

## PRESS RELEASE

### INTERREG V-A ROMANIA-HUNGARY

#### The first meeting of the 2020+ Programming Committee and the 7th meeting of the Monitoring Committee

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, the first meeting of the Programming Committee, the structure responsible for the strategic planning and programming of the Interreg Program between Romania and Hungary for the period 2021-2027, was held in Nyiregyhaza (Hungary).

During the meeting, several important issues were discussed including the role of the Programming Committee and its responsibilities, as well as the indicative timing of the programming process. Also, the draft regulations on the cohesion policy of the European Union for 2021-2027 were presented and discussed, focusing on five objectives:

- **A Smarter Europe**, through innovation, digitisation, economic transformation and support to small and medium size enterprises
- **A Greener, carbon free Europe**, implementing the Paris Agreement and investing in energy transition, renewable energy and climate change mitigation
- A more **Connected Europe**, with strategic transport and digital network
- A more **Social Europe**, implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights and supporting quality employment, education, skills, social inclusion and equal access to healthcare
- **A Europe closer to citizens**, by supporting locally-led development strategies and sustainable urban development across the EU

On Thursday, November 14, 2019, in the context of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Monitoring Committee for Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme, the state of the implementation of the Program and the Annual Report of the Audit Authority were presented. Also, the Communication Plan of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme for 2020 was approved.

Both events benefited from the presence of Mrs Valeria CENACCHI, from the European Commission (DG REGIO, Unit for Cross-Border Cooperation), who, during the meeting of the Programming Committee, congratulated the programme's bodies on the quick start of the preparation of the future program and acknowledged the progress as compared to other programs. During the meeting of the Monitoring Committee, the representative of the European Commission also noted the progress made by the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme and appreciated the Managing Authority's capacity to manage 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 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.*