

Press release

Opening Conference of the Project "Forest firefighting with aerial support" (FAST) – ROMD00184

Today, March 31, 2026, the Opening Conference of the Project **"Forest firefighting with aerial support" ROMD00184 – FAST** took place, a project in which the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations holds the role of Lead Partner.

The project is funded by the European Union through the Neighbourhood, Development, and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI), via the Interreg NEXT Romania-Republic of Moldova 2021-2027 Program, Priority 1 – Green Communities, Specific Objective 1.1 – Promoting climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account ecosystem-based approaches.

The event took place in Iași and was hosted by the "Mihail Sturdza" Inspectorate for Emergency Situations of Iași County, in its capacity as a project partner.

The activity was attended by Mr. Alin MAGHIAR, Project Manager within the External Funding Projects Directorate of the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, representatives of the project partners, county and local public authorities and institutions, as well as the media.

During the event, details were presented regarding the objectives, activities, allocated budget, implementation stages, and expected results.

The total value of the project is **€313,018.68**, of which **€281,716.81** is **non-reimbursable funding**.



The implementation duration of the project is 18 months, from October 29, 2025, until April 28, 2027.

The general objective of the project consists of improving the efficiency of emergency service interventions in the cross-border area through the acquisition of specialized intervention vehicles and the organization of joint training sessions.

The project addresses the border area between Romania and the Republic of Moldova, aiming for the following results:

- 1 joint training curriculum for forest fire interventions;
- 8 joint training sessions;
- Increased operational capacity in the eligible area through the acquisition of specialized intervention vehicles.

This project is implemented by four partners: the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (Romania), as Lead Partner; the General Inspectorate of Aviation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs; the "Mihail Sturdza" Inspectorate for Emergency Situations of Iași County; and the Emergency Situations Directorate of Hîncești District of the IGSU from the Republic of Moldova.

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