Questions and Answers regarding the Guide for Applicants (GfA) for Flagship Projects

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	s (GfA) GfA. Ip	Regarding the Call for project proposals in the attached document, we would like to know if a project for connecting	Given the relatively modest available funding, the Programme can only support the development of a small number of connecting roads that concretely improve cross-border mobility, by
		the Highway A1 and Timisoara International Airport (TIA) and Timisoara Beltway is eligible for support. Current	enhancing connections between secondary and tertiary nodes and the TEN-T core and comprehensive network. According to the Cooperation Programme provisions, only development
		state of facts: - TIA has no direct connection to A1 which passes-by the airport at only 2 km distance. The access to	(building or upgrading) of roads that represent a direct connection from secondary and tertiary nodes to the TEN-T networks, can be supported by this action, ensuring or improving
		the airport is made by crossing the neighboring localities, effectively transiting the locality for reaching Timisoara	direct access of the secondary and tertiary nodes to the TEN-T core and comprehensive network and the related infrastructure (considering also the improvement of the conditions and the
		Beltway and then, on a communal road that links us with the Beltway This detouring implies 10 additional km for	safety of cyclists, where possible).
		each passenger coming from Arad, Oradea, Deva, Lugoj, Hunedoara or from Csongrad region (Szeged, Mako) in	Indicative actions are designed to improve the access of the inhabitants living in the cross-border area to the TEN-T core and comprehensive network.
		Hungary The congested and unpredictable traffic through transited localities causes considerable delays and	Also, the target group is defined as the population living in the eligible area.
		represents a major impediment for the passenger wanting to access the airport easily, quickly and in the shortest	The result indicator of the Programme in this case is the population living in the cross-border area served by the upgraded infrastructure which connects to the TEN-T (number of inhabitants).
	ŀ	time.	The indicator represents the total population served by the upgraded infrastructure that connects to the RTT network. When calculating the baseline and target value of the indicator, all the
		- Besides, there is NO direct connection between A1 and TM Beltway that passes-by the localities, fact that justifies	inhabitants of all settlements which are either located on the upgraded section of the road or are situated in an area of 3 km from the section of the upgraded road will be considered.
		once more the necessity of a connecting road between A1 and TM Beltway in the Airport area, connection that will	
		be also useful for TM Municipality. We have found out, from the information package, that TM is the only primary	
		node in the eligible area. TIA is also a primary aerial node of the TEN-T, thus, connecting it to secondary/tertiary	
		terrestrial lines would comply with the multimodal component.	
		Also, TIA intends to develop a public road transport (which is also integral part of the Transport General Masterplan,	
		under the chapter multimodal passenger transport), aiming at facilitating fast access to the airport for the population	
		living in Szeged/Mako area. The road public transport time for passengers coming form Szeged/Mako/Arad/Oradea etc. would be considerably improved if such connection between A1 and TIA existed. It is obvious for us that the	
		project falls under TM County Council responsibility or under Ghironda or Giamata localities in partnership with	
		Szeged/Mako and even with NCRIA (the administrator of A1). We've already had preliminary discussions with	
		Szeged and Mako municipalities and the two Mayors expressed their interest in developing, within a partnership,	
		the project for public/multimodal transport to ensure a fast connection with TIA. For this reason, we think they will	
		be also interested in an infrastructure project, to shorten the distance to and times for accessing the TIA.	
		Considering the above mentioned facts, please notify us whether the construction of a road connecting TIA to A1	
	7.CA .	and TM Reltway is eligible under the recently launched Call for proposal	
		1. Is the construction of a road, connecting "Traian Vuia" International Airport Timişoara with A1 highway and Timişoara Northern ring road, eligible for support under Investment Priority 7/b -Enhancing regional mobility by	Given the relatively modest available funding, the Programme can only support the development of a small number of connecting roads that concretely improve cross-border mobility, by enhancing connections between secondary and tertiary nodes and the TEN-T core and comprehensive network. According to the Cooperation Programme provisions, only development
		connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes?	(building or upgrading) of roads that represent a direct connection from secondary and tertiary nodes to the TEN-T networks, can be supported by this action, ensuring or improving direct
		2. Considering that "Traian Vuia" International Airport Timişoara is a national joint-stock company, under Ministry	access of the secondary and tertiary nodes to the TEN-T core and comprehensive network and the related infrastructure (considering also the improvement of the conditions and the safety of
		of Transport subordination, established by G. D. no.521/1998 on the establishment of the national company	cyclists, where possible).
		"International Airport Timişoara "- joint-stock company (published in the Official Journal no.334/ 07.09.1998), please	
		specify weather SN AIT Traian Vuia is eligible under Ip 7/b.	Also, the target group is defined as the population living in the eligible area.
			The result indicator of the Programme in this case is the population living in the cross-border area served by the upgraded infrastructure which connects to the TEN-T (number of inhabitants).
			The indicator represents the total population served by the upgraded infrastructure that connects to the TEN-T network. When calculating the baseline and target value of the indicator, all the
			inhabitants of all settlements which are either located on the upgraded section of the road or are situated in an area of 3 km from the section of the upgraded road will be considered.
			Regarding the eligibility of the applicant, the (lead) applicant must have legal competencies in the project relevant field. For all projects, it is compulsory that the applicant has among its
			attributions, according with its statute or according to the national legislation, the implementation of the proposed activities or it must prove that it has a partnership agreement with the
			institutions competent to implement such activities, according with its statute or according to the national legislation. List of potential beneficiaries: local and county governments /
			administrations and their institutions, national organizations responsible for transport infrastructure development etc.
		Regarding the Interreg' Ip 7/b, I would like to ask if the development of the	Within the Investment priority 7/b, as mentioned in the Factsheet for Ip 7/b, construction, upgrading / modernization of roads with cross-border impact, providing or improving direct access
		road between Csenger and Satu Mare, through which these settlements would be linked to the TEN-T network, is	of secondary AND tertiary nodes TO TEN-T core or comprehensive network and related infrastructure, are eligible.
		considered eligible?	In addition, even if we do not have the details of the road you refer to, we kindly remind you that, as stated in the Guide for Applicants for Flagship projects, 2.2.1.2 Eligibility of actions:
		In our opinion, on the page 6 of the Annex "TEN-T analyses", these nodes, Satu Mare (as secondary node) and Csenger (as tertiary node) are considered eligible.	Selection of projects that include cross-border road infrastructure is conditional to a prior bilateral agreement with the commitment of the Member States to set up Schengen-compatible border-crossing checkpoints (or other existing solutions according to the legislation in force at the time of submission of the project applications) at the completion of any such projects and to
		esenger (as tertiary rioue) are considered eligible.	operate it for at least 5 years from the financial closure of the respective project or until the enlargement of the Schengen zone.
			When planning your project you should have in view the above mentioned provisions of the Guide for Applicants for Flagship projects.
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		n - At point "Co-Financing Source" could the Hungarian State fulfil this role?	Legal Status : public or private.
			Experiences of Partner: What are the organization's competences and experiences relevant or the project? Include role in the project.
		- At points "Experiences" and as well as "Benefit" could you clarify them in details in order to fill in proptly this	Benefit: a short description of the results/outcomes/benefits resulted from the previously implemented projects'.
		criterion.	benefit. a short description of the results/outcomes/benefits resulted from the previously implemented projects.
	In 7/h		Thank you for your interest and we would like to express our support for facilitating your efforts. With regard to your request, places take into consideration that the Programme could
)	ib //b	The strategic project proposal of the Arad County Council, as the Lead Partner proposes the modernization /	Thank you for your interest and we would like to express our support for facilitating your efforts. With regard to your request, please take into consideration that the Programme could
		rehabilitation and construction of new municipal roads in the Romanian-Hungarian border region extending from	provide funding for developing a small number of road links that truly enhance cross-border mobility through improving the connections between secondary and tertiary nodes and the TEN-
		the border crossing points from Nădlac to Vărsand.	T core and comprehensive network. According to the provisions of the Cooperation Programme, the development (upgrading and modernization) of roads only with direct link from
		By modernzation / rehabilitation / construction of municipal roads in this region the following aspects arises:	secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T networks may be supported under this action, providing or improving direct access of secundary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T core or comprehensive
		- Ensuring direct road links, shorter than the existing one between the border crossing points from Nădlac, Turnu,	network and related infrastructure (also taking into account improving the conditions and safety of cycling, where possible).
		Variașu Mic, Grăniceri and Vărșand, as an alternative for DN 7 and DN 79, contributing to decongesting of traffic on	The indicative actions are designed to improve the access of inhabitants of the cross-border region to core and comprehensive TEN-T network. Moreover, the target group is defined as people
		these national roads which are very agglomerated	living in the eligible area. However, we will take into account all the inhabitants of all settlements that are either located on the modernized road section or are located within 3 km distance
			from the modernized road section.
		as local development poles to infrastructure TEN-T (highway A1 Nădlac – București)	Taking into consideration the abovementioned issues, the 2 municipaliles referred, Grăniceri respectively Pilu, are not part of secondary and tertiary nodes, but developing DJ 709J Grăniceri -
			Pilu (DN 79A) is not a connection between secondary and tertiary nodes and TEN-T core and comprehensive network.
			For further details please consult the Guide for Applicants for Flagship Projects, Annex I, Fact Sheet and TEN-T Analyze, where are listed all the teriary and secondary nodes from the eligible
		- Increasing local economies from the two counties by ensuring a modern road network for flows of passengers and	region as well as the core and comprehensive TEN-T network.
		goods	
		- Enhancing previously implemented projects related to road links between the two counties, financed within the	
		Hungary-Romania Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013 (road linking Nădlac – Csanadpalota, Variașu	
		Mic – Dombegyhaz, Grăniceri – Elek).	
		In this context, please clarify that the modernization of section DJ 709J Grăniceri - Pilu (DN 79A) could be eligible for	
		modernization within the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme, accoring to the attached map.	
6	lp 7/b		With regard to your request, please take into consideration that the Programme could provide funding for developing a small number of road links that truly enhance cross-border mobility
		the following: 1. Inform us if the National Road DN19 is part of the TEN-T infrastructure at Oradea Municipality / Bihor County level, consequently becoming	through improving the connections between secondary and tertiary nodes and the TEN-T core and comprehensive network. According to the provisions of the Cooperation Programme, the
		eligible an investment in road infrastructure from kilometer 6+700 of DN19 towards Calea Bihorului, Express Road, with connection to National	development (upgrading and modernization) of roads only with direct link from secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T networks may be supported under this action, providing or improving
			direct access of secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T core or comprehensive network and related infrastructure (also taking into account improving the conditions and safety of cycling,
			where possible).
		modernization / upgrade of road infrastructure, representing a direct link to TEN-T infrastructure, proposal further detailed: CONNECTION ROAD: Roundabout REAL 2 DN19 (km 6+700) – Express Road Oradea – DN1:	The indicative actions are designed to improve the access of inhabitants of the cross-border region to core and comprehensive TEN-T network. Moreover, the target group is defined as people
		The connection road, which we would like to finance within the restricted call, is a section of a connecting corridor between the highway A3 and	living in the eligible area. However, we will take into account all the inhabitants of all settlements that are either located on the modernized road section or are located within 3 km distance
		the National Road DN1 exit towards Cluj-Napoca, corridor consisting of 3 sections: Section 1 – connecting road with highway A3, proposed to be	from the modernized road section.
			Please take into consideration the proposed project indicators and the total budget of the project, which should keep the necessary proportionality, according to the Fact Sheet of this
		proposed to be financed within Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary Programme, Investment priority 7/b and Section 3 – modernize / upgrade the existing road, Calea Bihorului St – from the intersection with Section 2 until the intersection with the rotary Teodor Neş, proposed to be financed	investment priority. Moreover, the proposed actions as the estimated costs should respect the Chapter 2.2.1.2. Eligibility of actions (operations), respectively Chapter 2.2.1.3. Eligibility of
		within Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary Programme, Investment priority 7/b.	costs/expenditure.
		The OBJECTIVE of this investment is the construction of a new road and the modernization of an existing road with connection to the Express	With regard to the National Road DN19, this is not part of TEN-T network (the relevant data can be downloaded from the following address:
		Road financed within the project HURO / 1101/037/1.1.1, ensuring the connection to the TEN-T infrastructure through the National Road DN1.	http://ec.europa.eu/transport/infrastructure/tentec/tentec-portal/map/maps.html?layer=input_1,20,21&country=RO). Moreover, please bear in mind that the Official Gazette of Romania No.
		The PROPOSED SOLUTION, to be financed within the current restricted call of the Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary Programme, Investment	778 bis/4 October 2016, Annex to Government Decision no. 666/2016 on approval of the strategic document of General Master Plan on Transport of Romania, in the Table 4.35.1 – Road
		priority 7/b: Section 2 - The newly built road will become a 3rd-class street with the length of 2.823 km, the route starting from km 6+700 of National Road19,	network TransRegio and EuroTrans, from page 162, is presented the route Oradea – Satu Mare and it is classified to "Other networks". The same remark can be found in other tables as well,
		from the current roundabout next to Hypermarket Real until the new roundabout from the DJ767F, in order to connect with Calea Bihorului St	on page 216, on page 666, on page 819, on page 832.
		and then with the Express Road, with direct discharge/take-over of the traffic in/from National Road 1. The proposed road structure is flexible,	For further details please consult the Guide for Applicants for Flagship Projects, Annex I, Fact Sheet and TEN-T Analyze, where are listed all the tertiary and secondary nodes from the eligible
		semi-rigid type, which is also suitable for heavy traffic. This road will have a total length of 3,489 m, of which 2,823 m the length of the road, and	region as well as the core and comprehensive TEN-T network.
		the rest the connections with the adjacent streets and their intersections with the new roundabout. There are also proposed 2,668 m bicycle tracks, 6,357 m sidewalks, street lighting, pluvial sewerage.	Regarding the eligibility of your project we reserve the right to not express it now with respect to this aspect. Please take into account the fact that the project proposals are evaluated also
		At the intersection with "Frumoasa Valley" it is proposed to build a passage of 255 m at km 0+402 and a bridge over the Crişul Mic stream of 15 m	from the point of view of the eligibility, the relevance in relation with the objectives of the Programme, the opportunity and feasibility based on complete and conform documents, according
		at km 0+242.	to the rules of the Guide for Applicants.
		ESTIMATED VALUE: EUR 8.975 million without VAT. Section 3 - modernization of Calea Bihorului St on a total length of 2,051 m, because the current condition of the street is not appropriate, and by	
		connecting it with the recently built Express Road it is necessary to bring it at the same parameters in order that the street is able to take over the	
		road traffic. The project envisages the construction of a third category road structure.	
		ESTIMATED VALUE: EUR 1.502 million without VAT.	
7	lp 9/a	Building a new clinic (basically relocating the old one in to a new building on another location) is an	The expenditures related to a new construction are eligible under the mentioned Investment priority. According to Annex IX.2 - Methodology for defining output indicators of
		eligible expenditure under the Investment Priority 9/a within Interreg V-A Romania - Hungary?	the Cooperation Programme, the output indicator proposed here measures the population having access to improved health services. This is a common output indicator
		We raise this matter since in the "General Matrix of Costs" and in the "Programme general rules on	measuring the population of a certain area expected to benefit from the health services supported by the project. It includes new or improved buildings, or new equipment
		eligibility of expenditure the term "new construction" is not mentioned in the description of the eligible	for various type of health service (prevention, outpatient or inpatient care, aftercare).
			In the "Matrix of Cost" are mentioned as eligible the expenditures related to Infrastructure and works and only as as indicative examples and not exhaustive the following
			categories of expenditures are mentioned: land preparation, construction or upgrading of roads, extending, modernizing and rehabilitation of buildings etc.
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		In the Guide for Applicants there is only one reference to the new construction term, namely mentioned	
		at the point 2.2.1.2. Eligibility of actions (operations), the phrase "Just as well, in compliance with the	
		approved CP, any newly built cross-border infrastructure will become operational right after completion	
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8	Ip 9/a	During the planning process some questions occured about the 2nd Strategic Call RO-HU from our partners. We will be glad to have your answers for the following questions in the aim of planning the best fitted strategic project. 1. Project duration: In case of Concept Note what counts as project duration on the eMS system? What counts as a start date and as an end date? 2. Should we send in the indicative offers (if it is needed) with the Concept Note proposal? When should we send in them? 3. Should we have indicative offers for expenditures below 2500 EUR as well? 4. What if there isn't three different producer who can give us indicative offers because of the complexity and speciality of an equipment? 5. How should I proof that we have reached the indicators we assumed? Especially the population having access to improved health services? 6. What is the last date when a payment can occur? Can we plan for a 42 months long project if then the end date will be later than 31th December 2020? 7. If there is a professional event which is strongly attached to an Implementation workpackage, such as seminars for doctors on illnesses and treatments; should we represent it in the given implementation workpackage or should it be part of the communication workpackage? 8. How should I proof the work done joined to staff cost during the implementation period of FA? Should I use detailed time sheets? 9. Is it possible to employ a person and pay her/him staff cost from the project at the time of training plus detailed time sheets? 9. Is it possible to employ a person and pay her/him staff cost from the project may be project as well? As an example: I would like to employ a doctor from September from the project budget (staff cost) and he goes to a training/education program (from project budget) in the aim of having special treatments knowledge as well from September for a year. After that he will be able to work for our hospital dealing special treatments developed in the project. Is it possible to pay him staff cost	3. There is no need to send indicative offers with the Concept Note proposal for expenditures below 2500 EUR. 4. Procurements shall comply with national regulations applicable at the time of the launch of tendering procedures and, irrespective of the amount or type of beneficiary, with the principles of transparency, non-discrimination and equal treatment. Eligibility of costs for purchase of equipment, services and work is subject to the full respect of national public procurement rules, according to the thresholds, and for the type of entities as defined in the national law besides the EU and programme rules. 5. The output indicator proposed measures the population having access to improved health services. This is a common output indicator measuring the population of a certain area expected to benefit from the health services supported by the project. It includes new or improved buildings, or new equipment for various type of health service (prevention, outpatient or inpatient care, aftercare). The indicator has to exclude multiple counting even if the intervention benefits more services targeting the same persons: one person still counts as one even if that person may use several services which were supported by Structural Funds. The population covered is counted based on the official service area of the given institution (from within the eligible area.) 6. In order to be eligible the costs have to be paid out at the latest in 30 days after the end of the project implementation period, but no later than 31 December 2023 and you can plan a project with an end date that extending beyond 31th December 2020. 7. If the events are strongly linked to an implementation workpackage than it should be represent in the given implementation workpackage. 8. The work of the project team members should be reflected in transparent and detailed time records/time sheets signed by the person claiming to have spent the hours working on the project and his/her supervisor. 9. A person can be paied from the bugetary line "St
9	Ip 9/a	The Entrepreneurship Development Foundation in Békés County would have a project proposal within the Investment Priority 9 / a - Investment in Medical Infrastructure, namely: Objective: Building a rehabilitation / training center. Type of project: strategic project Estimated budget: 6.5 million EURO HU partners: Leader partner: County Council (acquisition and placement of rescue devices - for example: defibrillators. Partner - hospital - (purchase of equipment by departments - according to needs assessment but involving at least 6 departments) BMVA - with responsibility for management, communication and PR activity. A professional professional NGO: compiling medical kits, organizing and executing training, building a rehabilitation center (or departments) Partner (s) RO: Responsibilities: training, purchasing equipment, creating a defibrillator application. Our questions are as follows: What do you think about the proposed project? Is the project eligible for funding as described? If you have any suggestions regarding this project we look forward to them.	First of all to in order to be eligible your project idea must comply all the eligibility criteria set out in the Guide for Applicants. From those described to you the idea of the project appears to be eligible.
10	Ip 9/a	I just have a few more questions about the Investment Priority 9/a Investing in health and social infrastructure: - purchasing of buildings is eligible under this Investment Priority? - buying a corporate apartment is an eligible expenditure under this Investment Priority? - building a corporate apartment is an eligible expenditure under this Investment Priority? - refurbishment of a corporate apartment is an eligible expenditure under this Investment Priority? - a parking place can be built within Emergency Center?	Under the Investment Priority 9/a Investing in health and social infrastructure: - costs related to the purchase of existing buildings are not eligible; - costs related to the purchase of corporate apartment are not eligible; - are not eligible to build a corporate apartment are not eligible; - costs related to refurbishment of a corporate apartment are not eligible; - costs of building a parking place are not eligible are not eligible as a standalone investment; Under the Investment Priority 9/a investment support for improving cross-border accessibility of health-care services through construction, upgrading / modernization of roads with cross-border impact will be provided, so in this conditions if you are upgrading/ modernizing such a road maybe a few parking places can be considerate. The scope of the projects supported under this IP and the related activities and actions will have to ensure the fulfilment of the output indicators: - population having access to improved health services; - number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment.
11	lp 9/a	We would like to ask you whether under priority investment no. 9 /a we can buy solar panels?	Costs related to acquisition of solar panels is eligible under Investment Priority 9/a as long as it is part of the new built / rehabilitated infrastructure and serves those health-care departments affected by the project and contributes to the fulfillment of project output indicators.

ually interested about charges linked to bank transfers between the Romanian LP and the Partner	of an operation requires a separate account to be opened and charges for transnational financial transactions are eigible and can be budgeted.
m Hungary, because in the "Programme general rules on eligibility Priority Axis 1 - 6" we found that	2. After the Subsidy Contract for the Concept Note is signed an advance may be granted up to a maximum of 60 % from the State Contribution drawn from the state budget in
charges for national financial transactions are not eligible. And if so, under which budget lines should	ROL.
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