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### **International Professional Workshop of the PROTECT Project Successfully Held in Kisvárd**

Organized by the Földkelte Cultural and Environmental Protection Association, the international professional workshop entitled „PROTECT – Pandemic Response and Operational Tactics for Enhanced Containment and Tracking” was held on December 9–10, 2025, in Kisvárd, Hungary.

The aim of the event was to strengthen epidemiological preparedness regarding zoonotic diseases and to enhance cross-border cooperation among Hungarian, Romanian, Slovak, and Ukrainian partner organizations. The program contributed to increasing the effectiveness of joint response measures and deepening the exchange of professional experience.

During the two-day event, participants gained a comprehensive overview of current challenges and opportunities in epidemic management. Professional lectures and presentations covered topics such as managing pandemic situations, monitoring infectious diseases, and the role of laboratory support in prevention and control.

As part of the program, the activities and experiences of the partner institutions were also presented. Special attention was given to the evolution of the epidemiological situation in Eastern Europe, with a particular focus on animal health risks, such as the spread of rabies and its preventive measures.

The workshop provided an opportunity for participants to engage in direct professional consultations, share best practices, and explore new possibilities for cooperation. The event contributed to strengthening the partnership and achieving the joint project goals more effectively.

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