

PRESS RELEASE

Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary Programme:

Designation of authorities for the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme

On July 17th 2017, the Audit Authority within the Romanian Court of Accounts released the final audit report designating the authorities for the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme.

Thus, the Romanian Ministry for Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds is designated as Managing Authority, carrying out also the functions of the Certifying Authority, and the Prime Minister's Office in Hungary is designated as National Authority.

Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme has **completed the designation process with an unqualified opinion (without any reservations)**, which means that the designated authorities comply with all the designation criteria.

This is a crucial step in the lifespan of the Programme. Starting from now on, interim payments can begin and all the resources and efforts can continue to focus on the implementation of the programme and its financed projects.

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.