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PART A

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL 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.

The present Report, prepared pursuant to Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2018/277 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/207 and (EU) 2018/276 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 215/2014, aims at providing a brief overview of the activities that were undertaken in relation to the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme during 2017.

The report was prepared by the Romanian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, acting as the Managing Authority of the Programme, with the support of the JS and in cooperation with the other relevant Programme structures. The Monitoring Committee (MC) approved the AIR 2017 on *May 11th, 2018*.

Designation process

On July 17th 2017, the Audit Authority within the Romanian Court of Accounts released the final audit report designating the authorities for the Programme. Thus, the Programme has completed the designation process with an unqualified opinion (without any reservations), which means that the designated authorities comply with all the designation criteria.

Programme and projects documents

Other noteworthy activity carried out in 2017 was preparation and finalization of a various types of documents both for Programme and projects implementation, as follows:

- 1) documents required for the proper functioning of the Programme's structures (the Description of the Management and Control Systems for Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme – DMCS - approved through Member States agreement, the procedures of the Programme's bodies- updating or elaborating, etc.)
- 2) documents for launching the Calls and for assessing the submitted projects have been developed (5 Application packages, 4 Assessor's Manuals, for the external assessors – quality assessment stage, 2 Methodologies and criteria for assessment and selection of both types of calls: open and restricted)

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3) documents for project contracting (indicative templates of the Subsidy contracts and Partnership Agreements afferent to each type of Calls- Restricted and Open, as well the necessary documents for over-contracting process)

4) documents for project monitoring (Draft of the Project Implementation Manual, eMS Manual, etc).

Monitoring Committee and technical meetings

Throughout 2017, under MA's coordination, the JS ensured the secretariat of the MC and the related correspondence, drafted decisions, gathered the declarations of and permanently updated the list of MC members.

The 3rd MC meeting was held on December 14-15, 2017 in Szeged (HU). Important decisions have been made during the meeting in relation to the following main topics:

- selection of projects for financing for the entire allocation of the 1st Open Call; consequently, more than 22 MEUR ERDF, representing approximately 13% of the total 177 MEUR ERDF funds available at Programme level, are to be allocated for projects under Ip 6/c – natural and cultural heritage and 5/b – risk prevention and disaster management
- modification of the CP, in what concerns (1) reallocation of funds launched within the 1st Open Call, from Ip 6/b – investments in the water sector to Ip 6/c – natural and cultural heritage and (2) adjustment of financial targets for 2018.
- approval of the new, revised versions of the Methodology and criteria for assessment afferent to the relaunched 1st Restricted and the 3rd round of Open and Restricted Calls, so that conditions are more flexible and applicant friendly, ensuring thus easier access to the available funding to potential beneficiaries
- approval of the outcome of the administrative compliance and eligibility check of projects submitted under the 2nd Restricted Call, related to the Ip 9/a – healthcare and prevention-related infrastructure and services which contribute to national, regional and local development.

Also, **20 technical meetings** were organized, including preparatory meetings of the MC, assessment and selection meetings, IP coordination meetings and technical preparatory meetings with different Programme structures, on various subjects and documents under preparation.

In order to ensure transparency and good partnership, intense cooperation between the Programme managing structures (Managing Authority, National Authority and Joint Secretariat) and the Monitoring Committee has been carried out:

- Preparatory sessions before the actual Monitoring Committee meetings
- 20 written procedures carried out
- More than 60 electronic correspondence held on important topics for the sound implementation of the Programme
- Continuous contact among all Programme' structures in view of clarifying any potential open issue
- 38 MC decisions issued

Communication

In 2017, the focus of the information and communications activities was on informing and assisting the potential applicants, with the purpose to lay the groundwork towards high quality applications, in

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order to ensure the effective implementation of the Programme. In this context, Info days had been organized for each of the 5 Calls¹ launched as well as Partner search forums for the Open Calls, in both countries.

In addition, activities such as regular website updates, e-Newsletter and Newsflash issues, Facebook posts, organisation of the annual event, project generation activities, eMS Help desk sessions etc. were concurrently performed throughout the year.

Launching of Calls for Proposals

The launching of Calls was of crucial importance in 2017, the remaining allocation available at Programme level, respectively of 5 calls for project proposals, out of 7, being thus launched, as follows:

2nd Restricted Call for Strategic projects

1st Restricted Call for Strategic project, relaunched

2nd Open Call for normal projects

3rd Restricted Call for Strategic projects

3rd Open Call for normal projects

Altogether 248 project applications were submitted, involving more than 600 partners and requesting more than EUR 338 mil ERDF.

As a result of the ***1st Open Call*** and based on the selection decision of the MC, 19 projects were to be supported with the ERDF amount of more than 22 MEUR.

Electronic monitoring system

The eMS system has been constantly updated and adjusted to the Programme needs and during 2017, all official information exchange between the applicants and Programme structures is performed via eMS.

Programme evaluations

In 2017, Communication was subject to external programme evaluation (*details in section 4*).

Financial information and indicators

Between 2014-2016, the initial pre-financing payments (in total amount of EUR 5,674,160.16) were transferred from the COM to the MA which carrying out also the functions of CA. Furthermore, in 2016, the Programme received EUR 3,782,773.44 ERDF funds from the annual pre-financing and in 2017 the annual pre-financing received was EUR 1,182,116.70 ERDF.

In relation to the financial data, 2 payment claims have been forwarded to the COM summing EUR 693,707.93 ERDF.

In relation to the indicator data, the progress can be measured for the 19 selected projects within the PAs 1 and 5 (1st Open Call) and for the TA Axis, supporting 7 Technical Assistance contracts, for the Programme structures (JS, IP, RO FLC and 4 Global Financing Decisions for MA).

¹ Out of the five, one was the Relaunched 1st Restricted Call for flagship projects. The Call needed to be relaunched following the rejection of all (two) applications submitted in the first round, as a result of the administrative compliance and eligibility check.

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In December 2017, more than 22 MEUR ERDF, representing approximately 13% of the total 177 MEUR ERDF funds available at Programme level were allocated to the 19 selected projects, as follows:

- **PA1**– Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Ip 6/c), the total amount allocated to the 11 projects selected for contracting and over-contracting is of EUR 13,792,512.94 ERDF
- **PA5**– Improve risk prevention and disaster management (Ip 5/b), for the 8 projects, the value of the allocation is of EUR 8,927,418.50 ERDF.

In relation to the indicator data, the progress can be measured only on the level of the selected projects (*details in section 3.2*). No project started the implementation of the activities by the end of 2017. Financial data of the selected projects is presented in *section 3.4*.

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
1	PA 1 - 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 effective implementation has not started since only in December 2017 the first projects under PA1 were selected by the MC.</p> <p>Within the 1st Open Call for normal projects, out of the 28 received project applications within the PA1, 24 were submitted under the Investment Priority 6/c, which shows on one hand, the high interest in projects covering the protection of the natural heritage from the eligible area and on the other hand, the lack of interest in Investment Priority 6/b (only 4 project applications). Moreover, within the 2nd Call only 3 project applications were submitted on Ip 6/b. In this respect, among others, in December 2017, at the 3rd MC meeting was decided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) to reallocate funds, from Ip 6/b – investments in the water sector to Ip 6/c – natural and cultural heritage, which increased the allocation for the Ip 6/c with more than 4,8 MEUR ERDF. 2) 11 projects were approved under this PA, covering the Investment priority 6/c. The ERDF amount for these is EUR 13,792,512.94. <p>The entire allocation available (EUR 41,227,417.00 ERDF) was launched within both types of Calls for proposals, Restricted for strategic projects or Open Calls for normal projects.</p>
2	PA 2 - 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 implementation has not started yet, as in 2017 there were no projects selected. Nevertheless, the entire allocation available (EUR 29,746,250.00 ERDF) was launched within both types of Calls for proposals, Restricted for strategic projects or Open for normal projects.</p> <p>The projects that will be financed under this priority will be focused on improvement of regional mobility</p>

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		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 COM.
3	PA 3 - 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 implementation has not started yet, as in 2017 there were no projects selected. Nevertheless, the entire allocation available (EUR 46,810,155.00 ERDF) was launched within both types of Calls for proposals, Restricted for strategic projects or Open for normal projects.</p> <p>The projects that will be financed under this priority will be focused on employment-friendly growth and promotion of cross-border labor mobility. The priority has been chosen by both member states and approved by the COM.</p>
4	PA 4 - 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 implementation has not started yet, as in 2017 there were no projects selected. However, the entire allocation available (EUR 48,479,323.00 ERDF) was launched within both types of Calls for proposals, Restricted for strategic projects or Open for normal projects.</p> <p>The projects that will be financed under this priority will be focused on investments in healthcare infrastructure.</p>
5	PA 5 - Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)	<p>The PA 5 falls under the Thematic Objective 5, Investment Priority 5/b. The implementation has not started since only in December 2017 the projects under PA 5 were selected by the MC. However, the entire allocation available (EUR 8,115,835.00 ERDF) was launched within the 1st Open Call for normal projects. The interest in this PA was very high, in total, 32 project applications of EUR 30,526,109.61 ERDF have been submitted. In December 2017, at the 3rd MC meeting were selected, under PA5 (Ip 5/b), 8 projects, with a value of the allocation of EUR 8,927,418.50 (including over-contracting) from ERDF.</p> <p>The projects approved under this priority will be focused on investments in disaster management infrastructure.</p>
6	PA 6 - Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)	<p>The PA 6 falls under the Thematic Objective 11, Investment Priority 11/b. The implementation has not started yet, as in 2017 there were no projects selected. Nevertheless, the entire allocation available (EUR 3,411,372.00 ERDF) was launched within the 2nd Open Call for normal projects. The interest in this PA was huge, in total, 105 project applications of EUR 14,058,655.94 ERDF have been submitted.</p>

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		The projects that will be financed under this priority will be focused on the 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.
7	PA TA - Technical Assistance	<p>The PA 7 TA seeks in particular to achieve two Specific Objectives, namely a) to secure the core management for the implementation of the Programme (preparation, contracting, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and control) 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 (JS- Cross-Border Cooperation Regional Office Oradea for Romania-Hungary Border - BRECO)</p> <p>TA3 – Info Points (IP- Széchenyi Programme Office Consulting and Service Nonprofit Limited Liability Company)</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 (HUNA- Prime Minister’s Office in Hungary)</p> <p>TA7 – First Level Control Unit from Romania (FLCU RO- Cross-Border Cooperation Regional Office Oradea for Romania-Hungary Border)</p> <p>TA8 – First Level Control Unit from Hungary (FLCU HU- Széchenyi Programme Office Consulting and Service Nonprofit Limited Liability Company)</p> <p>The main TA activities carried out included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - day-to-day management of the Programme by the MA, with support of the JS and the IPs and support ensured for the MC’s activity (e.g. organization of MC meetings, technical meetings between Programme structures);

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development of strategic and support documents on programme level: elaboration and approval, through Member States agreement, of the DMCS (Description of the Management and Control Systems), as well as the completion of designation of authorities responsible for Programme management (July 2017), elaboration of ROHU AIR for 2016, submission of requests for payment submitted to the EC; - Programme evaluation: carrying out the first evaluation, concerning Communication (<i>details in section 4</i>) - drafting and launching Calls for proposals, including the development of the guidance documents; - communication activities <p>Regarding Priority TA Axis, 4 TA projects were contracted out of 8. The MA TA project was divided in 4 contracts.</p> <p>The achievements of indicators for the specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of MC meetings: 1 - Number of call for proposals launched: 5 - Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA: 39
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3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	PA 1 - 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	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided]	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 2017.

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(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
by beneficiaries]						
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	0.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA 1 - 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	SO 6/b - Improved quality management of cross-border rivers and ground waters bodies

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 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			The first reporting will be done in 2019 (AIR 2018)

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 6/b	Water quality (ecological condition) of crossborder rivers at the measurement						

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ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	points in the eligible area						

Priority axis	PA 1 - 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	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	4,000.00	144,133.58	Number provided from the selected projects within 1 st Open Call for normal projects.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 under implementation by the end of 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00	0.00

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(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
beneficiaries]					
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA 1 - 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	2017 Total	2017 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		The first reporting will be done in 2019 (AIR 2018)

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 6/c	Tourist overnight stays in the eligible programme area	0.00		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	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.

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(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	0.00	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	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
R 7/b	Cross-border population served by modernized infrastructure leading	Number of inhabitants	356,076.00	2014	446,424.00	0.00		The first reporting will be done in 2019 (AIR 2018)

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ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
	to TEN-T							

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	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		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	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by]	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	0.00	0.00	0.00

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(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
beneficiaries]					
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	0.00	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	2017 Total	2017 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		The first reporting will be done in 2019 (AIR 2018)

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	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		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

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	for specific areas, including the conversion of declining industrial regions and enhancement of accessibility to, and development of, specific natural and cultural resources
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	0.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA3 - Improve employment and promote cross-border labor 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	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
R 8/b	Employment rate in the eligible area as a percentage of the working age	%	56.31	2012	56.51	0.00		The first reporting will be done in 2019 (AIR 2018)

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ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
	population							

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	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		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	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	0.00	0.00	0.00

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(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
beneficiaries]					
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	0.00	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	2017 Total	2017 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		The first reporting will be done in 2019 (AIR 2018)

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	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		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

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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people	700,000.00	2,368,037.00	Number provided from the selected projects within 1 st Open Call for normal projects.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 under implementation by the end of 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	0.00	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	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
R 5/b	Quality of the joint risk management	Rate of preparedness	3.02	2015	3.19	0.00		The first reporting will be done in 2019 (AIR 2018)

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 5/b	Quality of the joint risk management	0.00		0.00		0.00	

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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	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	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 2017.
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	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 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	PA6 - Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)
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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	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
R11/b	Intensity level of cross-border cooperation	Rate of intensity of cross-border cooperation	3.46	2015	3.57	0.00		The first reporting will be done in 2019 (AIR 2018)

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R11/b	Intensity level of cross-border cooperation	0.00		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	2017	Observations
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	Number	-	27	
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	Number	-	27	
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	Number	-	5	
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	Number	-	5	
Cumulative value - outputs to	TA3	Number of MC meetings	Number	-	1	

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(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]						
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA3	Number of MC meetings	Number	-	1	
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	Number	-	0	
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	Number	-	0	
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number	-	39	
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number	-	39	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	2.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	2.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	TA3	Number of MC meetings	2.00	0.00	0.00

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(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA3	Number of MC meetings	2.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	48.00	0.00	0.00
Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	48.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	TA – Technical Assistance
Specific objective	Effective and efficient programme and project implementation

Table 1: Result indicators

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
SO/TA	Not applicable							

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
SO/TA	Not applicable						

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

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
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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	0.00		Result indicator
R 6/c	Tourist overnight stays in the eligible programme area	visitor nights	4,885,294.00	2013	5,485,294.00	0.00		Result indicator
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		Result indicator
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		Result indicator
R 8/b	Employment rate in the eligible area as a percentage of the working age population	%	56.31	2012	56.51	0.00		Result indicator
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		Result indicator
R 5/b	Quality of the joint risk management	Rate of preparedness	3.02	2015	3.19	0.00		Result indicator
R11/b	Intensity level of cross-border cooperation	Rate of intensity of cross-border cooperation	3.46	2015	3.57	0.00		Result indicator
F.PA1	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			48,502,844.00	0.00		Final target
F.PA1	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			5,920,000.00	0.00		5,920,000.00 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
K6/b	Number of measurement points benefiting from the projects selected for support	Number			4.00	0.00		4 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework

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K6/c	Number of projects aimed at increasing visits to sites of cultural and natural heritage selected for support	Number			4.00	0.00		4 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
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		Final target
CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares			4,000.00	144,133.58		Output indicator- Number (144,133.58 ha) provided from the selected projects within 1 st Open Call for normal projects. This indicator is not part of the Performance framework
6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number			19.00	0.00		Final target
F.PA2	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			34,995,589.00	0.00		Final target
F.PA2	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			4,270,000.00	0.00		4,270,000.00 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
K7/b	Number of km of newly built roads for which technical documentation is elaborated	km			3.5	0.00		3.5 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
K7/c	Number of public transport services benefiting from projects selected for support	Number			5.00	0.00		5 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
CO13a	Roads: Total length of newly built roads, of which: TEN-T	km			16.00	0.00		Final target

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CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km			18.00	0.00		Output indicator- This indicator is not part of the Performance framework
7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number			20.00	0.00		Final target
F.PA3	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			55,070,771.00	0.00		Final target
F.PA3	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			6,720,000.00	0.00		6,720,000.00 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
K8/b	Number of projects related to joint local employment initiatives and joint training approved	Number			6.00	0.00		6 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons			15,000.00	0.00		Final target
F.PA4	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			57,034,498.00	0.00		Final target
F.PA4	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			6,960,000.00	0.00		6,960,000.00 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
K9/a2	Number of health-care departments benefiting from projects selected for support	Number			10	0.00		10 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number			38.00	0.00		Final target
9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	Number of people			3,911,505.00	0.00		Output indicator- This indicator is not part of the Performance framework
F.PA5	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			9,548,042.00	0.00		
F.PA5	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			1,170,000.00	0.00		1.170,000.00 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework

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K5/b	Population benefiting from selected projects	Number of people			70,000.00	2,368,037.00		70,000 is the milestone target for 2018 Number (2,368,037.00) provided from the selected projects within 1 st Open Call for normal projects.
5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people			700,000.00	0.00		Final target
F.PA6	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			4,013,379.00	0.00		Final target
F.PA6	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			490,000.00	0.00		490,000.00 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number			4.00	0.00		4 is the milestone target (2018) setup in Performance Framework
11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number			36.00	0.00		Final target

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measure ment unit	2016	2015	2014
PA1	F	F.PA1	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR			
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	Number			

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Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2016	2015	2014
			support				
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			
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

The table is automatically generated in the SFC

Priority axis	Fund	Basis calculation	Total funding (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support (€)	Proportion of the total allocation covered with	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support (€)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure	Number of operations selected

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						selected operations (%)		authority	declared by beneficiaries (%)	
PA1	ERDF	Total	48,502,844.00	85.00	13,792,512.94	28.44	13,792,512.94	0.00	0.00	11
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	8,927,418.50	93.50	8,927,418.50	0.00	0.00	8
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	11,175,479.81	49.24	11,175,479.81	1,387,415.86	6.11	7
Total	ERDF		231,861,763.00	81.57	33,895,411.25	14.62	33,895,411.25	1,387,415.86	0.60	26
Grand total			231,861,763.00	81.57	33,895,411.25	14.62	33,895,411.25	1,387,415.86	0.60	26

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

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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

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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	085	01	07	07	06		22	HU	1,928,598.61	1,928,598.61	0.00	3
PA1	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		22	RO	11,863,914.33	11,863,914.33	0.00	8
PA2	ERDF	030	01	07	07	07		24	RO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA3	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA4	ERDF	053	01	07	07	09		20	RO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA5	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		24	RO	6,647,468.09	6,647,468.09	0.00	5
PA5	ERDF	088	01	07	07	05		24	RO	2,279,950.41	2,279,950.41	0.00	3
PA6	ERDF	102	01	07	07	11		18	RO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
TA	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	RO	8,671,601.44	8,671,601.44	1,127,064.88	7
TA	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	RO	1,157,288.40	1,157,288.40	0.00	0
TA	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	RO	1,346,589.97	1,346,589.97	260,350.98	0
Total	ERDF									33,895,411.25	33,895,411.25	1,387,415.86	26
Grand total										33,895,411.25	33,895,411.25	1,387,415.86	26

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

1	2	3	4	5
	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	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)	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	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

Synthesis of the findings of all evaluations of the programme that have become available during the previous financial year, including the name and reference period of the evaluation reports used.

Following a public procurement procedure and in accordance with the approved Evaluation Plan, SC ACZ Consulting SRL has carried out the first Programme Evaluation, between 29.06.2017 – 30.11.2017, within the Contract titled "*Evaluation of the communication activity in order to support the potential beneficiaries of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme*".

The beneficiary of the Contract was the Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds.

The objectives of were focused on the following:

- Assessment of the degree of awareness regarding the visual identity of Programme and the funding opportunities available within it
- Assessment of the quality of documents used for information, as well as the degree of satisfaction of direct potential beneficiaries, regarding the work carried out by the management structures
- Comparison of the evaluation results in the 8 counties of eligible area
- Development of a set of useful recommendations for the next information sessions

Methodological aspects

- two surveys were conducted (among the potential beneficiaries and among the members of the MC)
- analysis of the communication materials and tools implemented have been performed
- interviews with potential beneficiaries were conducted
- a Focus Group with the authorities managing the programme was held.

Conclusions

a. Documents

- the existing documents within the Programme are clear, have well-defined objectives and present concrete measures to be taken in the field of communication
- the documents are quantifiable and easy to monitor and are designed to allow the presentation of the implementation stage of the communication activities carried out by the programme's structures
- the programme documents create the necessary framework for directing the communication activities towards the areas of interest for all the potential applicants
- the differentiated presentation of the communication activities from the Communication Strategy (including proposed and achieved indicators) by target groups categories, allows the orientation of the information and communication measures in the directions in which there is need and interest
- the posters, Infographics, stickers, newsletters, online press releases, agendas of the organized events used, comply with the visual identity rules, according to the VIM, and are structured in an

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optimal way

- the Leaflet is a useful tool for promoting the type of investments /projects supported through the programme, having as target group, the general public. The information contained in the leaflet is relevant but too detailed
- the manner in which the information on the programme is presented is optimal, still there is a need to simplify the terminology used in order to improve its understanding among all potential beneficiaries.

b. Events

- dissemination of information through communication events is considered to be very important, the potential beneficiaries being very interested in attending the events organised
- the projects generation sessions are considered very relevant, since they encourage the interaction with the programme authorities, in order to obtain information of interest and clarify specific situations
- the dissemination during events of best practices and information on how to implement successful projects is considered to be very useful
- it is necessary to further support the potential beneficiaries through trainings on the use of the eMS platform and on the eligible expenditures

c. Website and Facebook

- the official website presents the information of interest in a complete and correct way using attractive graphics and visual tools that capture the reader's attention.
- the Facebook page is constantly updated and provides information of great interest on the programme's activities to followers. In the future, emphasis should be put on further increasing the number of followers
- the tools/modules existing on the website (Partner Search platform, online event registration platform) are not always identified by the visitors at the first access of the website, thus the increase of the visibility of these tools is required
- the Partner Search tool is considered effective but should contain more information about each registered entity
- given the importance of the online communication tools, it is necessary to identify a solution that allows potential beneficiaries to access the online helpdesk without the need to install applications / programs on their computers

d. Other aspects

- the potential beneficiaries prefer direct information (information events) and online information sources (official Programme's webpage, e-mail and newsletter)
- the promotion in writing and television media at local, regional and national level were not identified as relevant means of communication and information for the potential applicants
- the Info Points are actively involved in the communication activities, having an important role in the implementation of those activities in Hungary
- in order to increase transparency in relation to the launched Calls, it is important that the potential beneficiaries be informed, after the closure of the submission period, on the number of projects and

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their total budget

- planning the timing of the various Calls for proposals should be done considering the most favourable conditions in terms of the time available to potential beneficiaries for project preparation

Main recommendations

a. Documents

- in general, it is recommended that the documents, reports, where possible, present the results of the implemented communication activities with a higher level of detail
- to simplify the terminology used in order to improve its understanding among all potential beneficiaries
- the information in the Factsheets can be inserted in the Guide for Applicants, in the relevant subchapters, dedicated to the related Investment Priorities, individually positioned after Chapter 1
- to transmit the publications in electronic format, thus increasing efficiency and covering a broader target group

b. Events

- to increase the number of on-site events (information sessions, partner search forums, eMS training sessions, Q&A sessions) and the eMS training sessions
- to organize eMS online helpdesk sessions to provide answers to potential beneficiaries regarding the use of the system
- during eMS training sessions, the time spent explaining the project budget module should be supplemented
- in order to increase the degree of interactivity of information and communication events, it is recommended that in the future (after the implementation and completion of the first projects) beneficiaries to be directly involved in the events, inviting them to present successful projects, in order to disseminate positive results of the projects

c. Website and Facebook

- Programme priorities in the section Programme - Priority Axes – to be presented using toggle content and to include a link to the specific Infographic
- within the sections RO and HU Legislation - to include links to those documents so that they can be easily accessible to readers
- section Gallery -Photos /Programme's Video Events - to be structured using toggle content, in order to reduce the loading and scrolling time on the page
- section News and Events –to be completed with a sub-section (Online registration of participants to events)
- the button and search field –to be positioned in the header of the page, to make it more visible to website readers
- the size of the main page slider should be reduced -when opening the website, it would be advisable for the reader to directly view the three link sections now positioned under the main slider
- the font colour for "Details" on the main slider must be changed because at the moment, with the blue background colour is not visible
- button commands for ensuring the accessibility of persons with disabilities should be translated into

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Romanian and Hungarian, for the respective versions of the website

- to update the web calendar of events with the events organized and carried out so far, as well as with those planned for the following month, respectively the dates of particular significance (e.g. the launching and closing date of Calls)
- the following sections of the web should be updated, so that information and documents are provided in a unitary way in all the three languages: Documents -EU Legislation, Documents -eMS documents, Media
- a navigation menu or at least a structure of the page presented in the header that contains direct links to the page, to various sections of interest to the reader
- to create an archive of information presented in sections News and Events for years 2015, 2016
- the information presented in section News and Events should be structured on topics, in order to facilitate an easier browsing (e.g.: Call for Proposals, Programme implementation; Others)
- to include a link to the Facebook page in the Newsletters
- to close the 2014.huro-cbc.eu website, since it is important for the public to be directed and to access the official website,
- the Partner search module could be included as a button with the text "Search Partners" - similar to the one for people with disabilities, placed under the latter, visible on the right side of the website at the opening of any page
- for the online registration, a pop-up window can be included, listing the events in the next 1-2 months
- the continuous update of the programme's website and Facebook account with information of interest and the transmission of Newsflash editions to the JS' contact database in the key moments of the Programme implementation e.g. launching a Call, publication a corrigendum, publication the lists with selected projects
- publication of statistics on the website regarding the number of submitted projects and their total budget within maximum 1 month from the deadline for submission of projects in the frame of a certain Call
- regarding the Partners Search Tool, registration should contain more information about each registered entity, even link to the organization webpage if possible;
- installing a "live-chat" application (a plug-in that can be installed by the administrator of the website) that works directly on the official website

d. Other aspects

- to plan the calendar of the Calls so for the deadline to avoid the legal holidays
- the publication of Corrigenda shall be made no later than 2 weeks before the deadline or, if later, the deadline for submission of applications should be extended accordingly.

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

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

A detailed analysis of the current situation, in relation to the Programme's targets within the Performance Framework, including those set for 2018, were discussed with both the National Authority and the European Commission.

The implementation stage of the Programme is indicating that delays occurred, in comparison to the assumed Performance Framework.

The main causes that have influenced the stage of the Programme implementation are:

- delay in approving the Programme document;
- risk of delays related to availability of external experts;
- slow process of setting up the legal and administrative framework needed for starting the Programme implementation (slow process in approval of MoI, DMCS, or in getting fully operational the Programme structures);
- delays in launching of Calls for Proposals caused by State aid (a complex issue, which involved meeting and discussions between relevant bodies, drafting of the state aid schemes, the approval from the Competition Council, in the context in which, the Programme is the first in the area funding projects that may fall under state aid incidence);
- extension of the deadlines submission of the applications at the request of applicants.

However, against this background, there are good prerequisites for reaching 2018 targets, except for those targeting Financial key implementation step indicators ("Total amount of certified expenditure for 2018").

In order to compensate for the effects of the delays incurred, several measures have been identified to speed up and optimize the Programme implementation, as follows:

1. Measures taken for Launching of Calls / Access to Financing:

- the entire financial allocation of the Programme has been launched;
- the deadlines for projects submission have been reduced, in case of Calls for Strategic projects (Concept Notes phase);
- the Methodology and Criteria for assessment and selection of projects has changed, became more flexible by introducing an extra round of completions and by eliminating the automatic rejections reasons;
- the Assessment and selection procedure of the projects has been simplified (the rejection of the applications, without requesting completions regarding the given documents which were not a subject of completion in the first call and introducing a second round of clarification request);
- certain supporting documents can be submitted in the national languages;
- in case of Ip 6/b, the unused financial allocation from the 1st Open Call has been transferred to the 2nd Open Call in order to keep this Ip opened a longer period;

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- the limitations not imposed by the Programme were eliminated: minimum limit of the budget and of the implementation period for the Open Call 3 (Ip 8/b); also, the ERDF minimum limit was decreased in case of strategic projects within the 3rd FSP Call;
- the approval of the Full Applications (second phase of Restricted Calls) by the MC in Written procedure, not in MC meeting.

2. Measures taken for speeding up the contracting process:

- modification of the Technical Assistance Strategy (the contracting of all TA allocation within 2014-2020 period);
- simplifying the contracting process (a shorter process duration in the methodology for contracting);
- reducing the number of documents needed to be translated into English in case of RO beneficiaries (e.g. state aid);
- over-contracting of projects (legal Framework exists, but until now the Agreement from HUNA has not been received).

3. Other measures taken:

- organization of events for project generation and eMS instruction sessions;
- using simplified cost options;
- increasing the advance granted to the Romanian beneficiaries from the national co-financing (from 60% to 80%);
- all national co-funding granted in advance to Hungarian beneficiaries;
- granting an advance financing from the Hungarian state budget, ERDF equivalent, for Hungarian beneficiaries'
- significant reduction of the deadlines of requests for payment (procedural deadlines for both first level control and JSs verification of consolidated progress reports are shorten as opposed to the previous exercise).

Other measures proposed

1. Measures in order to improve the selection/contracting process:

- shortening the time for the drafting/signing of the Subsidy Contract;
- close follow up of the potential applicants before they submit the applications;
- speeding up the assessment process in both the phases;

2. Measures in order to improve the implementation/reimbursement process:

- request for payment to be submitted to the Commission whenever is deemed necessary;
- continuous/ongoing monitoring of the Programme and project implementation;
- possibility of submitting applications for reimbursement outside the reporting plan/schedule committed within Subsidy contracts (3/4 months), for costs of at least 10,000 Euro per project;
- ongoing support granted to beneficiaries during project implementation period by implementing preventive measures such as site visits, trainings or individual assistance, in order to discuss the possible problems and to clarify the procedures that have to be followed

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to lower the risk of error at partner level;

- supporting the beneficiaries in order to increase their awareness regarding their responsibilities and obligations by organizing trainings, seminars, practical advices/information, etc.
- gradual reallocation of the funds between Priority Axes, if there are not enough projects submitted under a given Investment priority.

(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.

See section 9.1

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

To be published as a separate file:

Annex:
Citizen's Summary – AIR 2017
for Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme

CITIZENS' SUMMARY

of the Annual Implementation Report for 2017 regarding the
Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme aims at financing joint Romanian - Hungarian projects, which address needs that lie on both sides of the border and that require a common approach and innovative solutions, aiming at facilitating the integrated, sustainable development of the eligible area. The Programme comes as a continuation of cross-border cooperation programmes implemented previously in the region and disposes of a total budget of approx. 232 MEUR, out of which 189 MEUR represent non-refundable support from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The eligible programme area comprises the counties of Bihor, Satu Mare, Arad and Timiș, on the Romanian side of the border and the counties of Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg, Hajdú-Bihar, Békés and Csongrád on the Hungarian side.

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

- PA 1: Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)

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

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

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

The Programme is managed and supported by a series of different bodies, responsible to ensure that funds are spent in the best possible way. The main responsibility for Programme implementation belongs to the Managing Authority (Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration in Romania), the National Authority (Prime Minister's Office in Hungary) and the Monitoring Committee, a joint body consisting of local and central stakeholders, as well as representatives of civil society from both Member States.

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

AIR 2017 / CITIZEN'S SUMMARY

The Annual Implementation Report (AIR) of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme was prepared according to Article 50 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013) and is submitted to the European Commission in May 2018. The current document provides a brief summary of the activities that were undertaken in relation to the Programme implementation in the previous year, 2017.

The AIR contains information on the following main topics: the completion of the designation process, the preparation and launch of the Calls for proposals, the information and communication measures undertaken, the assessment of the applications received and the outcomes of project selection.

It is worth mentioning that in the year 2017, the entire remaining financial allocation available at Programme level was launched, in the frame of 5 Calls for project proposals.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2017

- ✓ The **DMCS** (Description of the Management and Control Systems) was approved, through Member States agreement and the **designation process of authorities** was **completed successfully**
- ✓ **2 requests for payment** have been submitted to the European Commission, both being already approved and **paid** by the end of the year

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- ✓ The **first Programme evaluation**, regarding Programme level communication activities, was carried out
- ✓ The **Annual event**, titled "**I ♥ ROHU cooperation**", held in September 2017, in Debrecen and Timisoara, attracted more than **1,500 participants**
- ✓ **5 Calls** for project proposals were **launched** only in **2017**, with a total **ERDF** allocation of **EUR 160.201.433,95**
- ✓ **248 projects** were submitted for all **7 Calls launched in the frame of the Programme**, requesting almost **double of the ERDF Programme allocation** and involving more than **600 partners**. In 2017, 185 applications were checked from the administrative compliance and eligibility perspective, while 41 were assessed from quality point of view (Open Call 1).
- ✓ **2 State aid schemes** (de minimis, respectively exempted State aid) were **elaborated** and uploaded into RegAS and **help-desk activities** were performed in order to support applicants and Programme structures
- ✓ **24 Info Days** sessions, **3 Partner Search Forums**, **34 project generation sessions** and **25 eMS help desk meetings** were organized to support project applicants
- ✓ **1628 persons** attended **information events** held for project applicants
- ✓ **20 technical meetings** and **4 internal training sessions** were organized **for programme structures**
- ✓ **1 press conference** was organized in Debrecen, on 25.09.2017, **2 interviews** were held and **1 article** was published in a newspaper, all in the context of the Annual Event
- ✓ **10 trilingual Newsflash editions** and **1 Newsletter** were sent out to over **2.000 contacts**
- ✓ The web page registered over **131,000 visitors** and **1,060,000 views**
- ✓ There were **572 likes**, **591 follows**, over **160 postings**, as well as **4 rounds of prize-winning interactive contests on Facebook**
- ✓ The **3rd Monitoring Committee (MC) meeting** of the Programme was held, during **14 - 15.12.2017, in Szeged, Hungary**
- ✓ There has been an **intense activity** and **correspondence** with the **MC**: more than **60 e-mails** sent on Programme related topics, **20 written procedures** launched and **38 decisions** issued until now. By the end of 2017, 11 written procedures had been launched and 13 MC Decisions had been issued.
- ✓ First **19 projects** were **selected for contracting and over-contracting** in the frame of the **1st Open Call**, worth a total of more than **22 MEUR ERDF**.

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE SELECTED PROJECTS

The 1st Open Call was **launched on December 29, 2016**, for the following investment priorities: Ip **6/b - investments in the water sector**, Ip **6/c - natural and cultural heritage**, as well as Ip **5/b - disaster management** and it was **open until June 30, 2017**.

The amount of **funding available** was **EUR 22,615,835.00 ERDF**, increased with the relevant Romanian and Hungarian state co-financing.

60 project proposals were submitted and assessed from the administrative and eligibility point of view, out of which **41 projects** entered the **quality assessment**.

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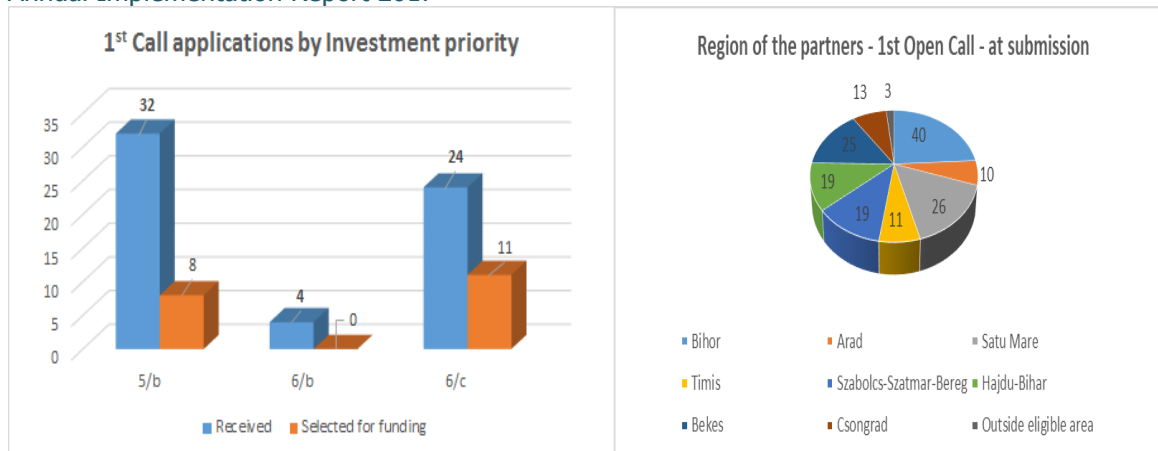


Figure 1

Figure 2

As it can be noticed in Figure 2, the distribution of partners per region was a balanced one. The most popular Ips were **5/b- disaster management** and **6/c - natural and cultural heritage**, the requested ERDF for this Ips being almost 4 times more than the available amount (Figure 3).

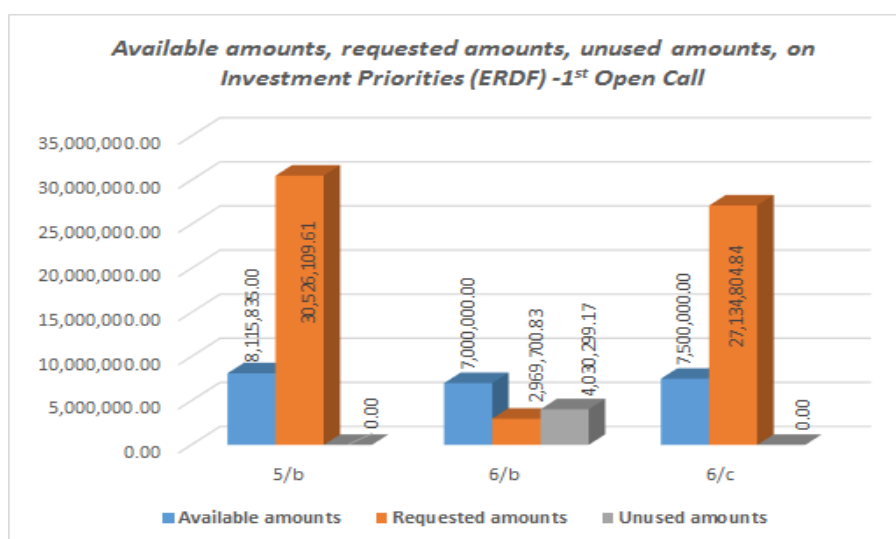


Figure 3

In case of Ip **6/b - investments in the water sector**, the requested ERDF was not even half the available amount.

At the MC selection meeting, it was decided to grant the **entire financial allocation of the Call to projects** submitted **within Ip 6/c - natural and cultural heritage** and **Ip 5/b – disaster management**. At the same time, the MC decided to reallocate funds, from **Ip 6/b – investments in the water sector** to **Ip 6/c – natural and cultural heritage**, which **increased the allocation for the Ip 6/c** by more than **4,8 MEUR ERDF**.

The lists approved by the MC in December 2017, contained projects that may be over-contracted, subject to a favorable opinion from the competent ministries in both Member States.

Under this condition, for **Ip 6/c – natural and cultural heritage**, the total amount allocated to the **11 projects** selected for contracting and over-contracting was of **EUR 13,792,512.94 ERDF** while

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within **Ip 5/b – disaster management**, for the **8 projects**, the value of the allocation was of **EUR 8,927,418.50 ERDF**.

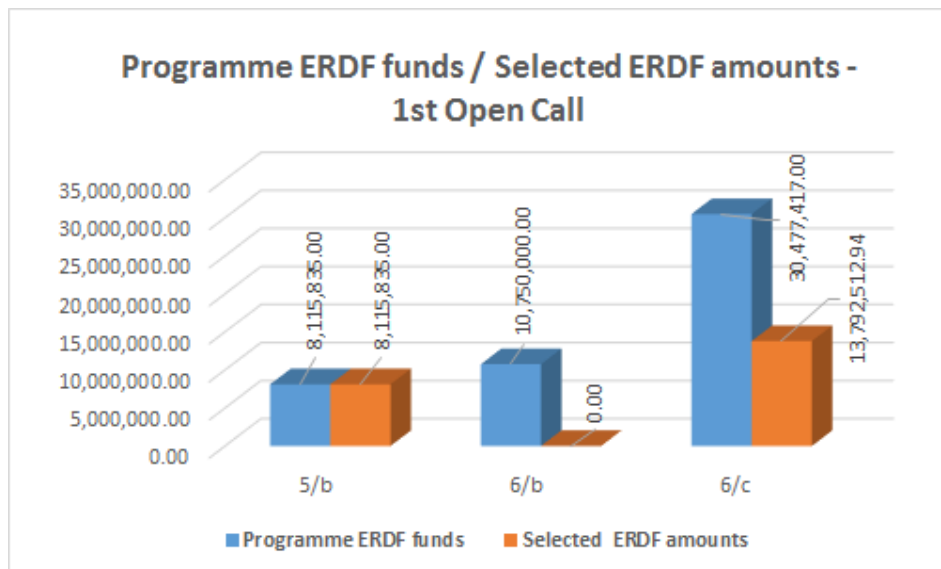


Figure 4

7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Article 46 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Where the managing authority decided to use the financial instruments it must send to the Commission a specific report covering the financial instruments operations as an annex to the annual implementation report

Financial instruments are not applicable to the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme 2014-2020.

8. WHERE APPROPRIATE, 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

Major projects are not applicable to the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme 2014-2020.

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 realization — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realization — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Obs

(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

Major projects are not applicable to the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme 2014-2020.

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

Major projects are not applicable to the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme 2014-2020.

8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

Joint action plans are not applicable to the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme 2014-2020.

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	Obs

Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

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PART B

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

Not applicable for 2017.

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 nondiscrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

Not applicable in 2017.

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

Not applicable for 2017.

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

Not applicable for 2017.

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)

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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

Not applicable for 2017.

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

Not applicable for 2017.

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

Not applicable for 2017.

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 integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community-led local development under the cooperation programme

Not applicable for 2017.

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

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

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:

For 2017 the contribution of the Programme to EUSDR is not relevant, since no projects have been contracted and implemented by the end of the year. However, the projects selected within the 1st Call, through their activities, will support the implementation of the EUSDR and will contribute to the following Pillars and Priority Areas of it:

- **ROHU-68** *Creating a joint tourist destination in the cross-border area of Lugaşu de Jos and Komádi, through cross-border protection of natural heritage values along the Crişul Repede Valley* will contribute to the Pillar 1, Priority Area 3 and to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 4
- **ROHU-103** *Joint protection of cross-border natural values Carei-Nyiradony* will contribute to the Pillar 1, Priority Area 3

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- **ROHU-79** *Joint Conservation Management and Development of Information Infrastructure of Protected Areas along the Romanian and Hungarian Course of Tur River* will contribute to the Pillar 1, Priority Area 3 and to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 6
- **ROHU-62** *Borderless green corridor* will contribute to the Pillar 1, Priority Area 3 and to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 4, Priority Area 5 and Priority Area 6
- **ROHU-14** *Conservation, protection and promotion of the natural values from the Salonta-Békéscsaba crossborder area* will contribute to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 6
- **ROHU-115** *From one bridge to another* will contribute to the Pillar 1, Priority Area 3 and to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 4 and Priority Area 6
- **ROHU-29** *Conservation and protection of ecosystems endangered by lack of thermal and freshwater in crossborder area* will contribute to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 4 and Priority Area 6
- **ROHU-07** *Joint Challenge and Joint Cooperation for the Management of Cross-Border Natural Heritage* will contribute to the Pillar 1, Priority Area 3, Pillar 2, Priority Area 4, Priority Area 6, Pillar 3, Priority Area 9 and Pillar 4, Priority Area 10
- **ROHU-126** *Nature preservation, protection and promotion on both sides of the Romanian-Hungarian border* will contribute to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 5
- **ROHU-35** *Greening Footprints* will contribute to the Pillar 1, Priority Area 3 and to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 6
- **ROHU-102** *Mitigating the negative effects of hail in Satu Mare county* will contribute to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 5
- **ROHU-11** *Flood risk management improvement on the Mures River in the cross border area* will contribute to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 5
- **ROHU-10** *Joint development of the voluntary emergency response and disaster management capacity in the eligible border area* will contribute to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 5
- **ROHU-84** *Integrated cross-border approach for improving the cooperation and joint preparedness on risk prevention and disaster management at the level of Bihor Hajdu-Bihar* will contribute to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 5
- **ROHU-41** *Safer communities in the cross border area by improved disaster management* will contribute to the Pillar 3, Priority Area 9
- **ROHU-80** *Crossborder integrated monitoring, risk prevention and disaster management centre* will contribute to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 5 and Pillar 4, Priority Area 10 and Priority Area 11.
- **ROHU-28** *Development of flood protection centre of Szanazug and rehabilitation of the penstock and hydro-mechanical equipment in Tulca* will contribute to Pillar 2, priority Area 4 and Priority Area 5
- **ROHU-54** *Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management in the Zerind-Újkígyós cross-border area* will contribute to the Pillar 2, Priority Area 5.

- ☐ 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)

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

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

PART C

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 2017.

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 2017.