 1 set of specific working rules for joint intervention teams in case of floods and earthquake was elaborated, printed in three languages (Romanian, Serbian and English) and distributed. 100% |
| ACHIEVED RESULTS: | Procured equipment for Lead beneficiary: 18 Field vehicles, 8 Field transport van, 2 Emergency rescue kits purchased including: evacuation triangle sit harness, Aluminium carabineers, Symmetrical aluminium carabineers lock, Figure eight descended, Pulley, Transport pulley, Double pulley, Full body harnesses, Hand ascender, Chest ascender, Rigging plate, Static rope, Sling, Bag for equipment, Spine board with spider straps and head immobilizer.  Rafting boats for water rescue purchased, including: 6 Rafts (big), 6 Rafts (small), 84 Paddles with “T” ending, 6 Accessories for the boat, mending kit, foot pump, 6 Axle trailer boat for transportation,  Motor boats for water rescue purchased, including: 6 Small rubber boats, 6 Aluminium boats with outboard motor and trailer boat for transportation.  Equipment for water rescue purchased, including: 120 Floating bags with a rope of 30m, 6 Set of hand tools, 10 Floating ropes, 6 Alpine ropes, 6 Megaphones.  Individual safety equipment for the intervention in case of flood, including: 120 Rafting Helmets, 120 Two-piece thermal suits, 120 Shoes with soles drainage,120 Thermal protection gloves, 120 Waterproof flashlights, 120 Overalls, 120 Rescue vests,  120 Fishing rubber suits, 120 Raincoats, 120 Sleeping bags,  Procured equipment for Partner 2:  1 Truck for interventions in collective accidents and calamities, 1 Logistic support truck (for organizing a camp for the victims and a base of operations), 1 Truck for transport of intervention materials to the place of intervention.  2 Minibus for 16 persons,  Individual protection equipment for the intervention in case of flood, including: 48 Two-piece thermal suits, 48 Waterproof boots, 48 Thermal protection gloves, 48 Waterproof flashlights, 48 Overalls, 48 Rescue vests, 48 Fishing rubber suits, 48 Raincoats, 48 Whistles  48 Penknife, 48 Watertight transport bags, 16 Line Throwing Floating Rope Package, 48 Neoprene socks  Other equipment for water rescue: Ecologic Toilet, 2 Hand wash station, 3 Self-supporting open water basin 3000 l, 1 Self-supporting open water basin 5000 l, 4 Transportable motor pumps with accessories, 20 Firefighter hose rolls with fittings, type C, 20 Firefighter hose rolls with fittings, type B, 10 Discharge pipes with a tap, type C for firefighter,  1 workshop for local authorities conducted in Romania.  1 Document “Specific working rules for joint intervention teams in case of floods and earthquake” was elaborated, printed in three languages (Romanian, Serbian and English) and distributed.  1 training for protection and rescue teams was prepared and implemented in Serbia.  1 joint field exercise held in Serbia.  20 public awareness workshops for school children were organized in Serbia and Romania. |

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| **Partnership information** |  | | | | |
|  |  | COUNTRY | COUNTY/DISTRICT | BUDGET(EURO) | CONTACT DETAILS |
| LEAD PARTNER: | Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia, Sector for Emergency Management | Serbia | Belgrade | 1.037.658,30 | Belgrade, Kneza Milosa 103  Tel. +381 11 3617 294 |
| PARTNER 2: | The Drobeta Inspectorate for Emergency Situations within the Mehedinti County | Romania | Mehedinti | 982.947,00 | Drobeta-Turnu Severin,  Str. Portului nr. 2  Tel. +40252311212 |

1. the implementation period (including extensions) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. total funds spent/total funds contracted \*100 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)