

PRESS RELEASE

The Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme is pleased to announce the list **of the first 19 projects selected for contracting and over-contracting** after the 1st Open Call, worth a total of **more than 22 million EUR, ERDF**.

The 1st Open Call was launched on December 29, 2016, for the following investment priorities: Ip 6/b - investments in the water sector, Ip 6/c - natural and cultural heritage, as well as Ip 5/b - disaster management and was open until June 30, 2017.

The applications received have been evaluated in accordance with the approved methodology for assessment and selection, and the list of projects selected for financing or for over-contracting was approved by the Monitoring Committee (MC) during its 3rd meeting, held in December 2017, in Szeged, Hungary.

At the MC selection meeting, it was decided to grant the entire financial allocation of the Call for projects submitted within Ip 6/c - natural and cultural heritage and Ip 5/b - disaster management. At the same time, MC decided to relocate funds, from Ip 6/b - investments in the water sector to Ip 6/c - natural and cultural heritage, which **increased the allocation for the Ip 6/c** with more than **4,8 million EUR, ERDF**.

Information on the selected projects for funding, including those applications on reserve lists, can be accessed on our website: <http://interreg-rohu.eu/en/financed-projects/>.

The lists contain projects that may be over-contracted, subject to a favourable opinion from the competent ministries in both Member States.

Under this condition, for **Ip/6/c** - natural and cultural heritage, the total amount allocated to the **11 projects** selected for contracting and over-contracting is of **13,792,512.94 EUR, ERDF** while within **Ip 5/b** - disaster management, for the **8 projects**, the value of the allocation is of **8,927,418.50 EUR, ERDF**.

The selection of the first projects marks a very important step for the Programme. We are happy to be in this stage and we wish all the beneficiaries the best of luck with the implementation of their 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.