

PRESS RELEASE

Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme's 3rd Restricted Call for Strategic Project Proposals is launched

Application period: 03.11.2017- 08.01.2018

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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 - are pleased to announce the launching of the 3rd Restricted Call, for strategic project proposals.

How much funding is available?

The amount of **funding available** for this Restricted Call for Proposals is **39,699,253.00 EUR (ERDF)**, increased with the relevant Romanian and Hungarian state co-financing.

What is the subject of the Call?

The Investment priorities (Ips) opened within this Call are the following:

6/c - conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage - within Priority axis 1, Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources

- **22,977,417.00 EUR (ERDF)** is made available through this Call

7/c - Developing and improving environmentally-friendly transport systems (including low noise and low-carbon) - within Priority Axis 2, Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks

- **8,360,918.00 EUR (ERDF)** is made available through this Call

8/b - Supporting employment-friendly growth through the development of endogenous potential - within Priority Axis 3, Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility

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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. Beneficiaries of the projects funded by the programme can be public organisations (national, regional or local authorities), organisations that fall under public law, non-profit organisations (e.g. associations) and European Groupings for Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs). 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% for Hungarian applicants**, totalling both the ERDF and state co-financing. Financial **support may be up to 100%** for Romanian Central Public Authorities as well as for Hungarian Central Budgetary Organs.

How to apply?

Applications must be submitted **online, via [eMS system](#)**, starting with **03.11.2017. 8.00 a.m. until 08.01.2018, 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. Final answers will be released (published) not later than 11 working days before the submission deadline.

WE WISH YOU SUCCESS!

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.