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- 1. **Project stage**: Project in implementation.
- 2. **Duration of the project**: 36 months, period 07.12.2024 06.12.2027.
- 3. **Project budget**: 3.499.630,11 EUR out of which 2.799.704,08 EUR represents funding assured by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and 699.926,03 EUR represents national public contribution.
- 4. Lead Partner: Territorial Inspectorate of Border Police Giurgiu.
- 5. Partners:
- Giurgiu County Gendarmerie Inspectorate;
- Giurgiu County Police Inspectorate;
- Executive Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture;
- 6. General objective of the project:
- ➤ Joint measures for improving the capabilities of the relevant authorities in charge of the protection of biodiversity and preventing illegal actions that affect the Danube ecosystem and the protected areas (GR,TR and CL-RO and RS, SS, VT and PL BG).
- 7. Project specific objective:
- ➤ The specific objective of the project is the increasing the intervention capacity for the environmental protection, through the development of the training infrastructure and the corresponding endowment of the authorities in charge, by implementing:
  - a) Joint strategies and joint action plans tackling biodiversity protection and the issue of illegal actions that affect the Danube ecosystem and the protected areas;
  - b) Development and implementation of conservation and protection measures of Natura2000 sites on the Romanian side and equivalent natural protected areas on the Bulgaria side, according to the EU Nature Restoration Plan and the Bulgarian National Framework for Natura 2000 Priority Actions 2021- 2027 (applicable for the Bulgarian partner).
- 8. Project results:
- Construction of the "Confiscated goods and zonal operational center" in Giurgiu County;
- Procurement of special equipment by I.J.J. Giurgiu;
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- Procurement of special equipment by Bulgarian partners;