

To the rescue. Improvement of accessibility to medical services in emergencies through the cooperation of emergency medical services in the cross-border area of Poland, Belarus and Ukraine

One of the challenges for the emergency medical services in Lubelskie Voivodeship, Brest and Lviv Oblast to face is to ensure an immediate reaction to life threats of residents living in the cross-border area. It is related mostly to disparities in the equipment, communication problems between the emergency medical teams, their insufficient qualifications as well as lack of joint procedures.

The RESCUE project is aiming at developing efficient cooperation between the medical services to improve health care accessibility in life-threatening situations. Within the project activities, partners will purchase ambulances and specialistic medical equipment for hospitals in Tomaszów Lubelski, Hrubieszów (PL), Žabinka (BY) and Sokal (UA) (including, for example, first aid equipment - defibrillators, electrocardiogram - ECG, ultrasound, first aid training equipment). Furthermore, all partners will provide specialized trainings for approx. 250 members of medical staff, who in turn will pass acquired skills to physicians and nurses in their hospitals. First aid workshops will be conducted at schools, companies and during the Beneficiaries' field events to increase first aid skills among the people. Due to the mass field events, the ability to give first aid to the victims of various accidents will increase within a wider range of the event observers.

Thanks to the RESCUE project beneficiaries will gain experience in organizing coherent actions in case of emergencies and will establish cooperation procedures. At the same time, the project will provide wider access to the healthcare and will influence the awareness of local inhabitants on the health service in the cross-border area of Poland, Belarus and Ukraine.



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