**Cellnex Poland has completed the expansion of the connectivity system for the State Fire Service in Rzeszów.**

**Cellnex Poland has made 24 of its locations in the Podkarpackie voivodship available for the needs of the State Fire Service. This cooperation is part of a larger project carried out by the State Fire Service Regional Headquarters in Rzeszów (PSP Rzeszów), aimed at expanding the communications system to improve rescue and firefighting operations.**

The project was made possible thanks to the support of EU funds and its aim was to provide a communications system that is essential for improving the coordination of basic rescue operations carried out by the State Fire Service. Prior to the launch of the project, only 70 per cent of the area of the Podkarpackie voivodeship was covered by the fire brigade's network, and after its launch, 100 per cent of the voivodeship's area is covered by a dedicated critical connectivity system.

Cellnex Poland has provided 24 existing base stations where the Rzeszów Fire Brigade has installed its connectivity system, representing 65 per cent of all locations selected by the Rzeszów Fire Brigade. The system is also used by units of the regional Volunteer Fire Service. In total, Cellnex Poland owns 16,040 base stations in Poland, which it manages for mobile network operators and other entities (uniformed services, administration, or critical infrastructure operators). Such a wide area coverage allows for a greater choice of potential locations.

Every year, PSP and volunteer fire departments’ services in the Podkarpackie region undertake almost 30,000 interventions in the field of fire, road, height, chemical and biological rescue.

*Being able to quickly reach the location where rescue and firefighting operations are needed is crucial for firefighters. One of the most important elements for the success of these operations is therefore excellent radio communication. Thanks to covering the entire area of the voivodeship with our network, we will be able to take care of the inhabitants*' *safety even more efficiently* - says Brig. Marcin Betleja, Spokesperson of the Podkarpackie Voivodeship Chief of the State Fire Service

*The fire brigade communication system is a critical communication system and therefore requires the highest standards of connectivity and security. We are pleased that in most locations the Rzeszów Fire Brigade has chosen Cellnex for cooperation. For us, this is a proof of our credibility but also a confirmation that the model of sharing infrastructure between different entities makes a lot of economic sense. -* says **Maciej Borucki, head of the Public Sector & Transport team at Cellnex Poland**.

The construction of an extended range network is the next stage of the project entitled 'Expansion of the communications system of the State Fire Service of the Podkarpackie Voivodeship for the improvement of coordination of rescue and firefighting operations'. It is being implemented by the State Fire Service Voivodeship Headquarters in Rzeszów as part of the Regional Operational Programme of the Podkarpackie Voivodeship for 2014-2020. The total value of the project is nearly PLN 15 million, of which funding from the European Regional Development Fund is more than PLN 12 million.

**About Cellnex Telecom**

The efficient deployment of next-generation connectivity is essential to drive technological innovation and accelerate inclusive economic growth. Cellnex is the independent wireless telecommunications and broadcasting infrastructures operator that enables operators to access Europe’s most extensive network of advanced telecommunications infrastructures on a shared-use basis, helping to reduce access barriers for new operators and to improve services in the most remote areas.

Cellnex manages a portfolio of around 128,000 sites – including forecast roll-outs up to 2030 – and 9,700 DAS nodes & Small Cells in Spain, France, Italy, the UK, Poland, Portugal, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and Austria.

In Poland, Cellnex began operations in 2021, after acquiring passive infrastructure (towers and masts) from mobile network operators P4 and Polkomtel. Poland is also the first country where Cellnex has also invested in active infrastructure (antennas, transmitters), buying them back from Polkomtel. Cellnex Poland currently provides telecommunications infrastructure management services to Play and Polkomtel, as well as to other entities (road managers, services - including police and fire departments) in a Network as a Service model and in-building telecommunications infrastructure for commercial entities.

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