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What to expect from today?



Characteristics of the Programme and CBC projects

Lead beneficiary principle

Partnership Agreement

Partners in eMS

Networking corners

Programme Overview and main bodies

Interreg V-A Romania - Hungary is a CBC programme under ETC objective and it is financed through the European Regional Development Fund and co-financed by Romania and Hungary through contributions from state budget and own contribution from project beneficiaries.

Programme area: 4 counties from Romania (Satu Mare, Bihor, Arad and Timiş) and 4 counties from Hungary (Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg, Hajdú-Bihar, Békés and Csongrád).

Total programme budget: € 232 Million.

- **Managing Authority:** Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds in Romania.
- **National Authority:** Prime Minister's Office in Hungary.
- **Monitoring Committee:** the body responsible with the monitoring of the Programme implementation.
- **Joint Secretariat:** Oradea Regional Office for Cross-Border Cooperation - BRECO.
- **Info Points:** Szechenyi Programme Office in Hungary.



Strategy of the Programme and Priority Axes

There are **four main challenges** identified in the eligible area, which the Programme shall tackle with joint solutions:

1. Increasing employment,
2. Enhancing disaster resilience,
3. The protection of joint values and resources,
4. Addressing jointly the challenges of deprived areas.

The proposed strategy shall be implemented through **6 thematic objectives, afferent to 6 Priority Axes (with 8 investment priorities):**

PA 1: Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources

PA 2: Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks;

PA 3: Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility;

PA 4: Improving health-care services;

PA 5: Improve risk-prevention and disaster management;

PA 6: Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens.



PA 1: Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources

Ip 5/b: Investing in the water sector to meet the requirements of the Union's environmental acquis and to address needs, identified by the Member States, for investment that goes beyond those requirements.

Available ERDF funds: **10,750,000 EUR**

Ip 6/c: Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage.

Available ERDF funds: **30,477,417 EUR**

PA 2: Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks

Ip 7/b: Improving regional mobility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes.

Available ERDF funds: **13,925,083 EUR**

Ip 7/c: Developing and improving environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure, in order to promote sustainable regional and local mobility.

Available ERDF funds: **15,821,167 EUR**

PA 3: Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility

Ip 8/b: Supporting employment-friendly growth through the development of endogenous potential as part of a territorial strategy for specific areas, including the conversion of declining industrial regions and enhancement of accessibility to, and development of, specific natural and cultural resources.

Available ERDF funds: **46,810,155.00 EUR**

PA 4: Improving health-care services

Ip 9/a: Investment in health and social infrastructure which contributes to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, promoting social inclusion through improved access to social, cultural and recreational services and the transition from institutional to community-based services.

Available ERDF funds: **48,479,323 EUR**

PA 5: Improve risk-prevention and disaster management

Ip 5/b: Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems.

Available ERDF funds: **8,115,835 EUR**

PA 6: Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens

Ip 11/b: Promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions (ETC-CB).

Available ERDF funds: **3,411,372 EUR**

Financial Allocation

- The rate of **ERDF financing** within a project is **maximum 85%** of the total eligible project budget;
- The rate of **national state budget co-financing** is **maximum 13%** of the total eligible budget for Romanian beneficiaries, other than Central Public Authorities that are financed through the Romanian state budget, and **maximum 10%** for Hungarian beneficiaries, except bodies that are financed from the Hungarian state budget, where the maximum rate of national co-financing is 15% of their total eligible project;
- Each Beneficiary has to bring an **own contribution** to the project, that shall be **minimum 2 %** in case of Romanian Beneficiaries, other than Central Public Authorities for which the contribution is fully ensured by the Romanian state budget, **and 5 %** in case of Hungarian Beneficiaries other than Central Budgetary Organs in Hungary who do not need to provide own contribution.

Each Project Beneficiary has to ensure the financial resources necessary for the implementation of the project until the reimbursement of ERDF funds.



Eligibility of the applicants and expenditures

- **Public authorities**
- **Bodies governed by public law**
- **Non-profit organizations governed by private law**
- **EGTCs**

Eligible applicants must have their seats or a regional/local branch or institutions located in the eligible programme area.

Exceptions are also possible – for public entities not having their legal seat in the eligible area, but having legal competencies for implementing operations in the area.

- **Expenditures:**

All expenditure have to be project-related. This means that they should be clearly connected to project activities traceable in the approved application form. Furthermore, the expenditure has to be incurred, entered into the project accounts and paid by the project partner during the project implementation. Eligible expenditures incurred during project implementation shall be reimbursed after previous validation and approval by the Programme Authorities.



Main characteristics of the CBC projects

Lead Beneficiary

For each project, one particular organization from the partnership needs to be nominated as Lead Beneficiary (LB), who will assume responsibility for ensuring implementation of the entire operation. Each partnership must have at least two partners, a Lead Beneficiary organization and a Cross-Border Beneficiary organization, both from the eligible area of the Programme. The maximum number of partners in a project shall be 6-8, depending on the type of the call.

Cooperation

Beneficiaries shall cooperate in the development and implementation of operations. In addition, they shall cooperate in the staffing or the financing of operations, or in both.

Cross-border character and impact

The actions envisaged for the Programme are expected to have a strong cross-border character, must be relevant for and represent the interest of both countries. The projects have to reflect common needs of the border area, and to tackle problems from a clear cross-border perspective.

Horizontal principles:

Sustainable development:

- the projects funded in the frame of the cross-border programme will have to contribute to the environmental sustainability of the programme area and have to integrate environmental considerations with the aim to promote sustainable development.

Equal opportunities and non-discrimination:

- the projects will have to apply the gender mainstreaming and promote the fundamental rights, non-discrimination and equal opportunities in their activities. The projects shall promote equal opportunities for all in order to tackle the barriers faced by minorities, the disabled, and other vulnerable groups.

Equality between men and women:

- the projects will have to promote of equality between men and women and, where appropriate, the arrangements to ensure the integration of the gender perspective at cooperation programme and operation level.



A CBC quality project:

- has a strong cross-border impact;
- proves a true spirit of cooperation, emerging in joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing and joint financing between partners;
- has a balanced partnership and a sound budget;
- focuses on one of the Programme priority axes;
- has a clear added value of the cross-border cooperation to solve a common challenge;
- has an overall objective clearly linked to a programme specific objective;
- contributes to Programme indicators;
- has sustainable results which live on after the project end;
- has realistic, specific, concrete and measurable outputs clearly linked to the programme indicators (both output and result indicators).



Thank you for your attention!



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