

## PRESS RELEASE

The Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme is pleased to announce that **with the occasion of its 4<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Committee (MC) Meeting**, held on June 28-29, 2018 in Arad, Romania, very **important decision** has been **made** in what concerns the **financing of 10 Concept Notes**, under the **Restricted Calls, worth 50% of the total ERDF programme budget**, i.e. more than **94,5 mil. EUR, ERDF**.

Funds are allocated for **projects under** the Investment priorities Ips **7/b (TEN-T infrastructure)**, **9/a (health-care infrastructure)**, **8/b (employment)** and **6/c (cultural heritage)**.

In line with the results of the quality assessment performed by independent assessors and with the position of the European Commission, namely the orientation towards projects with strong impact and concrete results, the decision made ensures a balanced allocation of resources, thus efficiently contributing to the development and overall quality of life in the border region.

The list of approved flagship projects submitted for the Concept Note phase will be published on the programme webpage as soon as the MC approves the related documents of the meeting.

In addition to the selection of the Concept Notes, **with the occasion of the meeting, other important topics** had been **tackled**, such as the modification of the **Rules of Procedure (RoP)** of the MC, the **status of programme implementation**, aspects related to the **pre-financing received by the Programme** from the Commission, **modifications of the Cooperation Programme** and last but not least, the **calendar of programme implementation**, including the planning of the next MC meeting.

The selection of the first Concept Notes, which are to be developed into full flagship projects in the following months marks a very important step for the Programme. We are happy that we reached this stage and we wish all the applicants good luck with their full applications.

*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.*