

PRESS RELEASE

The Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme continues to support hospitals in managing the COVID-19 pandemic

The Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration in Romania (MPWDA), as Managing Authority of the Programme, announces the **approval of a new amendment to the financing contract, for project ROHU-401, in the field of healthcare**. The approved modification **will allow the purchase of medical equipment** that is so very needed in the treatment of **COVID-19**.

In the frame of **project ROHU-401** " Improving health-care standards in prevention, identification and treatment of cardiovascular and gynecological diseases in the cross-border area", **Oradea County Emergency Clinical Hospital** will purchase **2 more intensive care ventilators and 1,500 Covid-19 test kits**. The project started its implementation in March 2019 and it aims at improving preventive and curative services in the counties of Timiș, Bihor and Hajdú-Bihar. The total budget of the project is 3 million euros, of which ERDF funds represent 2.55 million euros.

The MPWDA, through the Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat of the Programme within BRECO Oradea, encourage beneficiaries with projects in the field of healthcare or risk and disaster management to identify similar solutions, in order to support the population, the patients diagnosed with COVID-19 or the staff with responsibilities in the pandemic management.

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.