

PRESS RELEASE

Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary Programme:

Public consultation of the Guide for Applicants for the third Restricted Call for strategic project proposals - opened until the 6th of June 2017

On **May 05 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 public consultation, the **Guide for Applicants for the third Restricted Call for strategic projects proposals**, within Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary 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 **6th of June 2017**, to the following e-mail addresses: rohu@mdrap.ro and joint.secretariat@breacoradea.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 (<http://www.mdrap.ro/dezvoltare-regionala/-4970/-7572/-1369>) and on the Programmes website, [here](#).

The funding available for this restricted Call for strategic project proposals is allocated to the launched Investment priorities (Ip) as follows:

6/c - conserving, protecting, promoting and developing **natural and cultural heritage** - **27,032,255.30 EUR**, of which **22,977,417.00 EUR** represents financing from the **ERDF**;

7/c - developing and improving **environmentally friendly** and low-carbon **transport systems** – **9,836,374.12 EUR**, of which **8,360,918.00** represents financing from the **ERDF**;

8/b - supporting **employment-friendly growth** through the development of endogenous potential -- **9,836,374.12 EUR**, of which **8,360,918.00** represents financing from the **ERDF**.

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The eligible area of the Programme comprises, Arad, Bihor, Satu Mare and Timiș counties (in Romania) and, Békés, Csongrád, Hajdú-Bihar and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg (in Hungary).

The total budget of the Programme is of **231,861,763.00 euro**, of which **189,138,672.00 euro** represents financing from the European Regional Development Fund.

During 2014-2020 period, the programme intends to support flagship (strategic) projects, under 4 priority axes, in the fields of joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources), improvement of sustainable cross-border mobility and removal of bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility), improvement of employment and promotion of cross-border labour market (Cooperating on employment), as well as improvement of health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention).

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.

