



SOSRESCUE

Drones with thermal cameras to rescue cross-border hikers

PROJECT TITLE SOSRescue – The training center for organizing and operating cross-border rescue actions

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ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED SOS-Rescue Foundation (PL); Lviv Regional Control and Rescue Service of Tourist-sports Association of Ukraine (UA); Mountain Volunteer Search and Rescue – Bieszczady Group (PL); Ustrzyki Dolne Commune (PL)

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Tourism has steadily increased in the Bieszczady Mountains, shared by Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine. Therefore, accidents and rescue interventions are also more frequent. The SOSRescue project aims at increasing the effectiveness of cross-border rescue operations in the Bieszczady region. The project partners are putting together in Równia (Poland) one of the most modern rescue facilities in Europe, which has been equipped and rehabilitated to provide trainings to the rescuers, and shelter, healthcare and recovery to the rescued or injured. On the Ukrainian side, a similar rescue centre is being established in Slavsko. A new information point will also provide tourists and local citizens with safety information for their mountain trips. Within the project, the partners are also being equipped with advanced rescue devices, like operation vehicles, medical equipment, evacuation tools, GPS and drones with thermal cameras. In addition, both rescue centres will be connected via a new IT system for cross-border rescue operations. Training courses for joint rescue actions and public awareness campaigns are also being organised as part of the project. To be noted that when the war in Ukraine started, the training centre in Poland and the network established through this project, facilitated emergency support action to help the Ukrainian families fleeing the war.



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