

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

## **PART A**

### **IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL/FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT**

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## **2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(A) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.**

This is the second Annual Implementation Report (AIR) of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme, for the 2014-2020 programming period. It presents the progress achieved in the implementation of the Programme in 2016.

### **Setting up the management and control systems**

In 2016, the Managing Authority (MA), in cooperation with the other programme bodies, continued to coordinate and carry out the activities related to the setup of the system structure, which included: the Description of the Management and Control Systems (including all the necessary procedures); preparing the Memorandum of Implementation, templates of contracts, Delegated tasks/ Implementation Agreements etc.; organizing MC and technical meetings; hiring of JS and Info Points staff; setting up of the electronic monitoring system (eMS) and Programme communication activities.

### **Monitoring Committee and technical meetings**

The first Monitoring Committee meeting of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme was held in Békéscsaba, Hungary, on May 26, 2016. The discussions on these topics resulted in the approval of the Rules of Procedure of the Monitoring Committee and of the above mentioned TA financial allocations. The Communication Strategy of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme and the Visual Identity Manual were also approved. In addition, the members of the MC adopted the 2015 Annual Implementation Report (AIR).

The Monitoring Committee (MC) of the Programme held its second meeting on 24th of November 2016 in Timișoara, Romania, where the MC members approved the launching of entire or, in some cases, just a part of the financial allocations within some Investment Priorities, by the end of 2016. The agenda also focused on approving the followings: Communication Plan for 2017; Evaluation Plan of the; Anti-fraud Strategy; correction of material errors in the Rules of procedures of the MC.

In the year 2016, a total number of 24 technical meetings were organized, including preparatory meetings of the MC, technical meetings with Competition Council, as well as an eMS meeting for the programme bodies.

### **Institutional set-up**

Programme structures are operational (MA, NA, JS and FLCs). In 28 March 2016 the Implementation Agreement with RO FLC has been signed. Also, in April 2016, the

second round of recruitments for the Joint Secretariat was organized and in June 2016 has been finalized the selection of the staff for IP structure.

## **Communication**

In 2016, the information and communications activities were focused mainly on setting up a coherent communication approach, on promoting the Programme and its objectives, on informing the public about the role of the EU in the development of the border area and informing and assisting the potential applicants regarding the financial opportunities available in the framework of the Programme. The main references are: *the Communication Strategy (CS)*, *the Visual Identity Manual (VIM) of the Programme*, *the Programme's website* ([www.interreg-rohu.eu](http://www.interreg-rohu.eu)), *the Programme's Facebook page*. *The JS organized 97 periodic focus group meetings*, attended by a number of more than 300 potential applicants, with the aim to discuss project ideas, identify funding opportunities and facilitate the creation of partnerships.

*The Launching Conference of the Programme*: an important milestone in terms of communication was the official launch of the Programme (as the major communication event in 2016). The event took place on November 10, 2016 in Oradea, Romania. The aim of the event was to present the status of Programme implementation and it brought together 159 participants.

*The Newsletter*: the first issue of Programme's newsletter was released, publicized on the webpage and sent via email to more than 700 contacts, on December 30, 2016.

## **Launching of Calls for Proposals**

### *1. Preparation of two Application packages*

The MA with the support of JS had developed two Application packages, in connection with both types of Calls for Proposals and drafted the eligibility and assessment methodology and criteria as well. Before publishing the first 2 Calls, anybody could send observations and comments on the documents in the frame of **Public consultation procedures**, on the website of the MA ([www.mdrap.ro](http://www.mdrap.ro)) as well as on the websites of the Programme (<http://interreg-rohu.eu/en>) and BRECO, the hosting institution of the JS (<http://www.brecooradea.ro/>).

### *2. Launching of Calls for Proposals and supporting the applicants*

In 29th December 2016, two CfP were launched having the same deadline for submission of project applications, which is 24th April 2017:

- first *Restricted Call for strategic project proposals* - Priority Axis 2 (PA2- Improve cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks), solely Investment priority 7/b; the total amount of funding available: 13,925,083 EUR (ERDF), and the addition of relevant Romanian and Hungarian state co-financing.

- first *Open Call for normal project proposals* - Priority Axes: PA 1- Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Investment priorities 6/b, 6/c) and PA 5- Improve risk prevention and disaster management (Investment priority 5/b); the total amount of funding available: 22,615,835 EUR (ERDF), and the addition of relevant Romanian and Hungarian state co-financing.

**Electronic monitoring system:** The Programme uses the e-monitoring system (eMS), developed by Plot in cooperation with Interact. The eMS system and its functionalities fully comply with the e-Cohesion regulatory requirements (according to audit opinion).

There is no information to report yet on delivered indicator achievements for the specific objectives, as no projects were approved by the end of the year. Also, in relation to the financial data for PA 1-6, no information is relevant for the year 2016. Similarly, there are no evaluation results yet, as the first evaluation shall be performed in 2017.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

#### 3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
PA1	Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)	<p>The PA 1 falls under the Thematic Objective 6, Investment Priorities 6/b and 6/c. The projects that will be finance under this priority will be focused on protection of the natural and cultural heritage within the eligible area and investments in water sector, in order to protect and improve water quality and safeguard its quantity. The priority has been chosen by both member states and approved by the EC.</p> <p>Implementation has not started yet, in 2016 there were no projects selected.</p>
PA2	Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)	<p>The PA 2 falls under the Thematic Objective 7, Investment Priorities 7/b and 7/c. The projects that will be finance under this priority will be focused on improvement of regional mobility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure and development of environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems. The priority has been chosen by both member states and approved by the EC.</p> <p>Implementation has not started yet, in 2016 there were no projects selected.</p>
PA3	Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment)	<p>The PA 3 falls under the Thematic Objective 8, Investment Priority 8/b. The projects that will be finance under this priority will be focused on employment-friendly growth and promotion of cross-border labour mobility. The priority has been chosen by both member states and approved by the EC.</p> <p>Implementation has not started yet, in 2016 there were no projects selected.</p>
PA4	Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)	<p>The PA 4 falls under the Thematic Objective 9, Investment Priority 9/a. The projects that will be finance under this priority will be focused on investments in healthcare infrastructure.</p> <p>Implementation has not started yet, in 2016 there were no projects selected.</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
PA5	Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)	The PA 5 falls under the Thematic Objective 5, Investment Priority 5/b. The projects that will be finance under this priority will be focused on investments in disaster management infrastructure. Implementation has not started yet, in 2016 there were no projects selected.
PA6	Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)	The PA 6 falls under the Thematic Objective 11, Investment Priority 11/b. The projects that will be finance under this priority will be focused on increase of the joint institutional capacity to provide better services and support of the cooperation initiatives that bring institutions closer to communities and people, build cooperation and strengthen relationships. Implementation has not started yet, in 2016 there were no projects selected.
TA	Technical Assistance	<p>The PA7 TA seeks in particular to achieve two Specific Objectives, namely a) to secure the core management for the implementation of the Programme and b) to implement accompanying activities to support the generation and implementation of high-quality, result-oriented cross-border projects and partnerships in a way that the TA contributes to the effective and smooth management and implementation of the Programme.</p> <p>Members of MC agreed that the TA will be divided into 8 Technical Assistance projects:</p> <p>TA1 – Managing Authority with certification function (MA- Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds in Romania)</p> <p>TA2 – Joint Secretariat - BRECO</p> <p>TA3 – Info Points (IP- SZPO)</p> <p>TA4 – Audit Authority (AA- within the Romanian Court of Accounts)</p> <p>TA5 – Audit Body in Hungary (AB- Directorate General for Audit of European Funds)</p> <p>TA6 – Hungarian National Authority (Prime Minister’s Office in Hungary)</p> <p>TA7 – First Level Control Unit from Romania (FLCU RO- BRECO)</p> <p>TA8 – First Level Control Unit from Hungary (FLCU HU- SZPO)</p> <p>Main TA activities in 2016 included:</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- day-to-day management of the programme by the MA, with support of the JS and support to the MC;</li> <li>- actions for setting up the legal and administrative framework needed for starting the programme implementation;</li> <li>- development of strategic and/or support documents on the programme level:</li> <li>- drafting and launching of calls for proposals, including the development of the guidance documents;</li> <li>including setting up and testing eMS;</li> <li>- ongoing- setting up and testing of the eMS and subsequent training of key-users;</li> <li>- communication activities:</li> </ul>

### 3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

#### Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	PA1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
Investment priority	6b - Investing in the water sector to meet the requirements of the Union's environmental acquis and to address needs, identified by the Member States, for investment that goes beyond those requirements

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number	19.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number	19.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	0.00	0.00
S	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	0.00	0.00



Priority axis	PA1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
Investment priority	6b - Investing in the water sector to meet the requirements of the Union's environmental acquis and to address needs, identified by the Member States, for investment that goes beyond those requirements
Specific objective	SO6/b - Improved quality management of cross-border rivers and ground water bodies

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	Observations
R 6/b	Water quality (ecological condition) of crossborder rivers at the measurement points in the eligible area	Weighted average ecological quality at measurement points	2.40	2013	2.20			No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 6/b	Water quality (ecological condition) of crossborder rivers at the measurement points in the eligible area				

Priority axis	PA1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	53,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	53,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	4,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	4,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	SO6/c - Sustainable use of natural, historic, and cultural heritage within the eligible area

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	Observations
R 6/c	Tourist overnight stays in the eligible programme area	visitor nights	4,885,294.00	2013	5,485,294.00	0.00		No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 6/c	Tourist overnight stays in the eligible programme area	0.00		0.00	

Priority axis	PA2 - Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)
Investment priority	7b - Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	16.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	16.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	18.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	18.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	0.00	0.00
S	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	0.00	0.00
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	0.00	0.00
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA2 - Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)
Investment priority	7b - Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes
Specific objective	SO7/b - Improved cross-border accessibility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	Observations
R 7/b	Cross-border population served by modernized infrastructure leading to TEN-T	Number of inhabitants	356,076.00	2014	446,424.00	0.00		No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 7/b	Cross-border population served by modernized infrastructure leading to TEN-T	0.00		0.00	

Priority axis	PA2 - Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)
Investment priority	7c - Developing and improving environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure, in order to promote sustainable regional and local mobility

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number	20.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number	20.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
F	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	km	19.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	km	19.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	0.00	0.00
S	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	0.00	0.00
F	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	0.00	0.00
S	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA2 - Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)
Investment priority	7c - Developing and improving environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure, in order to promote sustainable regional and local mobility
Specific objective	SO7/c - Increased proportion of passengers using sustainable – low carbon, low noise – forms of cross-border transport

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	Observations
R 7/c	Ratio of people to motorized road vehicles crossing the border	Ratio of persons to motorized road vehicles	2.50	2014	2.65	0.00		No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 7/c	Ratio of people to motorized road vehicles crossing the border	0.00		0.00	

Priority axis	PA3 - Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment)
Investment priority	8b - Supporting employment-friendly growth through the development of endogenous potential as part of a territorial strategy for specific areas, including the conversion of declining industrial regions and enhancement of accessibility to, and development of, specific natural and cultural resources

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	15,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	15,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	0.00	0.00
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	0.00	0.00



Priority axis	PA3 - Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment)
Investment priority	8b - Supporting employment-friendly growth through the development of endogenous potential as part of a territorial strategy for specific areas, including the conversion of declining industrial regions and enhancement of accessibility to, and development of, specific natural and cultural resources
Specific objective	SO8/b - Increased employment within the eligible area

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	Observations
R 8/b	Employment rate in the eligible area as a percentage of the working age population	%	56.31	2012	56.51	0.00		No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 8/b	Employment rate in the eligible area as a percentage of the working age population	0.00		0.00	

Priority axis	PA4 - Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)
Investment priority	9a - Investing in health and social infrastructure which contributes to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, promoting social inclusion through improved access to social, cultural and recreational services and the transition from institutional to community-based services

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	Number of people	3,911,505.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	Number of people	3,911,505.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
F	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number	38.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number	38.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	0.00	0.00
S	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	0.00	0.00
F	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	0.00	0.00
S	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA4 - Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)
Investment priority	9a - Investing in health and social infrastructure which contributes to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, promoting social inclusion through improved access to social, cultural and recreational services and the transition from institutional to community-based services
Specific objective	SO9/a - Improved preventive and curative health-care services across the eligible area

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	Observations
R 9/a	Average service level in health care institutions in the eligible area	Rate of service level of the health care institutions	3.19	2015	3.40	0.00		No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 9/a	Average service level in health care institutions in the eligible area	0.00		0.00	

Priority axis	PA5 - Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)
Investment priority	5b - Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people	700,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people	700,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	0.00	0.00
S	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA5 - Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)
Investment priority	5b - Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems
Specific objective	SO5/b - Improved cross-border disasters and risk management

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	Observations
R 5/b	Quality of the joint risk management	Rate of preparedness	3.02	2015	3.19	0.00		No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 5/b	Quality of the joint risk management	0.00		0.00	

Priority axis	PA6 - Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)
Investment priority	11b - Promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions (ETC-CB)

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number	36.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number	36.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
F	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	Number of people	2,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.
S	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	Number of people	2,000.00	0.00	No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	0.00	0.00
S	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	0.00	0.00
F	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	0.00	0.00
S	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA6 - Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)
Investment priority	11b - Promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions (ETC-CB)
Specific objective	SO11 - Intensify sustainable cross-border cooperation of institutions and communities

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	Observations
R11/b	Intensity level of cross-border cooperation	Rate of intensity of cross-border cooperation	3.46	2015	3.57	0.00		No progress on results, as no projects were contracted by the end of 2016.

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R11/b	Intensity level of cross-border cooperation	0.00		0.00	

## Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	TA - Technical Assistance
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	Number		0.00	
S	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	Number		0.00	
F	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	Number		2.00	
S	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	Number		2.00	
F	TA3	Number of MC meetings	Number		2.00	
S	TA3	Number of MC meetings	Number		2.00	
F	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	Number		0.00	
S	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	Number		0.00	
F	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		48.00	Salaries will be co-financed by TA for different TA beneficiaries, but the TA contracts were not yet signed at the end of 2015.
S	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		48.00	Salaries will be co-financed by TA for different TA beneficiaries, but the TA contracts were not yet signed at the end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	0.00	0.00
S	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	0.00	0.00
F	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	0.00	0.00
S	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	0.00	0.00
F	TA3	Number of MC meetings	0.00	0.00
S	TA3	Number of MC meetings	0.00	0.00
F	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	0.00	0.00



(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
S	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	0.00	0.00
F	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	0.00	0.00
S	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	0.00	0.00

**3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework**

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	2016 Final target (2023) total	2016	Observations
PA1	F	F.PA1	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	5,920,000.00	48,502,844.00	0.00	
PA1	I	K6/b	Number of measurement points benefiting from the projects selected for support	Number	4	0.00	0.00	
PA1	I	K6/c	Number of projects aimed at increasing visits to sites of cultural and natural heritage selected for support	Number	4	0.00	0.00	
PA1	O	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	-	53,000.00	0.00	
PA1	O	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number	-	19.00	0.00	
PA2	F	F.PA2	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	4,270,000.00	34,995,589.00	0.00	
PA2	I	K7/b	Number of km of newly built roads for which technical documentation is elaborated	km	3.5	0.00	0.00	
PA2	I	K7/c	Number of public transport services benefiting from projects selected for support	Number	5	0.00	0.00	
PA2	O	CO13a	Roads: Total length of newly built roads, of which: TEN-T	km	-	16.00	0.00	
PA2	O	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number	-	20.00	0.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	2016 Final target (2023) total	2016	Observations
PA3	F	F.PA3	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	6,720,000.00	55,070,771.00	0.00	
PA3	I	K8/b	Number of projects related to joint local employment initiatives and joint training approved	Number	6	0.00	0.00	
PA3	O	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	-	15,000.00	0.00	
PA4	F	F.PA4	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	6,960,000.00	57,034,498.00	0.00	
PA4	I	K9/a2	Number of health-care departments benefiting from projects selected for support	Number	10	0.00	0.00	
PA4	O	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number	-	38.00	0.00	
PA5	F	F.PA5	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	1,170,000.00	9,548,042.00	0.00	
PA5	I	K5/b	Population benefiting from selected projects	Number of people	70,000.00		0.00	
PA5	O	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people	-	700,000.00	0.00	
PA6	F	F.PA6	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	490,000.00	4,013,379.00	0.00	
PA6	O	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number	4	36.00	0.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2015	2014
PA1	F	F.PA1	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR		

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2015	2014
PA1	I	K6/b	Number of measurement points benefiting from the projects selected for support	Number		
PA1	I	K6/c	Number of projects aimed at increasing visits to sites of cultural and natural heritage selected for support	Number		
PA1	O	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year		
PA1	O	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number		
PA2	F	F.PA2	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR		
PA2	I	K7/b	Number of km of newly built roads for which technical documentation is elaborated	km		
PA2	I	K7/c	Number of public transport services benefiting from projects selected for support	Number		
PA2	O	CO13a	Roads: Total length of newly built roads, of which: TEN-T	km		
PA2	O	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number		
PA3	F	F.PA3	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR		
PA3	I	K8/b	Number of projects related to joint local employment initiatives and joint training approved	Number		
PA3	O	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons		

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2015	2014
PA4	F	F.PA4	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR		
PA4	I	K9/a2	Number of health-care departments benefiting from projects selected for support	Number		
PA4	O	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number		
PA5	F	F.PA5	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR		
PA5	I	K5/b	Population benefiting from selected projects	Number of people		
PA5	O	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people		
PA6	F	F.PA6	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR		
PA6	O	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number		

### 3.4. Financial data

**Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level**

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Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
PA1	ERDF	Total	48,502,844.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
PA2	ERDF	Total	34,995,589.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
PA3	ERDF	Total	55,070,771.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
PA4	ERDF	Total	57,034,498.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
PA5	ERDF	Total	9,548,042.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
PA6	ERDF	Total	4,013,379.00	85.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
TA	ERDF	Total	22,696,640.00	50.00	6,306,354.00	27.79%	6,306,354.00	0.00	0.00%	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>ERDF</b>		<b>231,861,763.00</b>	<b>81.57</b>	<b>6,306,354.00</b>	<b>2.72%</b>	<b>6,306,354.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Grand total</b>			<b>231,861,763.00</b>	<b>81.57</b>	<b>6,306,354.00</b>	<b>2.72%</b>	<b>6,306,354.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>3</b>

**Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)**

Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary

**Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention**

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
PA1	ERDF												
PA2	ERDF												
PA3	ERDF												
PA4	ERDF												
PA5	ERDF												
PA6	ERDF												
TA	ERDF	121	01	07	07					5,713,273.45	5,713,273.45	0.00	3
TA	ERDF	122	01	07	07					185,135.14	185,135.14	0.00	
TA	ERDF	123	01	07	07					407,945.41	407,945.41	0.00	



**Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area**

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
All or part of an operation outside the Union part of the programme area (2)	0.00		0.00	

(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

#### 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

The Ex Ante evaluation of the programme area and corresponding needs has been prepared during the programming phase of the Programme and since then, no additional evaluations of the Programme have been performed.

However, in 2016 was approved by the Monitoring Committee the Evaluation plan for Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary, addressing the whole programming. The Evaluation Plan sets out an evaluation strategy for the entire implementation period of the programme, proportionate with its financial allocation and taking into account the expected evolution of the programme and the elements that are to be reported. It represents a management tool for the implementation of Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme by supporting quality evaluations to be used effectively by the Managing Authority in order to contribute to the implementation of an evidence-based programme.

## 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

### (a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

The main issues that were considered to be susceptible to affect the performance of the programme concerned:

1. the delay in approving the programme document

The new Cross-border Programme between Romania and Hungary was adopted by the Commission in 9th of December 2015. The delay was caused by the complex process of negotiation and had its impacts.

The main measure taken to secure numerous and qualitative projects, was the organization of 97 periodic focus group meetings by the JS, throughout the year 2016, with the aim to discuss project ideas, identify funding opportunities and facilitate the creation of partnerships. The meetings took place on both sides of the border and more than 300 different types of potential applicants attended to them.

1. the slow process of setting up the legal and administrative framework needed for starting the programme implementation.

As with any start-up process regarding the programme, there were intensive discussions for setting up the legal and administrative framework needed for starting the programme implementation, between the main programme bodies which have been slowing the programme's start-up. The designation of Managing Authority based in Romania implied the setup of new systems and procedures, including the Description of Management and Control Systems (DMCS) required for designation, staff recruitment for JS and Info Points.

The measures taken consisted of organization of meetings and permanent consultations with participation of representatives from the Managing Authority and the National Authority, other Technical Meetings, in view of clarifying and agreeing upon all the aspects needed or for decision making. During 2016, the designation documents and all internal procedures of JS/IPs were prepared in different stages of elaboration and sent to Managing Authority.

1. State Aid

The State Aid is a very complex issue with a potentially significant impact on programme implementation. In order to tackle it, the involvement of relevant bodies from both countries was needed and this aspect also slowed down the process of launching the CfPs.

The measures taken comprised of consultations and organization of meetings with the relevant National Authorities from the both countries. Following the discussions, important steps have been made and a consensus among competent institutions in the field was reached.

Another measure initiated by the Managing Authority was the process for the adoption of three state aid schemes.

#### 1. delays in launching of Calls for Proposals

The three issues mentioned before had direct impact and, therefore, caused the delays in launching of the CfPs. In order to reduce these delays and the administrative burdens for applicants/beneficiaries the following measures had been taken:

- Electronic submission was introduced in order to ensure the smoother and shorter submission, assessment and contracting procedure.
- The submission of applications has been simplified by reducing the number of required documents. For a significant number of documents, the requirement to provide English translation has been eliminated.
- It was created the framework of a more flexible project implementation and budget amendment/reduction in order to facilitate the submission of the applications in eMS, and later on to reduce the number of project changes of mostly technical character – throughout the implementation of the Programme.
- The decisions to use simplified cost options was adopted, taking into account the provisions of the Article 67 and Article 68 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, as well as the Commission Regulation (EU) No 481/2014.

In 29th December 2016, the first two CfP were launched having the same deadline for submission of project applications.

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfillment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

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Not applicable.

## **6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

**7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS  
(ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

**8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**8.1. Major projects**

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority Axis/Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress — Main implementation stage of the project	M
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

Not applicable for the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme.

Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

Not applicable for the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme.







## 8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

Not applicable for the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme.

**Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)**

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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**Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them**

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**9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Priority axis	PA1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
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The Implementation of PA1 has not started yet; therefore, there is no information to report yet on delivered indicator achievements for the specific objectives, as no projects have been approved until the end of 2016.

Priority axis	PA2 - Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)
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The Implementation of PA2 has not started yet; therefore, there is no information to report yet on delivered indicator achievements for the specific objectives, as no projects have been approved until the end of 2016.

Priority axis	PA3 - Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment)
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The Implementation of PA3 has not started yet; therefore, there is no information to report yet on delivered indicator achievements for the specific objectives, as no projects have been approved until the end of 2016.

Priority axis	PA4 - Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)
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The Implementation of PA4 has not started yet; therefore, there is no information to report yet on delivered indicator achievements for the specific objectives, as no projects have been approved until the end of 2016.

Priority axis	PA5 - Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)
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The Implementation of PA5 has not started yet; therefore, there is no information to report yet on delivered indicator achievements for the specific objectives, as no projects have been approved until the end of 2016.

Priority axis	PA6 - Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)
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The Implementation of PA6 has not started yet; therefore, there is no information to report yet on delivered indicator achievements for the specific objectives, as no projects have been approved until the end of 2016.

Priority axis	TA - Technical Assistance
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The Technical Assistance has been approved on the 1st Monitoring Committee meeting on 26th of May 2016. The total co-financing funds available for the TA activities amounts to 22,696.640.00 EUR, from which 11,348,320.00 EUR (50%) comes from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Members of MC agreed that the TA will be divided into **8 Technical Assistance projects**, having the following allocations:

**TA Beneficiary**

1. Managing Authority with certification function (MA)

**Total allocation until 2023 - EURO: 5,551,087.00**

**ERDF (50%) : 2,775,543.50**

**RO national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structure): 1,387,771.75**

**HU national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structures): 1,387,771.75**

2. Joint Secretariat (JS)

**Total allocation until 2023 - EURO: 6,926,215.00**

**ERDF (50%) : 3,463,107.50**

**RO national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structure): 1,731,553.75**

**HU national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structures): 1,731,553.75**

3. Info Points (IP)

**Total allocation until 2023 - EURO: 1,780,576.00**

**ERDF (50%) : 890,288.00**

**RO national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structure): 445,144.00**

**HU national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structures): 445,144.00**

4. Audit Authority (AA)

**Total allocation until 2023 - EURO: 626,207.00**

**ERDF (50%) : 313,103.50**

**RO national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structure): 156,551.75**

**HU national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structures): 156,551.75**



5. Audit Body in Hungary (AB)

**Total allocation until 2023 - EURO: 444,865.00**

**ERDF (50%) : 222,432.50**

**RO national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structure: 111,216.25**

**HU national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structures): 111,216.25**

6. Hungarian National Authority (HUNA)

**Total allocation until 2023 - EURO: 486,000.00**

**ERDF (50%) : 243,000.00**

**RO national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structure: -**

**HU national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structures): 243,000.00**

7. First Level Control from Romania (FLC RO)

**Total allocation until 2023 - EURO: 3,440,845.00**

**ERDF (50%) : 1,720,422.50**

**RO national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structure: 1,720,422.50**

**HU national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structures): -**

8. First Level Control from Hungary (FLC HU)

**Total allocation until 2023 - EURO: 3,440,845.00**

**ERDF (50%) : 1,720,422.50**

**RO national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structure: -**

**HU national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structures): 1,720,422.50**

**Total allocation of Axis 7**

**Total allocation until 2023 - EURO: 22,696,640.00**

**ERDF (50%) : 11,348,320.00**

**RO national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structure): 5,552,660.00**

**HU national co-financing (25% for core programme structures; 50% for national structures): 5,795,660.00**

**The main TA activities carried out in 2016 included:**

- day-to-day management of the programme by the MA, with support of the JS and support ensured for the MC's activity (e.g. organization of MC meetings, technical meetings between programme bodies);
- actions for setting up the legal and administrative framework needed for starting the programme implementation;
- development of strategic and support documents on programme level: Rules of Procedures of the Monitoring Committee, Memorandum of Implementation, Description of the Management and Control System, working procedures for MA, NA, JS, IPs and FLCs, Annual Implementation Report for 2015, Evaluation Plan of the Programme, Communication Strategy and Visual Identity Manual, Methodology and criteria for assessment and selection of projects etc.
- drafting and launching Calls for proposals, including the development of the guidance documents;
- ongoing- setting up and testing of the eMS and subsequent training of key-users;
- communication activities: development of Programme webpage and Facebook page; organization of the launching conference of the programme; preparation and dissemination of promotional materials; organization of focus groups meetings with potential applicants.

**The achievements of indicators for the specific objectives:**

No of MC meetings: 2

During 2016, two MC meetings had been organized on May 26, 2016 in Békéscsaba (Hungary) and on November, 24, 2016 in Timișoara (Romania).

Number of call for proposals launched: 2

In 29 December 2016, two CfP were launched with the same deadline for submission of project applications- 24 April 2017:

- first Restricted Call for strategic project proposals, concerning the Priority Axis 2 (PA2- Improve cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks), solely Investment priority 7/b; the total amount of funding available: 13,925,083 EUR (ERDF), increased with the relevant Romanian and Hungarian state co-financing.

- first Open Call for normal project proposals, concerning only the following Priority Axes: PA 1- Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Investment priorities 6/b, 6/c) and PA 5- Improve risk prevention and disaster management (Investment priority 5/b); the total amount of funding available: 22,615,835 EUR (ERDF), increased with the relevant Romanian and Hungarian state co-financing.

Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA: 48

**9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

These principles shall be respected during **the implementation of the Programme and the selection and implementation of each project** to be selected for financing. Such projects can be envisaged in:

- PA 3: Improve employment and promote cross-border labor mobility – Ip 8/b,
- PA 4: Improving health-care services – Ip 9/a
- PA 6: Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens – Ip 11/b

In order to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, the following actions have been taken:

A) Guidance on the requirements and methods of evaluation and assessment was provided both in the brochure “*GENDER EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION within the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme 2014-2020*” and the *Guides for Applicants* within the Calls for project proposals launched in 2016.

B) A training on gender equality and non-discrimination for the potential beneficiaries of the Interreg V-A RO-HU Programme was organized in Timișoara (Romania), on September, 30, 2015.

C) The Programme’s webpage has a special module in order to be accessed by the visually impaired people.

D) In order to facilitate the access of disabled persons to the Joint Secretariat, the main JS headquarters has a special ramp for them.

E) In the staff recruitment process for the Programme management bodies (JS, IPs, etc.), the Managing Authority applied the policy of equal opportunities and, in consequence, accepted applications without discrimination on the ground of gender, race, nationality, religion or other social criteria, disability, age or sexual orientation.

F) In all procurement procedures conducted by the MA and JS, from the preparation of specifications and throughout the procurement processes, the gender equality and non-discrimination were taken into account and respected.

Furthermore, the future activities of project monitoring carried out by the Programme bodies will include tools which will highlight how these principles are fulfilled by the beneficiaries of funded projects within the Programme.

### 9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

Sustainable development is taken into account as a horizontal principle both during the programme and project implementation. Until now, the sustainable development was secured by:

#### **A) Integrating sustainable approaches into the priorities of the Programme**

The Programme sustains such Priority Axes where main focus will be put on **environmental protection** or at least they have positive direct or indirect effects on the environment: PA 1: Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources, PA 2: Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks, PA 5: Improve risk-prevention and disaster management

#### **B) Providing guidance through the Guides for Applicants on the requirements and methods of evaluation and assessment**

In order to ensure sustainable development, the following criteria are used as general guiding principles for the selection of projects: due attention will be paid to the environmental protection requirements, climate change mitigation and adaptation; in case of transport development, the aspect of smart regional mobility should be promoted; in case of road constructions silent road surface for road constructions in populated areas can be requested; in case of purchasing vehicles for the improvement of the transport conditions, silent modes shall be taken into account when selecting; in case of investments negatively affecting nature, fauna and flora, and biodiversity, only those projects should be selected, where investments are accompanied by compensatory measures and damage mitigation; in addition, wherever relevant, in the case of investment projects the following requirements will be considered: for projects involving purchasing products, those products should comply with the energy efficiency requirements set out in Annex III of the Energy Efficiency Dir. (2012/27/EU) for products subject to public procurement; if a project involves building, construction and renovation, requirement to prove cost-optimal levels of energy performance according to Dir. 2010/31/EU.

Therefore, the projects funded will have to contribute to the environmental sustainability of the programme area and have to integrate environmental considerations with the aim to promote sustainable development. The following environmental indicators set during the Strategic Environmental Assessment procedure for the Programme are to be taken into account:

Biodiversity, flora, fauna, NATURA 2000: no of actions which have impact on habitats in the eligible area; no of actions which have impact on NATURA 2000 sites in the eligible area.

Water (surface waters, ground waters): no of actions impacting the elimination of pollution sources in the eligible area.

Soil and land use: no of actions having an impact on landscape and soil in the eligible area

Air and fighting climate change: no of sustainable routes in the eligible area

Landscape: no of actions contributing to the rehabilitated land in the eligible area

Material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage: no of restored historical, natural and cultural heritage sites

In the frame of the selection and evaluation process, shall be checked whether the national and EC environmental legislations are correctly applied and the projects having proven negative effect on the environment will not receive financial support.

#### 9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

Priority axis	Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)	Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

The main factors contributing to climate change are greenhouse gases deployed in the atmosphere from energy and non-energy sources. Besides the contributions to the sustainable development, the Programme also makes specific contributions to **climate change mitigation** through the following interventions:

- PA1: various interventions under Ip 6/c make a contribution through safeguarding natural values;
- PA2: the development of more sustainable forms of mobility (Ip 7/c) clearly contribute to climate change mitigation by reducing the GHG emissions;
- PA5: many of the interventions proposed as part of PA5 (Ip 5/b) to improve disaster resilience and disaster management also make a direct contribution to climate change mitigation.

In addition, the ability to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation will be taken into account as general guiding principle in the project selection process.

Within the Guides of Applicants is mentioned that the projects should at least avoid making use of such sources, and additionally support the fight against climate change.



### **9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

In accordance with the multi-level governance principle the involvement of partners is a central component throughout the development and implementation of the Programme. In this respect, the involvement of all relevant national, regional and local stakeholders in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme was also ensured and the main action taken was related to the **involvement of partners in the Monitoring Committee of the Programme.**

The Managing Authority contacted all relevant stakeholders officially in writing for nomination in both Member States (MSs) based on the input nationally given by Romania and Hungary. Also, Member States agreed to elaborate a transparent procedure to select NGOs (e.g. environmental, economic) as members of the MC in an observer capacity.

After the acceptance of the official nomination the MC was set up and its Rules of Procedure were approved, during the first MC meeting, held in Békéscsaba, Hungary, on May 26, 2016. The list of MC members is available on the Programme's website, at the following link: <http://interreg-rohu.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/MC-members-and-observers-list-for-website-24.05.2017-.pdf>

The MC members from line ministries responsible for different relevant portfolios as well as from the counties in the eligible areas participated at **two MC meetings** (in Békéscsaba and Timișoara), where they have been involved in the adoption or approval of some strategic documents for the implementation and evaluation of the Programme, such as: Rules of Procedures of the MC, TA allocations, Communication Strategy (including visual identity of the Programme), Annual Implementation Report for 2015, Evaluation Plan, Communication Plan for 2017, Anti-fraud Strategy and launching of two Calls for project proposals.

Also, according to the discussions held with the programme structures / the MC members regarding the documents under preparation for the Programme, **other technical meetings** were organized by the MA or JS. Therefore, the MA facilitated discussions at these meetings and offered details regarding the Programme documents from a professional point of view. These meetings, besides agreeing on implementation strategies and on final draft versions of the documents, were also aimed to sustain and improve the internal communication between the programme bodies.

Furthermore, in 2016 the MA launched 3 rounds of national **public consultations** in Romania, where all stakeholders were invited to get involved in the consultation process and express their point of views and suggestions regarding the Guides for Applicants and their Annexes.

In conclusion, during 2016 the representatives of relevant state administration and regional/local authorities as well as other relevant stakeholders from the MSs actively participated in the implementation of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme.

## **10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013**

### **10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations**

The evaluation plan for Interreg V-A Romania – Hungary, addressing the whole programming period was approved by the Monitoring Committee in November 2016. It was also sent to the EC.

The Evaluation Plan sets out an evaluation strategy for the entire implementation period of the programme, proportionate with its financial allocation and taking into account the expected evolution of the programme and the elements that are to be reported. It represents a management tool for the implementation of Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme by supporting quality evaluations to be used effectively by the Managing Authority in order to contribute to the implementation of an evidence-based programme.

The following main evaluations are envisaged:

1. Evaluation of the communication strategy in support of potential project beneficiaries -**February 2017 – April 2017**
2. Evaluation of the programme performance and framework indicators /Evaluation of the programme performance and implementation systems in relation to the programme and projects (efficiency aspects) – including horizontal topics -**February 2018 – June 2018**
3. Evaluation for updating findings of previous evaluations and for the effectiveness of communication - **January 2019 – April 2019**
4. Impact evaluation related to FSP -**January 2020 – April 2020**
5. Impact evaluation related to the programme IPs and their specific objectives. Also, impact shall be judged in relation to the communication activities developed between 2016 and 2019 - **December 2020 / January 2021 - March 2021**
6. Report summarizing the findings of evaluations during the programming period (see table above)(internal evaluation)- **January 2022 – March 2022**

Preparations are in advanced stage for implementing the first evaluation foreseen, which focuses on the communication activities undertaken in 2015 and in 2016.

Based on the plan, further details in this respect are provided:

End result: to produce knowledge on the efficiency of the communication activity undertaken in the early stages of the programme, in support of beneficiaries, derived from the promotion of the programme; to produce knowledge and information on how the horizontal topics were addressed within the application forms.

Also, an internal evaluation programme manual was developed in order to secure the smooth development of the evaluation, including tasks and responsibilities, so as to secure independence and neutrality of the evaluation.



## 10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

The Monitoring Committee approved the Communication Strategy and monitors annually the progress made in its implementation. A communication plan is presented to the Monitoring Committee every year, together with the progress made on the indicators, according to Art. 116 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

Relevant indicators mentioned in the Technical Assistance contracts as well as other indicators specific for communication, which shall measure the achievement of the communication objectives, have been set and are assessed annually when, presenting the progress of the CS implementation to the Monitoring Committee.

As the level of the JS, the Programme communication efforts are evaluated every year against a series of indicators, set in connection with each of the specific communication objectives. The achievements for the year 2016 are reflected in the indicator table below:

Indicator: CO 1.1. No of internal meetings and trainings held

Source of data: List of participants

2016: 12

Target value: At least 1/year

Indicator: *CO 1.1. No of MC meetings[1]\**

Source of data: Minutes of MC meetings

2016: 2

Target value: At least 1/year

Indicator: CO 1.2. No of participations of the staff to Interact and other inter-programme initiatives, focusing on experience exchange

Source of data: List of participants

2016: 4

Target value: At least 1/ year

Indicator: *CO 2.1. No of events for information and promotion of the Programme (targeted events for applicants)[2]\**

Source of data: Sum of own data collected by JS

2016: NA

Target value: At least 1 joint Partner Search Forum for each open CfP and 4 Info days sessions held for pair counties in connection with each CfP

Indicator: CO 2.1. No of participants in information events held for project applicants

Source of data: List of participants

2016: NA

Target value: Variable for each type of event

Indicator: *CO 2.1. No of Calls for proposals launched[3]\**

Source of data: Sum of own data collected by JS

2016: 2

Target value: Variable, based on the decision of the Programme management bodies

Indicator: CO 2.2. No of targeted events for project beneficiaries held

Source of data: Sum of own data collected by JS

2016: NA

Target value: At least 4 training sessions held for pair counties in connection with each CfP /series of approved projects (including use of the eMS system)

Indicator: *CO 3.1. No of communication actions with media impact (press conferences, press releases, interviews, advertisements via different media channels)*

Source of data: Sum of own data collected by JS

2016: 4

Target value: Min. 1 actions with media impact/ year

Indicator: *CO 3.1. No of websites created*

Source of data: Data collected by JS

2016: 1

Target value: 1 website

Indicator: *CO 3.1.* No of Programme annual events

Source of data: Data collected by JS

2016: 1

Target value: 1 event/ year

Indicator: *CO 3.1.* No of publications printed/ to be printed

Source of data: Data collected by JS

2016: 1000

Target value: Leaflets 1000; Project brochures and other publications, based on need

Indicator: *CO 3.1.* No of users who receive the electronic newsletter

Source of data: Data collected by JS

2016: 700

Target value: Variable, function of e-mailing list: at least 500 persons/issue

Indicator: *CO 3.2.* No of communication seminars organised

Source of data: Sum of own data collected by JS

2016: NA

Target value: At least 4 training sessions held for pair counties in connection with each series of approved projects (may be organised together with LB/ project beneficiaries seminars)

In addition to the values of the indicators reported above, all through the year 2016, the JS put a great emphasis on the promotion of the Programme and continuously provided personalized information (e.g. personal meetings, inquiry emails) and organized support group meetings for potential applicants. A total number of 97

periodic focus group meetings, attended by a number of more than 300 potential applicants, were held by JS in 2016, with the aim to discuss project ideas, identify funding opportunities and facilitate the creation of partnerships. The meetings took place on both sides of the border and were planned and implemented in view of the CfPs launched in December, as early preparatory measures, with the aim to ensure the submission of numerous and qualitative projects. Only in November and December 2016, the Programme met 160 people, in the framework of the focus group meetings mentioned above or at different events, organized by other institutions.

As a result of these meetings, interesting project ideas had been identified and discussed and many potential applicants have found possible project partners. The Partner Search interface developed on the Programme's website proved to be also a useful tool, since it offers many different project ideas and contact details of organizations looking for partners.

The programme's website was updated on a regular basis with news and information concerning the active CfPS and the related Application Packages, programme documents, partner search database, etc.

An intensive communication and information campaign which will follow in the beginning of 2017, mainly focused on the 2 CfPs launched and on supporting applicants, in order to attract high quality applications and ensure effective programme implementation.



**11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**11.1 Progress in implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including sustainable urban development, and community-led local development under the cooperation programme**

CLLD and ITI as potential tools of integrated territorial development **will not be applied** in the Programme.

However, the integrated approach to territorial development is clearly present in the Programme – in two priorities:

- **PA 1: Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources** – Ip 6/c (Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage).

The Specific Objective is the sustainable use of natural, historic and cultural heritage within the eligible area. Instead of one-off individual projects, it is envisaged that a number of cultural and natural heritages are rehabilitated in a specific cross-border area, and thematic routes may be built around the rehabilitated (including also already existing facilities) heritage sites. This can only be done using an integrated approach, bringing together different actors and implementing various different interventions (rehabilitation of a number of interconnected heritage sites, improving their accessibility, developing related touristic infrastructure, organizing thematic routes, promoting the new touristic project, etc.) that mutually build on each other a together can make a significant contribution to the specific objective.

- **PA 3: Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility** – Ip 8/b (Supporting employment friendly growth through the development of endogenous potential as part of a territorial strategy for specific areas, including the conversion of declining industrial regions and enhancement of accessibility to, and development of, specific natural and cultural resources).

The Specific Objective is to increase employment in specific territories within the eligible area. The integrated approach is even more prominently present here. It is foreseen that – in line with the spirit of the Ip – specific cross-border territories (partnerships of various settlements) develop a joint integrated territorial strategy (or they have one already in place), and built on that integrated strategy they implement together (involving also other stakeholders) a group of projects exploiting endogenous potential of the given territory. The projects complement each other, and together can make a contribution to the employment-friendly growth of the given territory.

## **11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF**

One of the objectives of the Programme's Communication Strategy is to facilitate the efficient communication flow at programme level, by strengthening internal capacity and facilitating a well-functioning internal communication flow in between the programme bodies, as well as by actively cooperating with other Interreg programmes, in order to share information and best practices.

In this respect, to make the information flow within the management structure as smooth and effective as possible, in the year 2016, JS organised a total number of 24 technical meetings, including preparatory meetings of the MC, as well as an eMS training for the programme bodies.

These technical meetings were organized and prepared by the MA/JS, in certain cases, with the participation of HUNA and of the MC members as well, and provided a framework for discussions on documents under preparation, for developing processes when and where needed or for decision making.

The MA/JS facilitated discussions at the meetings and offered details regarding the Programme documents from a professional view. These meetings, besides agreeing on implementation strategies and on final draft versions of the documents also aimed at sustaining and improving internal communication between programme bodies and strengthening their commitment to the Programme's objectives.

Moreover, to increase the capacity and the involvement of the responsible bodies in the programme work, a Procedure for supporting the activity of the MC was drafted, in accordance with Art. 17 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014, which stipulates the obligation of the Managing Authority to examine the need and to make use of technical assistance, in order to support the strengthening of the institutional capacity of partners, and help them to effectively participate in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programme. In 2016, the JS already held a training for the MC members, regarding the conflict of interest.

Further on, with the aim to enhance the capacity of the programme implementation bodies, to share information and best practices and to actively cooperate with other Interreg programmes, in 2016, the employees of the MA, HUNA, JS and FLCs participated in a series of trainings and seminars, on different topics, as follows: - e-MS users, Interact Project Cycle Management, English language, Next steps in Inter-programme Capacity and Competence", Participation in annual seminar of communication, Training session e-MS, Seminar on Arachne tool, Seminar „Interreg Project Management Camp”, Hungarian language, -, „The new legislative framework for public procurement”, Communication Inform Network meeting, Seminar „Best practices for implementing during the programming period 2014-2020: implementation of good and result oriented projects”

### 11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

A strong connection has been determined between the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary priorities and the ones of the EUSDR. However, for 2016 the contribution of the Programme to EUSDR is not relevant, since no projects have been selected/contracted/implemented by the end of the year.

The territory of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary is part of the area covered by the EUSDR. In the implementation of the activities under the PA of the Programme elaborated according to the selected TOs and IPs, the EUSDR strategy will be taken into account as appropriate. The Programme seeks to support the implementation of the EUSDR in a way that it contributes to its 4 pillars and the majority of its Priority Areas. It can be foreseen that Programme as well as the projects to be selected for financing and implemented is related to the following PA:

**The PA 1 and 6** of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary contributes to the 1. Pillar "Connecting the Regions" of EUSDR as follows:

- Priority Area 3 of the EUSDR "To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts"

**The PA 1 and 5** of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary contributes to the 2. Pillar "Protecting the environment" of EUSDR as follows:

- Priority Area 4 of the EUSDR "To restore and maintain the quality of waters"
- Priority Area 5 of the EUSDR "To manage environmental risks"

**The PA 2** of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary contributes to the 1. Pillar "Connecting the Regions" of EUSDR as follows:

- Priority Area 1B of the EUSDR "To improve mobility and intermodality - rail, road and air"

**The PA 3 and 6** of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary contributes to the 3. Pillar "Building prosperity" of EUSDR as follows:

- Priority Area 9 of the EUSDR "To invest in people and skills"

**The PA 6** of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary contributes to the 4. Pillar "Strengthening the region" of EUSDR as follows:

Priority Area 10 "To step up institutional capacity and cooperation"

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

## EUSDR

**The pillar(s) and priority area(s) that the programme is relevant to:**

	<b>Pillar</b>	<b>Priority area</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.1 - Mobility - waterways
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.2 - Mobility - rail, road & air
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.3 - Energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.4 - Culture and tourism
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.1 - Water quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.2 - Environmental risks
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.3 - Biodiversity, landscapes, air and soil quality
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.1 - Knowledge society
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.2 - Competitiveness
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.3 - People & skills
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.1 - Institutional capacity & cooperation
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.2 - Security

**Actions or mechanisms used to better link the programme with the EUSDR**

**A. Are macro-regional coordinators (mainly National Coordinators, Priority Area Coordinators or Steering Group members) participating in the Monitoring Committee of the programme?**

Yes  No

**B. In selection criteria, have extra points been attributed to specific measures supporting the EUSDR?**

Yes  No

**a) Are targeted calls for proposals planned in relation to EUSDR**

Yes  No

**b) How many macro-regional projects/actions are already supported by the programme? (Number)**

**c) Were extra points/bonus given to a project/action with high macro-regional significance or impact? If yes, please elaborate (1 specific sentence)**

**d) Other actions (e.g. planned strategic projects). Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)**

**C. Has the programme invested EU funds in the EUSDR?**

Yes  No

Does your programme plan to invest in the EUSDR in the future? Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

**D. Obtained results in relation to the EUSDR (n.a. for 2016)**

Not applicable. No projects were selected by the end of 2016.

**E. Does the programme contribute to the targets as validated by the national coordinators and priority area coordinators in 2016 (uploaded on the EUSDR website)? (Please specify the target(s))**

Not applicable. No projects were selected by the end of 2016..

#### **11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation**

Not applicable for the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme.



### **13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Not relevant for 2016.

**14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

Not relevant for 2016.

## Documents

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Citizens` Summary of the Annual Implementation Report for 2016 regarding the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme	Citizens' summary	16-Jun-2017		Ares(2017)32436 20	Citizens` Summary of the Annual Implementation Report for 2016 regarding the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme	28-Jun-2017	npanarox

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