



**ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT  
FOR THE EUROPEAN  
TERRITORIAL COOPERATION GOAL**

**INTERREG V-A ROMANIA-HUNGARY  
– 2018 –**

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## **CITIZENS' SUMMARY**

of the Annual Implementation Report for 2018 regarding the  
Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

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.

Approved by the European Commission on December 9, 2015 the Programme supports activities within the following 6 thematic priority axes:

- PA 1: Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
- PA 2: Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)
- PA 3: Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment)
- PA 4: Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)
- PA 5: Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)
- PA 6: Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)

In general, beneficiaries of the projects funded by the Programme can be public organizations (national, regional or local authorities), organizations that fall under the public law, non-profit organizations (e.g. associations), European Groupings for Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and others.

Funding is offered in the framework of Open and Restricted Calls for proposals. The minimum requirement for a project partnership is the participation of 2 financing partners, one from Romania and one from Hungary. All the other eligibility criteria are detailed in the Guide for Applicants, specific for each Call.

The Programme is managed and supported by a series of different bodies, responsible to ensure that funds are spent in the best possible way. The main responsibility for Programme implementation belongs to the Managing Authority (Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration in Romania), in the beginning of 2018 it was performed by the Prime Minister's Office until the portfolio has been moved to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Hungary in course of legal succession and the Monitoring Committee, a joint body consisting of local and central stakeholders, as well as representatives of civil society from both Member States.

For more information about the Programme, please consult its official [website](#). You can also find us on [Facebook](#).

### **AIR 2018 / CITIZEN'S SUMMARY**

The Annual Implementation Report (AIR) of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme was prepared according to Article 50 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013) and was submitted to the European Commission for

approval in June 2019. The current document provides a brief summary of the activities that were undertaken in relation to the Programme implementation in the previous year, 2018.

The AIR contains information on the following main topics: the assessment of the applications received and the results of project selection, the information and communication measures undertaken at Programme level, as well as the outcomes of the contracting process.

It worth mentioning that in the year 2018, the entire financial allocation available within the Programme was granted to projects.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2018**

- ✓ **Applications** under the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Calls** assessed and **MC decisions made** in relation to their financing;
- ✓ **10 Concept Notes approved** under the Restricted Calls, **worth 50% of the total ERDF** Programme budget, i.e. **94,6 million EUR**;
- ✓ **5 requests for payment submitted** to the European Commission in 2018, **worth 2,996,373.23 EUR, ERDF**;
- ✓ **34 subsidy contracts signed** for projects under the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Calls**, as well as **9 contracts concluded for the Concept Notes**, reaching a **contracting rate of 15,01 % ERDF**, on Programme level;
- ✓ The **Annual event, titled “Making a Difference: ROHU Projects in Focus”**, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2018 in Satu Mare, Romania, brought together more than **100 participants**;
- ✓ **7 training events** organized **for the beneficiaries** of the 1<sup>st</sup> Open Call, gathering **156 participants**;
- ✓ **1 Newsletter edition** sent out to over **1.000 contacts**, observing the GDPR;
- ✓ The website registered over **222,000 visitors** and **1,530,000 views**;
- ✓ There were **730 likes, 756 follows**, over **130 postings**, as well as **1 prize-winning interactive contest on Facebook**;
- ✓ **19 technical meetings** and **8 internal training sessions** organized **for programme structures**;
- ✓ **3 Monitoring Committee Meetings** held in 2018, in Arad, Debrecen and Satu Mare;
- ✓ There has been an **intense activity and correspondence** with the **MC: 65 e-mails** sent on programme related topics, **14 written procedures** launched and **45 decisions** issued;
- ✓ **61 project partners personally assisted** to modify their projects in the eMS system, according to the recommendations received during the evaluation phase;
- ✓ **125 consultations carried out**, via e-mail or phone, on the topic of designing and implementing **communication activities** in order to comply with the relevant I & C programme rules.

### **2018 – THE YEAR OF NEW PROJECTS**

## INTRODUCING: OUR APPROVED PROJECTS

### Projects of the 1st Open Call

Application period: 29.12.2016-30.06.2017

**10**

**5/b** Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems

**11**

**6/c** Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage



### Concept Notes of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Restricted Calls

#### Basic statistics:

**42** partner institutions

**ca. 94,6 M €** ERDF support

#### Approved Concept Notes per priorities

**3**

**6/c** Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

**1**

**7/b** Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure

**1**

**8/b** Supporting employment-friendly growth through the development of endogenous potential

**5**

**9/a** Investing in health and social infrastructure which contributes to national, regional and local development

### Projects of the 2nd Open Call

Application period: 22.05.2017-30.09.2017

Investment priorities

**2**



**6/b** Investing in the water sector

**2**



**7/c** Developing and improving environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems

**32**



**11/b** Promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions

**36**

Projects selected

Partner institutions

**99**

**10**

Million € committed

## Projects of the 3rd Open Call

Application period: 03.11.2017 - 31.01.2018

**57**  
submissions

Projects selected

### Selection results



**33** projects  
selected for  
financing



**€ 55 983 189,90**  
ERDF funding  
committed

**2**

**7/c** Developing and  
improving environmentally-  
friendly (including low noise)  
and low-carbon transport  
systems

**19**

**8/b** Supporting employment-  
friendly growth through the  
development of endogenous  
potential

**12**

**9/a** Investment in health and  
social infrastructure