

## PRESS RELEASE

### Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme's 1<sup>st</sup> Restricted Call for Strategic Project Proposals, is relaunched

**Application period: 09.10.2017-05.12.2017**

The Ministry of Regional Development Public Administration and European Funds in Romania, acting as Managing Authority for the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme and the National Authority – Prime Minister's Office in Hungary announce the **relaunching of the 1<sup>st</sup> Restricted Call for strategic project proposals**.

#### ***How much funding is available?***

The amount of **funding available** for this relaunched Restricted Call for Proposals is **13,925,083 EUR (ERDF)**, increased with the relevant Romanian and Hungarian state co-financing.

#### ***What is the subject of the Call?***

The Investment priority (Ip) reopened within this Call is **7/b – Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes** (within Priority Axis 2, Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks).

The **Restricted Call for Proposals** is intended for projects of strategic value, that address the most important needs of the Romanian – Hungarian border region – projects which are in line with the relevant national, regional or county strategies and which have the capacity to produce a high impact and improve the quality of life in the border area.

#### ***Who can participate?***

The eligibility criteria for applicants, actions and expenditures are set up in the Guide for Applicants. Potential beneficiaries of the projects funded can be local and county governments/administrations and their institutions, road management authorities, national organizations responsible for transport infrastructure etc. They can apply for financing only in cross border partnerships.

The eligible programme territories are Arad, Bihor, Satu Mare and Timiș counties in Romania and Békés, Csongrád, Hajdú-Bihar and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg, in Hungary.

### ***What is the co-financing rate?***

Co-financing rates are **up to 98%** of the total eligible costs **for Romanian partners** and **up to 95%** in some cases **even 100%, for Hungarian applicants**, totalling both the ERDF and state co-financing.

### ***How to apply?***

**Applications** must be submitted [online via eMS system](#), starting with **October 9, 2017, 8.00 a.m.** until **December 5, 2017, 16:00 p.m. (EET)**.

For detailed description of the CfP, including eligibility and submission rules, as well as for further information on the selection process, please consult the **Guide for Applicants** [here](#).

During the application phase, the Programme will assist the applicants through its **Joint Secretariat (JS)**. Applicants can raise questions regarding the rules of this Call, towards the JS, up to 21 working days before the deadline of the Call, to the following e-mail address: [joint.secretariat@breacoradea.ro](mailto:joint.secretariat@breacoradea.ro). Final answers will be released (published) not later than 11 working days before the submission deadline.

Info days will be organized both in Romania and Hungary and the venue of the events will be publish on the [Programme's website](#) in due time.

WE WISH YOU SUCCESS!

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