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PRESS RELEASE

Opening Conference of the Project Safeguarding biodiversity and combating poaching - BioGuard

On May 7, 2025, in Giurgiu County, at the headquarters of the Territorial Inspectorate of Border Police Giurgiu, was held the *Start-up Conference* of the project “**Safeguarding biodiversity and combating poaching - BioGuard, code ROBG00018**”. The event was organized by the Territorial Inspectorate of Border Police Giurgiu, as Lead partner. The project is financed through the **Interreg VI-A Romania - Bulgaria Program**, following the signing of financing contract no. 269982 on December 06, 2024. The project has an implementation period of 36 months, until December 06, 2027, with a total value of €3.499.630,11 euro, out of which €2.799.704,08 (representing 80%) is non-reimbursable external funding (ERDF).

The Start-up Conference marks the official launch of the project and provides a suitable platform to present its objectives, activities, and expected outcomes, while also highlighting the financial support provided through the Interreg Program. To emphasize the project's significance and cross-border impact, the event will be attended by representatives of all partners, Territorial Inspectorate of Border Police Giurgiu, Giurgiu County Gendarmerie Inspectorate, Giurgiu County Police Inspectorate and Executive Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Additionally, guests from the Managing Authority, The Regional Office for Cross-Border Cooperation Călărași for the Romania-Bulgaria Border, The Environmental Protection Agency, the General Inspectorate of Border Police, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and representatives of the Press Office within the Giurgiu Territorial Inspectorate of Border Police.

The conference also include a detailed presentation of the project, highlighting the partnerships involved, target groups, and the total investment value.

Through this initiative, the BioGuard project aims to strengthen cross-border cooperation and support the implementation of sustainable solutions for the development of the region.



The overall objective of the project is to implement joint measures to enhance the capacities of relevant authorities responsible for biodiversity protection and the prevention of illegal activities affecting the Danube ecosystem and protected areas.

The specific objective of the project is to increase intervention capacity for environmental protection by improving infrastructure and adequately equipping the responsible authorities through the implementation of:

1. Joint strategies and common action plans addressing biodiversity protection and the issue of illegal activities affecting the Danube ecosystem and protected areas;
2. Development and implementation of conservation and protection measures for Natura 2000 sites on the Romanian side and equivalent protected natural areas on the Bulgarian side, in accordance with the EU Nature Restoration Plan and the Bulgarian National Natura 2000 Priority Action Framework.

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