

UrbanLakes: Cross-Border Synergy for Blue Ecosystem Preservation

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The problem. Project's solution

Botosani and Ivano-Frankivsk face common challenges such as environmental degradation, low ecological awareness, and insufficient infrastructure in urban green and blue zones, which puts pressure on local biodiversity. The project addresses these issues through a joint Action Plan for biodiversity protection, infrastructure improvements in two recreational lake areas, and awareness campaigns. By promoting sustainable blue-green infrastructure management and citizen engagement, the project enhances ecosystem resilience, safeguards biodiversity, and creates healthier, greener, and more inclusive urban environments for both communities.



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Cross Border Partnership

◆ Lead Partner

Botoșani City
Romania

◆ Partner 2

Executive Committee of Ivano-
Frankivsk City Council
Ukraine

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Who benefits from the project?

- local and regional authorities
- higher education and research organisations
- general public

Project Outcomes

- **296 participants** of joint activities held for increasing competencies and awareness-raising
- **1 Action plan** for biodiversity protection and sustainable management of blue and green infrastructure in Botosani and Ivano-Frankivsk
- **2 Forums of best practices** in recreational zones management
- **rehabilitation of the lake** in “Mihai Eminescu” Park of Botosani City
- **creating a favourable living environment** for all species and arranging multipurpose recreational zones in the German Lake
- **2 experience exchange** tours
- **1 Photo Experience** "Wings of Nature" in Botosani
- **1 Eco-boats Challenge** in Botosani City
- **1 awareness-raising campaign** on biodiversity protection

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