

Project *SOS - rescue*

*the training center for organizing and operating
cross-border rescue actions*

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The beginning of the project

The first concept of the project was created on the initiative of the rescuers of the Mountain Volunteer Search and Rescue Bieszczady Group. Seeking funding opportunities for the extended project, the SOS - rescue Foundation was constituted as a supporting entity and cooperation was established with Municipality Ustrzyki Dolne and Lviv regional control and rescue service of tourist-sports association of Ukraine. The first detailed outline of the project was created in 2016.

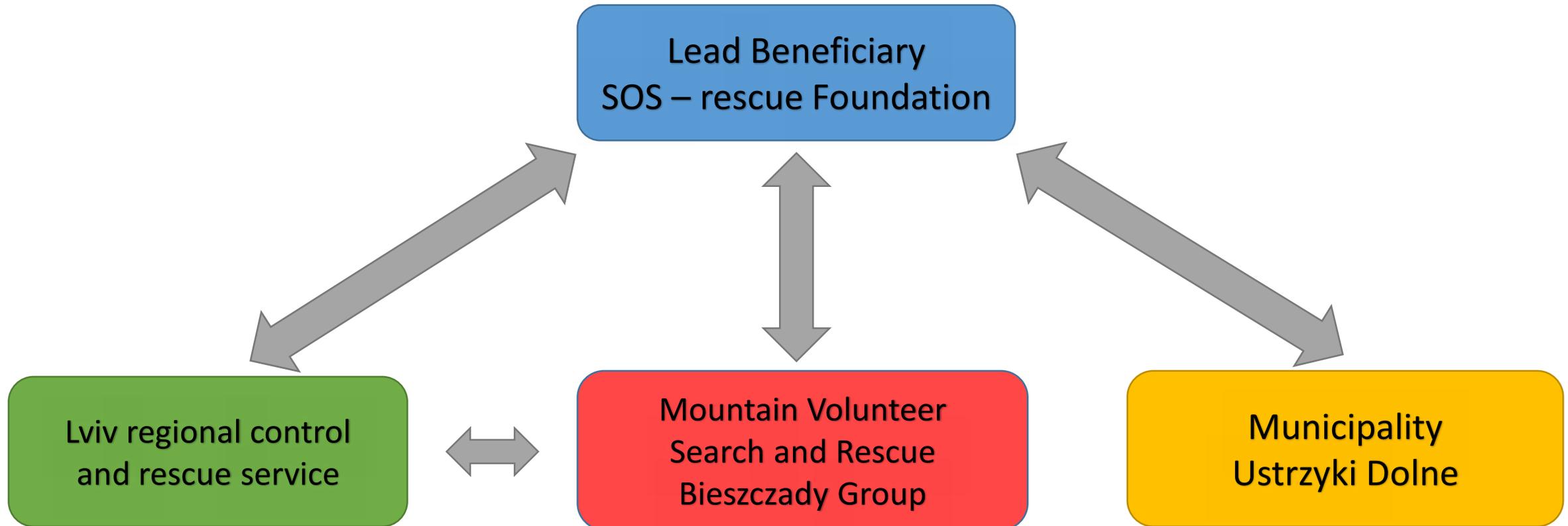
Identified problems that require proper solutions

- increasing tourist traffic in the Bieszczady Mountains
- increasing number of emergency interventions in the Bieszczady Mountains
- lack of a comprehensive coordinated system for conducting rescue and search actions in the border area in the Bieszczady Mountains
- excessively long mobilization time of the Ukrainian emergency services
- low level of knowledge and awareness of tourists about safety in the mountains
- the necessity to increase access to high-quality training for emergency services
- the necessity to create a modern equipment base for emergency services

Objectives of the project

- creation of a training and coordination center of cross-border rescue operations
- reduction of mobilization time of rescue teams
- increasing the efficiency of cross-border rescue actions in the Bieszczady Mountains
- purchase of modern equipment for rescue services from Poland and Ukraine
- improving the qualifications of rescuers from Poland and Ukraine and volunteer firefighters from Poland
- organization of thematic events about safety in the mountains in Poland and Ukraine

The scope of activities and relations between Beneficiaries



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- superior project management as the Lead Beneficiary
- promotional and informational activities, including the organization of thematic events in Poland for the local residents of Bieszczady and tourists
- purchase of modern training equipment for emergency services, including a vest for the simulation of life-saving surgical procedures, a mobile patient simulator with comprehensive software, basic, advanced and specialized anatomical models, diversified life support tools, general medical equipment, care under fire equipment - specialized life support during battles, fire and shelling, multimedia equipment for conducting training analyzes
- organization of specialized training courses for rescuers from Poland and Ukraine in the field of life support, in accordance with the latest standards and procedures

Lviv regional control and rescue service

- coordination of project activities in Ukraine
- promotional and informational activities in Ukraine, including the organization of thematic events for local residents and tourists
- purchase of modern rescue equipment, including: operational vehicle with additional equipment, transport vehicle, electric rescue bike, sets of avalanche rescue equipment, multi-season clothing and ski-tour sets, individual medical equipment for rescuers, drone with thermal imaging camera
- organization of two training courses for coordination of cross-border rescue actions

- modernization of the quarters in Slavsko in Ukraine to the training and rescue center including:
 - renovation works outside and inside the building
 - installation of new electrical, heating and hydraulic systems
 - room adaptation - creation of an information point for tourists, new quarters for rescuers on duty 24/7/365, assistance room for accident victims, training and lecture room.



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- purchase of modern rescue equipment, including:
 - operational vehicle adapted to coordinate cross-border rescue actions, additionally reinforced and upgraded to severe terrain conditions and carrying large amount of rescue equipment, equipped with IT equipment and dedicated software
 - rescue electric bikes, snowmobiles, off-road vehicles
 - sets of equipment for river, avalanche and evacuation rescue actions
 - multi-season clothing and ski-tour sets
 - advanced individual and team medical equipment
 - drone with thermal imaging camera

- organization of drone operators training courses for rescuers from Poland and Ukraine
- organization of first aid, avalanche, medical rescue and evacuation training courses for volunteer firefighters from brigades of Municipality Ustrzyki Dolne
- organization of two training courses for coordination of cross-border rescue and search actions for rescuers from Poland and Ukraine.



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Municipality Ustrzyki Dolne

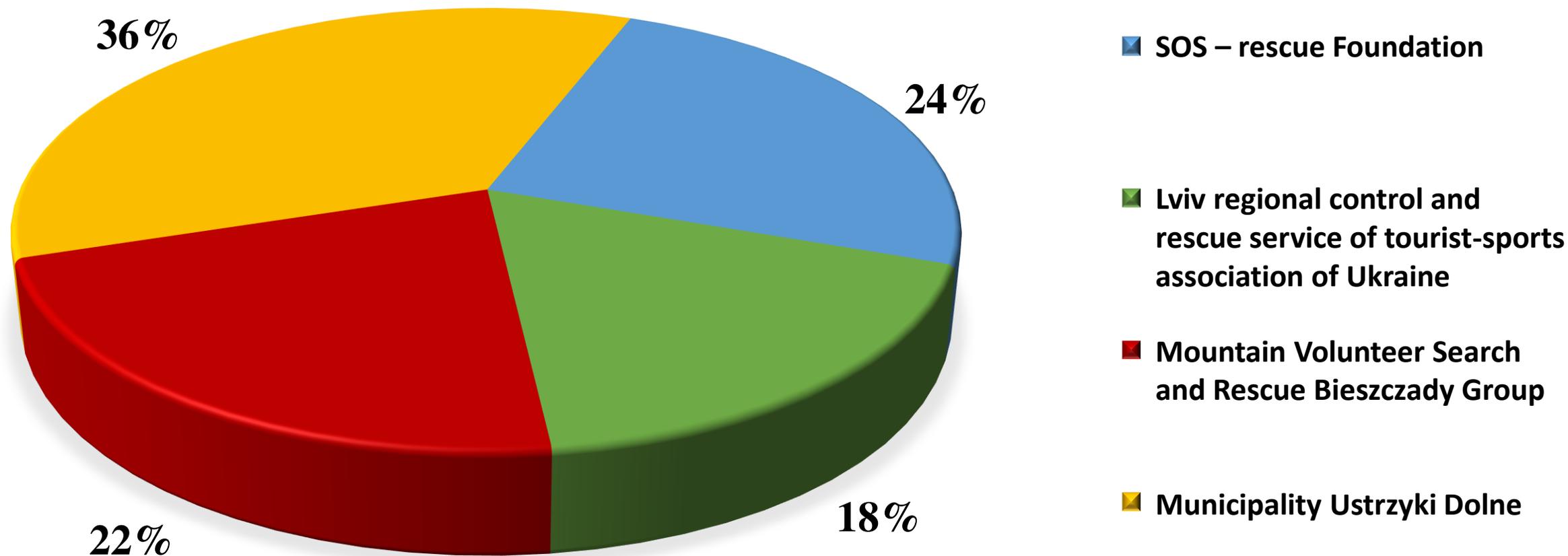
- extension and adaptation of the former school building to the training center and coordination of cross-border rescue operations in Równia, Poland
- the extension includes: the superstructure of the connector, the addition of a staircase with an elevator, adaptation of the facility for the disabled, modernization of heating, plumbing, ventilation, air conditioning, fire and electrical systems, adaptation to the new functions of the building, access road, pavements and parking



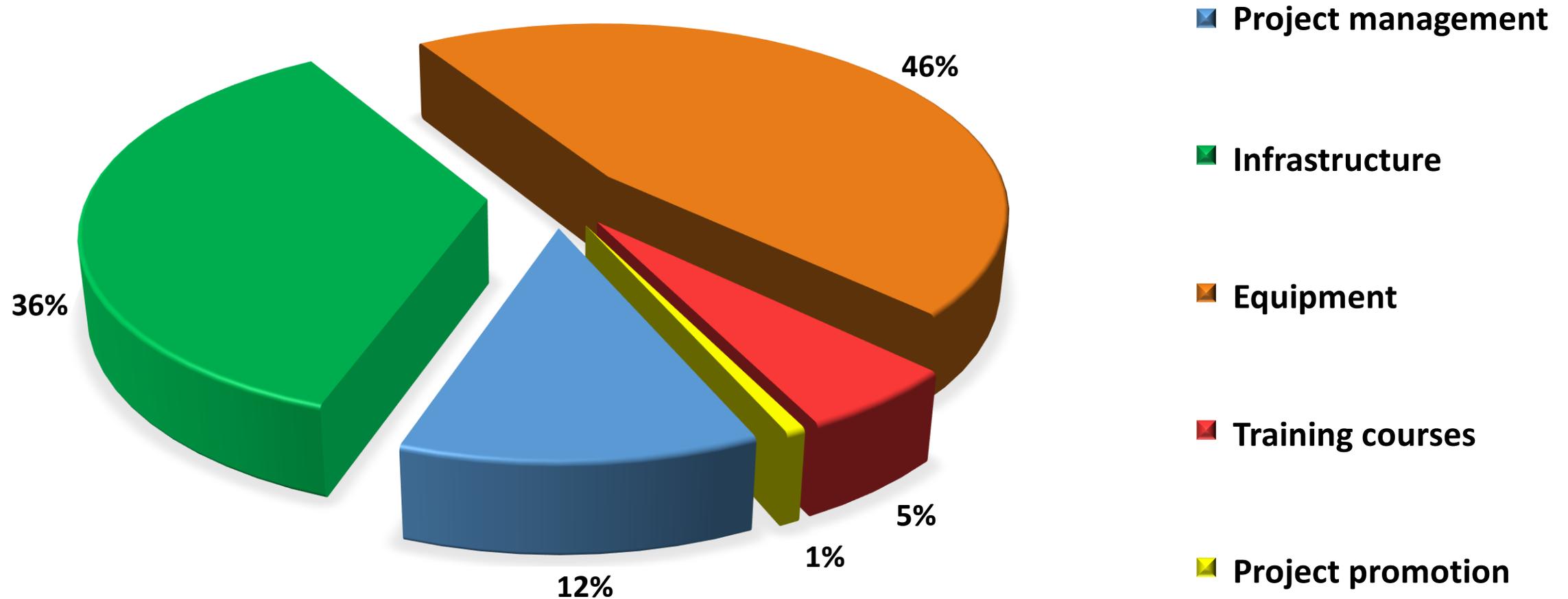
- adaptation includes: creation of medical simulation rooms, regeneration rooms, psychological therapy room, athleticism room, victim care room, quarters for rescuers on duty, lecture hall, adaptation of bathrooms, toilets, catering segment, social rooms and storage rooms
- purchase of standard and specialist equipment for particular rooms (except for training equipment provided by SOS - rescue Foundation).



BUDGET OF THE PROJECT – DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN BENEFICIARIES



BUDGET OF THE PROJECT – COSTS DISTRIBUTION



Phases of the project



Innovation in the project

Coordination system for cross-border rescue and search actions:

- central application that collects and processes real-time data from GPS devices, smartphones and drones used by rescuers
- will be adapted to the equipment purchased during the project
- will be implemented to operational vehicle that will become the mobile coordination center
- will be tested as part of training courses to coordinate cross-border rescue and search actions organized by Beneficiaries
- after completion of the project implementation will become the basis for further IT upgrades in the field of mountain rescue

Thematic events

- 4 meetings in Poland - Ustrzyki Dolne, Ustrzyki Górne, Sanok, Cisna
- 4 meetings in Ukraine - Lviv, Slavsko, Stryj, Yaremche
- free entry for residents and tourists
- presentations of rescue equipment
- free first aid training and safety workshops
- interviews with rescuers
- thematic games for children and adults

Results of the project

- modern training centre in Rówńia, Poland with high-quality medical equipment available for rescuers and firefighters
- unlimited access to regenerative treatments, fitness training and psychological support for rescuers and firefighters
- additional quarters for rescuers on duty
- place of temporary care for victims injured in accidents

Results of the project

- renovated training centre in Slavsko and rescue service on duty 24/7/365 allowing immediate start of rescue actions
- increased effectiveness of rescue and search actions and reduction of mobilization time due to new equipment and coordination system for rescue and search actions
- greater social awareness about safety in the mountains

Results of the project

- qualified rescue personnel able to take action in difficult conditions and carry out complicated life-saving procedures
- increased level of security in the area of Mountain Volunteer Search and Rescue Bieszczady Group and Lviv regional control and rescue service
- higher level of security will increase the tourist attractiveness of the region
- lasting cooperation between rescue services from Poland and Ukraine

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