

## CITIZENS' SUMMARY

of the Annual Implementation Report for 2015 regarding the  
Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme

The Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme is co-financing cross-border cooperation in eight counties, particularly: Satu Mare, Bihor, Arad and Timiș in Romania and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg, Hajdú-Bihar, Békés and Csongrád in Hungary. The counties of the eligible area have a total population of almost 4 million people, representing 13.1% of the two countries' inhabitants.

The Programme is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The overall ERDF allocation to the Programme is EUR 189,138,672.00; the total budget of the Programme - together with the national co-financing - thus amounts to EUR 231,861,763.00.

### **What about the strategy behind the programme?**

The proposed strategy will be implemented through 6 thematic objectives, 4 of them representing the focus areas of the programme, concentrating the majority (over 80%) of the funds available. This is a combination of interventions that can serve as a solid basis for a joint programme, enabling the concentrated use of limited resources.

### **What are the interventions the programme will support?**

The Programme is focused on cooperation on common values and resources, supporting projects for an improved quality management of cross-border rivers and ground water bodies, the total funding available being EUR 12,647,059.00, and also projects for sustainable use of natural, historic, and cultural heritage within the eligible area, with a total funding available EUR 35,855,785.00.

The Programme also aims to increase cooperation on accessibility, by supporting projects which will improve cross-border accessibility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure (EUR 16,382,451.00) and projects which will determine an increased proportion of passengers using sustainable - low carbon, low noise - forms of cross-border transport (EUR 18,613,138.00).

In the field of cooperation on employment, financing of EUR 55,070,771.00 is available for projects supporting an increased employment within the eligible area.

In view of cooperating on health-care and prevention, the Programme has the objective to improve the preventive and curative health-care services across the eligible area, by supporting projects with EUR 57,034,498.00.

Certain projects will be focused on improving risk-prevention and disaster management by cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management; the total funding available for such projects being EUR 9,548,042.00.

There are also funds allocated (EUR 4,013,379.00) in view of cooperation of institutions and communities, *by supporting* intensified sustainable cross-border cooperation of institutions and communities

There is also money allocated for Technical Assistance, aiming to support all above-mentioned actions.

The main results of the Programme, achieved by the end of 2015, were:

- Approval of the programme by the European Commission on 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2015.
- Setting-up the framework needed for starting the programme implementation, particularly establishing the necessary framework for the Monitoring Committee.

For further information on the programme, please visit:

<http://interreg-rohu.eu>

<http://www.mdrap.ro/dezvoltare-regionala/-4970/-7572/-1369>

<http://www.brecoradea.ro/>