

PRESS RELEASE

Within the project “**EMERSYS**- Toward an integrated, joint cross-border detection system and harmonized rapid responses procedures to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear emergencies”, code MIS ETC 774, in the period **27th - 30th of April, 2015**, a cooperation exercise will take place with on-site forces between the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations from Romania (GIES) and the Fire Safety and Civil Protection Directorate General from Bulgaria (DGFSCP), partners within the project, together with Horia Hulubei National Institute for Research and Development in Physics and Nuclear Engineering from Romania - Project Leader and the Institute for Nuclear Research and Nuclear Energy from Bulgaria.

The project is part of the **Romania - Bulgaria Cross-border cooperation program 2007 - 2013**, under Specific Objective no.3 - Sustainability of the intrinsic value of natural resources by prudent exploitation and effective protection of the environment, Priority Axis 2: Environment - Sustainable use and protection of natural resources and environment and promotion of efficient risk management in the cross-border area, Key area of intervention: 2.2 - Development of the joint infrastructure and services to prevent the impact of natural and man-made crises, including joint emergency response services and it is carried out for a period of 24 months (July 2013 - July 2015).

The theme of the exercise: organising and carrying out the joint intervention with forces and means belonging to the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations from Romania and to the Fire Safety and Civil Protection Directorate General from Bulgaria, in order to mitigate the effects of emergency situations caused by the occurrence of transport accidents involving industrial and radiological chemical substances, at the border between the two states.

The exercise will be carried out in Giurgiu locality, Romania.

The objectives of the exercise are:

- to develop working skills in the cooperation between GIES and DGFSCP, namely the structures authorised to provide answer in case of CBRN events;
- to check the viability of the **Joint Intervention Plan** and of the associated procedures;
- to improve the joint working skills of the intervention structures' personnel;
- to harmonize the training of the intervention structures' personnel;
- to check the way in which intra- and inter-institutional collaboration is achieved and maintained in order to manage the situations created through scenario;
- to evaluate the status of personnel training with responsibilities within GIES and DGFSCP in emergency situations caused by a CBRN event.

The press conference related to this event will take place on **28th of April, 2015**, at the premises of “**Vlasca**” Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, Giurgiu County, starting from **09:30**.