

PRESS RELEASE

Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary Programme:

Public consultation of the Guide for Applicants for the second Open Call for normal project proposals – under public consultation until March 30, 2017

On March 1, 2017 the Ministry of Regional Development Public Administration and European Funds, acting as Managing Authority for the Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary Programme, launches for national public consultation, the draft of the Guide for Applicants for the second Open Call for proposals within the Programme.

In this context, stakeholders are invited to get involved in the consultation process and express their views and suggestions regarding the Guide, by sending them until the **30th of March 2017**, to the following e-mail addresses: rohu@mdrap.ro and joint.secretariat@brecoadea.ro.

The documents (the Guide and Annexes) are available on the [MRDPAEF's website](#), under the section dedicated to Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary Programme and from [here](#).

Within this Open Call for proposals, projects under 2 Priority Axes may be supported, concerning investments in the water sector (cooperating on common values and resources) and promotion of cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (cooperation of institutions and communities).

The total estimated budget of the present Call for normal projects to be financed within **Investment Priority 6/b, – investing in the water sector** – is **4.411.764, 70 EUR**, out of which **3.750.000,00 EUR** represents financing from the **ERDF** and for projects to receive funding under **11/b - cooperation between citizens and institutions** – the budget is **4.013.378,82 EUR**, out of which **3.411.372,00 EUR** represents the **ERDF**.

Romania is acting as Managing Authority (through the Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds), the National Authority being established within the Prime Minister's Office in Hungary, while the Joint Secretariat is functioning within BRECO, in Oradea. The designated Audit Authority of the Programme is the Romanian Court of Accounts. The Managing Authority performs the certification functions.

The Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme aims at financing joint Romanian - Hungarian projects, which address needs that lie on both sides of the border, and that require a common approach and innovative solutions, aiming at facilitating the integrated, sustainable development of the eligible area. The Programme comes as a continuation of cross-border cooperation programmes implemented previously in the region and disposes of a total budget of approx. 232 million EUR, out of which 189 million EUR represent non-refundable support from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The eligible programme area comprises the counties of Bihor, Satu Mare, Arad and Timiș, on the Romanian side of the border and the counties of Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg, Hajdú-Bihar, Békés and Csongrád on the Hungarian side.