

1st Open Call- Normal Projects	
Project code	ROHU-7
Project title	JCJCMCBNH Joint challenge and joint cooperation for the management of cross-border natural heritage
Priority axis	1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
Investment priority	6/c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage.
Implementation period	29 Months (1 st of March 2018 - 31 st of July 2020)
Objective	The overall objective of the project is the preservation and development of a cross-border system to protect natural values with the aim of maintaining environmental balance, territorial identity and their integration into the modern tourist circuit.
Partners	Lead Beneficiary: Charity Society Don Orione Oradea (Romania)
	Project Partners: PP2: Békés Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Hungary) PP3: Körös-Maros National Park Directorate (Hungary)
TOTAL Budget	€ 1,117,788.09 out of which ERDF € 950,119.87
Summary	<p>ROHU 7 aims to enhance environmental quality and improve access to a cross-border natural network full of protected species throughout joint efforts of conservation and education for nature.</p> <p>The following activities are foreseen to be implemented within the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a tourist park in the village Zece Hotare and a Belvedere touristic refuge – Observer, fully equipped • Construction of a 750 sq. wooded hurdle for grazed cattle. • Elimination of invasive species along River Cris/Körös – Gyomaendrod by forestry mulching (land clearing method that uses a single machine - Forestry Mulcher - to cut, grind and clear vegetation)

- Developing a Cris/Körös Valley Visitor Centre and Animal Park - Szarvas, Bekes county
- purchasing equipment for the Tourist Info Point in Békéscsaba (laptops, smartphones, smart TV, etc.)
- organization of educational training sessions for children and young people ("School in nature", Survival classes for scouts, The importance of protected areas and Natura 2000 sites, Nature knowledge courses, Courses on nature protection)
- setting up 31.36 km of thematic and educational routes (Cave Route and Flora Route) by LB with high school students
- cleaning up 120 hectares of land on the Natura 2000 Crişul Repede Gorge – Craiului Forest site, with the participation of children and young people, members of the Orion Scouts Community
- Elaboration of Joint Tourist Strategy by PP2
- Organizing the conference „Conserving and Protecting Biodiversity and Natural Heritage,, by PP3
- organizing 4 conferences that gather regional experts and actors from the nature conservation and protection field, and also from the tourism domain –PP2
- participating at 6 trade fairs in the cross-border area: 2 times in Oradea, 2 times in Arad and 2 times in Bekescsaba - PP2
- elaboration of 5 surveys by PP3, whose results will guide the target groups in the process of taking decisions related to conservation and protection of natural heritage in general, and on Natura 2000 sites in particular

Programme Output Indicator is *“CO23 Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status”*. Through the project ROHU-7 activities, 386 ha of land has a better conservation status.

Main results

The main results of the project are the development of a tourist park in the village Zece Hotare, the construction of the Belvedere-Observatory touristic refuge and the development of a Cris/Körös Valley Visitor Centre in Szarvas.

Also, the elimination of the invasive species by forestry mulching along River Cris/Körös – Gyomaendrod, the construction of the wooded hurdle for cattle and the creating of the 2 thematic routes are within the project results.