



## The new approach to the cross-border emergency management system

Neighbouring areas from both side of the Polish-Belarusian border – Dobrzyniewo Duże Commune (PL) and the western part of the Hrodna Oblast keep on struggling with similar emergency problems like the natural disasters, forest fires, low level of road safety or insufficient equipment provision of rescue services. These problems are very often of cross-border nature, affecting simultaneously both of them. Thus the professional equipment and close cooperation between the emergency services is a must in order to effectively counteract these challenges.

The CrossEMS project is an answer to these needs. Two new fire stations will be built within the project – in the village of Letniki in the Dobrzyniewo Duże Commune and in the town of Sapotskin by the Augustów Canal (BY). Furthermore, the partners will equip the rescue units with modern medium fire fighting vehicles: one for Pogo-rzałki unit (PL) and one for Sapotskin unit. For the Belarusian side also the rescue boat with motor and trailer as well as the special SUV car for rapid response in difficult conditions will be purchased. Moreover, in order to enhance the capacity of rescue system, three special trainings for the Belarusian and Polish fire-fighting and rescue unitswill be organised – all on the subjects of emergency, medical rescue operations, technical rescue on roads and secure borderlands. Furthermore, common Cross-border Emergency Management Plan – an effective management tool for coordinating, integrating, exercise and synchronising emergency responses on border area – will be developed by the project partners.

The cooperation between fire-fighting and rescuing units introduced within CrossEMS project will improve responding to emergency situations on both sides of the border. In the consequence, waiting time for help of involved units will be significantly shortened - the local inhabitants, visiting guests as well as natural resources and heritage of the local area will be safer and better protected.



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