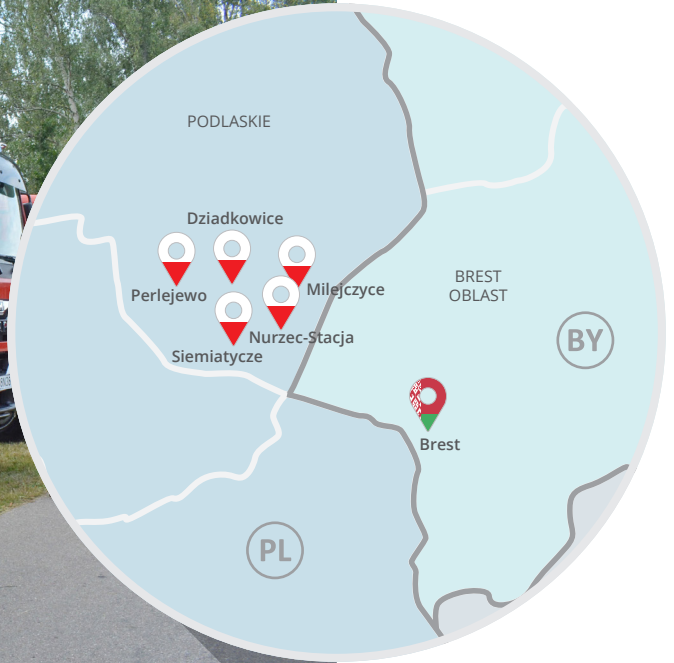




## SECURITY

Priority 3.2 Addressing common security challenges



PROJECT  
ACRONYM

## EcoChem

### Shared initiatives for increasing security of the cross-border area in the event of ecological and chemical disasters

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Rescuers from Siemiatycki Powiat and Hrodna Oblast for years have been encountering dangers related to ecological disasters such as chemical contamination of Bug and Neman rivers. Due to its age and type, the emergency and fire equipment currently in used is inadequate to deal with the possible dangers. In this regard, the emergency services are prone to failure, which endangers the efficiency of rescue actions. Another issue that needs to be addressed is insufficient knowledge and experience of rescuers (last joint cross-border trainings were held in April 2005) as well as the lack of cooperation standards and procedures between rescue units.

The objective of the EcoChem project is to increase safety in the cross-border area. Firefighting units in Poland and Belarus will gain specialist rescue and fire-fighting cars. 11 vehicles will be bought as part of the project - 7 rescue cars, 2 reconnaissance vehicles, 1 high altitude rescue vehicle with 50m long lift and finally 1 recon-transport vehicle with contamination disposal. Newly bought equipment will be used during joint training in which the exchange of good practices will be the theme of these meetings. Polish rescuers will share their experience in dealing with large scale fires and Belarusian units will learn how to fight with chemical contamination of rivers.

Thanks to the project implementation the quality of the inhabitants' (over 1 million people live in this area) life will improve due to the increased level of safety. Retrofitting rescue units from Siemiatycki Powiat and Hrodna Oblast - will foster their potential reaction in case of danger.



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-  Dziadkowice Commune
-  Hrodna Regional Department of the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus



TOTAL  
BUDGET  
**2.08 MEUR**



PROJECT  
DURATION  
**24 MONTHS**



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CO-FUNDING  
**1.87 MEUR**



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