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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 CIRs (EU) 2018/277 amending Regulation (EU) 2015/207 and (EU) 2018/276 amending Regulation (EU) 215/2014, aims at providing a brief overview of activities undertaken in relation to the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme in 2020.

The report was prepared by the Romanian MDPWA, acting as the MA, with the support of the JS and in cooperation with the other relevant Programme's structures. The MC approved the ROHU AIR for 2020 on (*month/day*).

2020 was the 5th year of the Programme implementation. If the first 4 years were about building the procedural framework, launching the financial allocation, assessment, selection and contracting, the 5th year was mainly about implementation. In this context, continuous support was provided to projects under implementation, through several procedural monitoring tools, as direct assistance, information and training seminars, regular reminders concerning milestones in the projects' lifetime, remedy actions plans in case of projects at risk, updates of the procedural framework, technical modifications processing, etc.

Overall, 124 projects were selected for support under the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme, out of which 90 in the framework of the Open calls for normal projects, 20 in the context of the Restricted calls for strategic projects (10 Concept Notes and their related 10 Full Applications), within Priority Axes 1-6 and 14 projects under Priority Axis 7- Technical Assistance.

At the end of year, the contracting rate was 92.94%, 14 projects being contracted in 2020, amounting to a total budget of EUR 66,270,577.66, out of which EUR 43,600,198.24 ERDF.

From the 119 contracted projects, 50 projects have been completed (out of which 29 projects in 2020) and 69 project were under implementation and continuously monitored at the end of 2020.

Despite of a difficult year, marked by the health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic – as a result of preventive or remedial measures taken by the Programme structures – the decommitment target for 2020 has been reached.

The COVID-19 pandemic produced new risks, different from the ones we were accustomed to. The Programme had to identify new methods to control and mitigate these risks, and to ensure that the programme, and, of course, its projects, are finally successful. Several tools were utilized in this respect:

- support for project beneficiaries to identify and control the most vulnerable activities; project modifications were treated with flexibility, adapted solutions were tailored: 22 projects extended, 13 projects suspended, 4 projects were modified to address COVID-19 issues).

- online meetings and training sessions, monitoring visits were restarted immediately after the lift of the imposed travel restrictions;

- special attention to the project beneficiaries: hospitals were granted specific derogations whenever possible: online field visits in the case of hospitals, and especially COVID hospitals.

In addition, these actions were supported by the Instructions issued by the MA (3), in the context of the pandemic imposed restrictions.

Other noteworthy activity carried out in 2020 was the preparation and submission of the 3rd Programme modification to the COM, justified in the epidemiological context we've crossed. Thus, the Cooperation Programme has been amended, allowing the increase of the ERDF co-financing rate to 100%, for expenditures declared in payment applications during the accounting year starting July 1st 2020 and ending June 30th 2021. The modification also consisted of updating the target values set for 2023 for defining some output, results and financial indicators and changing of the name of the Hungarian region NUTS-3 from "Csongrád" in "Csongrád-Csanád".

### **Monitoring Committee**

In 2020, 1 MC meeting was organized and 37 Written Procedures have been carried out.

The 8th MC meeting was held online on 17.12.2020 with the following main topics on the agenda: contracting and project implementation, projects at risk- remedy actions and evolution, COVID-19: the impact and the remedy actions, N+3 Target- the progress and the support actions.

The MC members were continuously updated about the status of the Programme and projects' implementation. Also, the MC was involved in the selection of the Full Applications of the Restricted Calls via written procedures, in line with the MC Rules of Procedure. Until December 2020, altogether 137 MC decisions have been made (out of which 41 in 2020), affecting important aspects in the life of the Programme, such as the selection of projects to be supported or approval of Programme documents. Given the current pandemic situation, a significant number of the MC decisions in 2020 were about approving the extension of the implementation period of the projects.

### **Communication**

The 2020 year's communication measures at Programme level are adapted to the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Given the implementation status and the current health situation, the main directions of Programme level communication for the year were as follows:

- ensuring a continuous and efficient internal flow of information and experience between Programme structures, to best assistance for the beneficiaries, especially ensuring support to deal with COVID-19 pandemic and associated social and economic impact;

- informing Beneficiaries about implementation-related requirements and best practices;

- continue as until now, to provide support to beneficiaries in particular areas of competence, including the use and functionalities of the EMS system, communication, and increased awareness about ERDF related

interventions, results and opportunities.

### **eMS system**

The MA ensured operation, ongoing functioning and configuration of the eMS (version 4\_3.4 was installed).

### **Programme evaluations**

The 2nd evaluation planned in the Programme Evaluation Plan (started in October, 2019) was finalized in 2020. Its objective was to evaluate the functioning of the Programme, in order to provide useful recommendations for the remaining implementation period also taking into account the internal and external factors that affect the programme implementation. Among the conclusions, the evaluation showed that the MC is working efficiently and the Programme remains attractive for both Romanian and Hungarian stakeholders (*details in section 4*).

### **Financial data**

Overall, 23 payment applications for reimbursement (out of which 9 in 2020) amounting of EUR 47,829,356.07 ERDF have been submitted to the European Commission. The Programme's decommitment target set for 2020 (EUR 29,869,559.84 million) was exceeded by EUR 0.32 million.

In relation to the indicator data, the progress can be measured only on the level of the approved projects (*details in section 3.2*). Financial data of the approved projects is presented in *section 3.4*.

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### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

#### 3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
PA1	Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)	<p>PA 1 falls under the TO6, Ips 6/b and 6/c. The initial allocation available was launched within both types of Calls for proposals, Restricted for strategic projects and Open for normal projects. Following CP modifications, the available allocation was increased to EUR 43,067,515.00 ERDF.</p> <p>After the selection of projects under the 1st and 2nd Open Calls (OC), respectively the 3rd Restricted Call, the output indicators for both Ips have been committed in full extent and no more funds are available within PA1.</p> <p>In 2020, implementation of the 11 projects covering the Ip 6/c, selected within the 1st OC, has continued and, until the end year, 4 were finalized. 65 project reports were submitted and costs of EUR 3,142,022.40 have been reported (2,670,315.12 ERDF).</p> <p>The implementation of the 2 projects, covering the Ip 6/b and selected within the 2nd OC, continued and by the end of 2020, 9 project reports were approved with reported costs of EUR 613,255.71 (506,713.62 ERDF).</p> <p>Within the 3rd Restricted Call, the 2 projects selected as Full Applications (2nd phase of strategic projects) covering the Ip 6/c have continued their implementation, while the project ROHU456 started in October. 21 project reports were approved with reported costs of EUR 1,096,423.58 (877,784.37 ERDF).</p> <p>Identified problems: major project modifications, rescheduling, re-planning or cancelling of project activities due to COVID-19 pandemic, delays due to public procurement processes and poor administrative capacity of beneficiaries.</p> <p>Measures taken: MA instructions issued, permanent support provided to beneficiaries, approval of extension/other modifications of the projects (18 Addenda to the Subsidy Contracts concluded and 27 technical modifications approved).</p>
PA2	Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)	<p>PA 2 falls under the TO7, Ips 7/b and 7/c. The entire allocation available (EUR 17,268,247.00 ERDF) was launched within both types of Calls for proposals, Restricted for strategic projects and Open for normal projects.</p> <p>Following the selection of projects under the 2nd and 3rd Open Calls (OC) for normal projects, respectively the 1st Restricted Call, the output indicators for both Ips have been committed in full extent and no more funds are available within PA2.</p> <p>In 2020, the project ROHU444 selected as Full Application (2nd phase of strategic projects) within the 1st Restricted Call (relaunched), covering the Ip 7/b, has continued its implementation. In total, 7 project reports were approved with reported costs in the amount of EUR 1,651,174.37 (1,403,498.18 ERDF).</p> <p>Also, the implementation of the 4 projects (2 projects related to construction of cycle paths and 2 projects related to establishment of public transport services), covering the Ip 7/c and selected within the 2nd OC</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		<p>and 3rd OC, has continued and, until the end of year, 28 project reports were approved with reported costs of EUR 2,025,170.18 (1,721,394.49 ERDF).</p> <p>Identified problems: major project modifications, rescheduling, re-planning or cancelling of project activities due to COVID-19 pandemic, delays due to public procurement processes, lack of financial resources, poor administrative capacity of beneficiaries, increasing the costs for investments related to construction of bicycle paths on HU side.</p> <p>Measures taken: MA instructions issued, permanent support provided to beneficiaries, approval of extension/other modifications of the projects (6 Addenda to the Subsidy Contracts have been concluded and 7 technical modifications were approved).</p>
PA3	Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment)	<p>PA 3 falls under the TO8, Ip 8/b. The entire allocation available (EUR 30,673,795.00 ERDF- after 2nd CP modification) was launched within both types of Calls for proposals, Restricted for strategic projects and Open for normal projects.</p> <p>Following the selection of projects within the 3rd Open Call (OC) and 3rd Restricted Call, the output indicator has been committed in full extent.</p> <p>In 2020, the project ROHU452 selected as Full Application (2nd phase of strategic projects) within the 3rd Restricted Call, covering the Ip 8/b, has started the implementation in February. By the end of 2020, 2 project reports were approved with reported costs of EUR 100,351.40 (85,928.64 ERDF).</p> <p>Within the 3rd OC, under this PA, covering the Ip 8/b, 9 projects have continued their implementation and other 8 have started the implementation. By the end year, 111 project reports were approved with reported costs of EUR 3,279,536.99 (2,787,605.90 ERDF). One project was finalized (ROHU382).</p> <p>Problems identified: major project modifications, rescheduling, re-planning or cancelling of project activities due to COVID-19 pandemic, state aid (monitoring and reporting), delays due to public procurement processes, changing of the investment locations.</p> <p>Measures taken: signature of MoI, MA instructions issued, permanent support provided to beneficiaries, approval of extension/other modifications of the projects (10 Addenda to the Subsidy Contracts have been concluded and 37 technical modifications were approved).</p>
PA4	Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)	<p>PA 4 falls under the TO 9, Ip 9/a.</p> <p>The interest in this PA was huge and therefore, through both Programme modifications, the allocation was increased, reaching, (following the 2nd CP modification), to EUR 72,347,288.00 ERDF. The allocation available was launched within both types of Calls for proposals, Restricted for strategic projects and Open for normal projects.</p> <p>After the selection of projects within the 3rd Open Call (OC) and 2nd Restricted Call, the output indicators have been committed in full extent and no more funds are available within PA4.</p> <p>In 2020, within the 2nd Restricted Call, 2 projects (ROHU236, ROHU245) selected as Concept Notes (1st phase of strategic projects) were finalized, the projects ROHU443, ROHU450 and ROHU449 selected as Full Applications (2nd phase of strategic projects) have continued their implementation and another one</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		<p>(ROHU457) started the implementation. 27 project reports were approved with reported costs of EUR 2,002,256.42 (1,673,296.61 ERDF).</p> <p>Moreover, within the 3rd OC, 9 projects have continued their implementation in 2020. By the end of 2020, 60 project reports were approved with reported costs of EUR 6,840,680.14 (5,791,226.03 ERDF).</p> <p>Problems identified: major project modifications, rescheduling, re-planning or cancelling of project activities due to COVID-19 pandemic, delays due to public procurement processes.</p> <p>Measures taken: MA instructions issued, permanent support provided to beneficiaries, approval of extension/other modifications of the projects (15 Addenda to the Subsidy Contracts have been concluded and 25 technical modifications were approved).</p>
PA5	Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)	<p>PA 5 falls under the TO5, Ip 5/b. The interest in this PA was high and therefore, through the 1st modification of the Programme, the allocation was increased to EUR 11,022,135.00 ERDF. The entire allocation available was launched within the 1st Open Call for normal projects. After the selection of projects, the output indicator has been committed in full extent and no more funds are available within PA5.</p> <p>In 2020, the implementation of the 10 projects approved under PA 5, covering the Ip 5/b, has continued and until the year, 64 project reports were approved with reported costs in the amount of EUR 4,913,675.42 out of which EUR 4,168,294.01 ERDF.</p> <p>Two project were finalized (ROHU10, ROHU80).</p> <p>Problems identified: major project modifications, rescheduling, re-planning or cancelling of project activities due to COVID-19 pandemic, delays due to public procurement processes, low capacity of beneficiaries and availability of their financial resources.</p> <p>Measures taken: MA instructions issued, permanent support provided to beneficiaries, approval of extension/other modifications of the projects at the request of LBs (10 Addenda to the Subsidy Contracts have concluded and 15 technical modifications were approved).</p>
PA6	Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)	<p>PA 6 falls under the TO 11, Ip 11/b. The entire allocation available (EUR 3,411,372.00 ERDF) was launched within the 2nd Open Call for normal projects. After the selection of projects, the output indicators have been committed in full extent and no more funds are available within PA6.</p> <p>These projects are 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 relationship.</p> <p>In 2020, the implementation of 31 projects has continued and by the end of the year, 137 project reports were approved with reported costs in the amount of EUR 1,288,053,623.44 out of which EUR 1,094,844.69 ERDF. In addition, other 2 projects (ROHU281, ROHU319) have been contracted and started their implementation.</p> <p>The following 20 projects have been finalized in 2020: ROHU158, ROHU267, ROHU283, ROHU156, ROHU265, ROHU161, ROHU289, ROHU315, ROHU180, ROHU218, ROHU292, ROHU198,</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		<p>ROHU215, ROHU183, ROHU179, ROHU181, ROHU297, ROHU300, ROHU162, ROHU217.</p> <p>Problems identified: major project modifications, rescheduling, re-planning or cancelling of project activities due to COVID-19 pandemic, delays due to public procurement processes, low capacity of beneficiaries (the lack of experience or low human capacity).</p> <p>Measures taken: MA instructions issued, permanent support provided to beneficiaries, approval of extension/other modifications of the projects at the request of LBs (15 Addenda to the Subsidy Contracts have been concluded and 51 technical modifications have been approved).</p>
TA	Technical Assistance	<p>PA 7 TA sought in particular to achieve 2 Specific Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) to secure the core management for the implementation of the Programme (preparation, contracting, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and control);</li> <li>2) 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.</li> </ol> <p>During 2020 TA was used for ensuring an effective and efficient programme implementation and no significant problems were identified whilst implementing the Priority.</p> <p>TA projects:</p> <p>TA1 – Managing Authority (MA) - within Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration</p> <p>TA2 – Joint Secretariat (JS) – within BRECO, Oradea Regional Office for Cross Border Cooperation BRECO Oradea</p> <p>TA3 – Info Points (IPs) - within 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) - within Directorate General for Audit of European Funds</p> <p>TA6 – Hungarian National Authority (HUNA) - within Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Hungary</p> <p>TA7 – FLCU RO - within BRECO, Oradea Regional Office for Cross Border Cooperation BRECO</p> <p>TA8 – FLCU HU - within Széchenyi Programme Office Consulting and Service Nonprofit Limited Liability Company</p>

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

#### Priority axes other than technical assistance

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)</b>
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 - PA1.6b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number	7.00	0.00	No progress on results of the output indicator as they are expected to be achieved only after the completion of the 2 projects under implementation.
S	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number	7.00	9.00	The setup target value for the measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project) is 7, however, from the 2 projects under implementation, ROHU-208 (6 points) and ROHU-224 (3 points) results that 9 measurement points will benefit from the projects selected for support.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

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

**Table 1: Result indicators - PA1.6b.SO6/b**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 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	2.46	2013	2.39	2.46		The value remains at base value since the Programme had no contribution through its projects at the end of 2020. The information on the achievement of result indicator will be included in the future Annual Implementation Reports.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R 6/b	Water quality (ecological condition) of crossborder rivers at the measurement points in the eligible area	2.46		2.46		0.00		0.00	

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R 6/b	Water quality (ecological condition) of crossborder rivers at the measurement points in the eligible area	0.00		0.00	

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

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA1.6c**

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	61,000.00	77,267.00	From the project ROHU35.
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	61,000.00	159,723.00	Number provided from the selected projects within 1st Open Call for normal projects (73,518) and the 3 strategic projects (Full Application phase) within the 3rd Restricted Call (86,205).
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	6,000.00	25,838.69	From the projects ROHU7, ROHU29, ROHU35 and ROHU79.
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	6,000.00	108,791.44	Number provided from the projects (11) within 1st Open Call for normal projects.

(I)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	129,723.00	86,205.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	43.00	43.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	108,791.44	144,133.58	144,133.58	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)</b>
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 - PA1.6c.SO6/c**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R 6/c	Tourist overnight stays in the eligible programme area	visitor nights	4,885,294.00	2013	5,485,294.00	4,885,294.00		The value remains at base value since the Programme had no contribution through its projects at the end of 2020. The information on the achievement of result indicator will be included in the future Annual Implementation Reports.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R 6/c	Tourist overnight stays in the eligible programme area	4,885,294.00		4,885,294.00		0.00		0.00	

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

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

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA2.7b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	12.00	0.00	No progress on results has been yet reported by the project ROHU444 (2nd phase of 1st Restricted Call).
S	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	12.00	12.14	From project ROHU444 (2nd phase of 1st Restricted Call), the total length of newly built roads is 12.14 km.
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	18.00	0.00	No progress on results has been yet reported by the project ROHU444 (2nd phase of 1st Restricted Call)
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	18.00	20.06	From project ROHU444 (2nd phase of 1st Restricted Call) , the total length of newly built roads is 20.06 km.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	12.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	20.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA2 - Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)</b>
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 - PA2.7b.SO7/b**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R 7/b	Cross-border population served by modernized infrastructure leading to TEN-T	Number of inhabitants	356,076.00	2014	435,794.00	356,076.00		The value remains at base value since the Programme had no contribution through its project (ROHU444) at the end of 2020. The information on the achievement of result indicator will be included in the future Annual Implementation Reports.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R 7/b	Cross-border population served by modernized infrastructure leading to TEN-T	356,076.00		356,076.00		0.00		0.00	

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

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA2 - Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	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 - PA2.7c**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number	5.00	0.00	No progress on results has been yet reported by the projects ROHU390 and ROHU422 in 2020.
S	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number	5.00	16.00	From the 2 projects under implementation (ROHU390 and ROHU422) results that 16 cross-border public transport services will be developed/improved.
F	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	km	17.00	0.00	No progress on results has been yet reported by the projects ROHU128 and ROHU140 in 2020.
S	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	km	17.00	19.72	From the 2 projects under implementation (ROHU128 and ROHU140) results that 19,72 km of newly built bicycle road will be built.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	16.00	16.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	7/c 2	Total length of newly built bicycle road	19.72	19.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA2 - Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)</b>
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 - PA2.7c.SO7/c**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 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	2.59	2.50		The value remains at base value since the Programme had no contribution through its projects at the end of 2020. The information on the achievement of result indicator can be considered as not relevant and it will be included in the next Annual Implementation Reports.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R 7/c	Ratio of people to motorized road vehicles crossing the border	2.50		2.50		0.00		0.00	

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

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

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA3.8b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	10,000.00	10,111.00	From the projects ROHU331, ROHU380, ROHU385, ROHU398 and ROHU399
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	10,000.00	30,427.00	From the 17 projects under implementation, within 3rd OC, results that 27,742 participants will be involved in in joint local employment initiatives and joint training. In addition, from the strategic project ROHU452, within 2nd phase of 3rd Restricted Call, a number of 2,685 participants will be involved in joint local employment initiatives and joint training.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	29,822.00	29,822.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA3 - Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment)</b>
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 - PA3.8b.SO8/b**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R 8/b	Employment rate in the eligible area as a percentage of the working age population	%	56.31	2012	56.38	56.31		The information on the achievement of result indicator will be included in the future Annual Implementation Reports.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R 8/b	Employment rate in the eligible area as a percentage of the working age population	56.31		56.31		0.00		0.00	

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

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA4 - Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)</b>
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 - PA4.9a**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	Number of people	3,911,505.00	0.00	No progress on results has been yet reported by the projects under implementation.
S	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	Number of people	3,911,505.00	3,911,505.00	The projects within PA4 are covering/are implemented in all 8 counties within the eligible area (3,911,505.00*), therefore, the total population within the Programme area will have access to improved healthcare services. * the total value of this indicator has to be updated based on the demographical trends.
F	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number	58.00	4.00	From the project ROHU397.
S	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number	58.00	135.00	From the projects under implementation, results that 135 health-care departments will be affected by modernized equipment.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	9/a 1	Population having access to improved health services	3,300,339.00	3,746,267.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	118.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA4 - Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)</b>
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 - PA4.9a.SO9/a**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 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	3.50	3.19		The value remains at base value since the Programme had no contribution through its projects at the end of 2020. The information on the achievement of result indicator can be considered as not relevant and it will be included in the future Annual Implementation Reports.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R 9/a	Average service level in health care institutions in the eligible area	3.19		3.19		0.00		0.00	

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

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

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA5.5b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people	970,000.00	111,909.00	From the project ROHU80 and ROHU41.
S	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people	970,000.00	2,588,361.00	Number provided from the 10 projects within 1st Open Call for normal projects.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	21,768.00	584.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	2,588,361.00	2,332,927.00	2,368,037.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA5 - Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)</b>
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 - PA5.5b.SO5/b**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R 5/b	Quality of the joint risk management	Rate of preparedness	3.02	2015	3.23	3.02		The value remains at base value since only 3 project were finalized until the end of 2020. The information on the achievement of result indicator can be considered as not relevant and it will be included in the future Annual Implementation Reports.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R 5/b	Quality of the joint risk management	3.02		3.02		0.00		0.00	

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

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

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA6.11b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number	36.00	14.00	From the projects ROHU162, ROHU179, ROHU181, ROHU215 and ROHU217.
S	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number	36.00	39.00	From the projects within 11/b1, results that 39 institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives.
F	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	Number of people	2,000.00	2,028.00	From the projects ROHU156, ROHU158, ROHU161, ROHU180, ROHU198, ROHU200, ROHU218, ROHU256, ROHU265, ROHU267, ROHU268, ROHU277, ROHU280, ROHU283, ROHU285, ROHU289, ROHU292, ROHU316.
S	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	Number of people	2,000.00	18,445.00	From the projects under implementation within 11/b2, results that 18,445 people will participate in CBC initiatives.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	37.00	37.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	3,248.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	11/b2	Number of people participating in cross-border cooperation initiatives	18,445.00	19,042.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>PA6 - Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)</b>
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 - PA6.11b.SO11**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R11/b	Intensity level of cross-border cooperation	Rate of intensity of cross-border cooperation	3.46	2015	3.57	3.46		The information on the achievement of result indicator will be included in the future Annual Implementation Reports.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R11/b	Intensity level of cross-border cooperation	3.46		3.46		0.00		0.00	

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

Not validated

## Priority axes for technical assistance

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

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	Number		49.00	The Indicator is referring only to events organized for applicants (info days sessions, partner search forum). However, during 2020, 2 face-to-face and 47 online events for project beneficiaries have been organized which are related to the communication indicator No of targeted events for project beneficiaries held.
S	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	Number		49.00	
F	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	Number		0.00	
S	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	Number		0.00	
F	TA3	Number of MC meetings	Number		1.00	17/12/2020- online via ZOOM platform
S	TA3	Number of MC meetings	Number		1.00	17/12/2020- online via ZOOM platform In total, 8 MC meetings have been organised by the end of 2020.
F	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	Number		29.00	29 projects finalized: ROHU7, ROHU35, ROHU103, ROHU79, ROHU158, ROHU267, ROHU283, ROHU156, ROHU265, ROHU161, ROHU289, ROHU315, ROHU180, ROHU218, ROHU292, ROHU198, ROHU215, ROHU183, ROHU179, ROHU181, ROHU297, ROHU300, ROHU162, ROHU217, ROHU10, ROHU80, ROHU382, ROHU236, ROHU245.
S	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	Number		29.00	
F	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		83.33	MA (16.9 within MDPWA), NA (1-MFA), JS +RO FLC (42 within BRECO), IPs (3.66 within SZPO), HU FLCs (11.91 within SZPO), AA (6 within Romanian Court of Accounts) and AB (1.86 within Directorate General for Audit of European Funds-HU).
S	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		83.33	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	TA1	Number of events for information and promotion of the programme	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	0.00	0.00	5.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
S	TA2	Number of call for proposals launched	0.00	0.00	5.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
F	TA3	Number of MC meetings	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
S	TA3	Number of MC meetings	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
F	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	16.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	TA4	Number of projects implemented and closed	16.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	81.42	68.91	39.00	48.00	0.00	0.00
S	TA5	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	81.42	68.91	39.00	48.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

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

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2020	Observations
PA1	O	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	-	61,000.00	77,267.00	
PA1	F	F.PA1	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	5920000	50,667,665.00	10,273,137.70	
PA1	I	K6/b	Number of measurement points benefiting from the projects selected for support	Number	1	0.00	9.00	
PA1	I	K6/c	Number of projects aimed at increasing visits to sites of cultural and natural heritage selected for support	Number	5	0.00	14.00	
PA1	O	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number	-	7.00	0.00	
PA2	O	CO13a	Roads: Total length of newly built roads, of which: TEN-T	km	-	12.00	0.00	
PA2	F	F.PA2	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	2480000	20,315,586.00	3,833,287.66	
PA2	I	K7/b	Number of km of newly built roads for which technical documentation is elaborated	km	2.4	0.00	12.14	
PA2	I	K7/c	Number of public transport services benefiting from projects selected for support	Number	1	0.00	16.00	
PA2	O	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number	-	5.00	0.00	
PA3	O	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	-	10,000.00	10,111.00	
PA3	F	F.PA3	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	6340000	36,086,818.00	4,834,222.70	
PA3	I	K8/b	Number of projects related to joint local employment initiatives and joint training approved	Number	5	0.00	19.00	
PA4	F	F.PA4	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	6960000	85,114,457.00	10,026,465.28	
PA4	I	K9/a2	Number of health-care departments benefiting from projects selected for support	Number	12	0.00	135.00	
PA4	O	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number	-	58.00	4.00	
PA5	F	F.PA5	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	1,170,000.00	12,967,218.00	8,810,507.70	
PA5	I	K5/b	Population benefiting from selected projects	Number of people	97000		2,588,361.00	
PA5	O	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people	-	970,000.00	111,909.00	
PA6	F	F.PA6	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	490000	4,013,379.00	2,961,741.40	
PA6	O	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number	4	36.00	39.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
PA1	O	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA1	F	F.PA1	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	5,438,208.10	1,270,849.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA1	I	K6/b	Number of measurement points benefiting from the projects selected for support	Number	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA1	I	K6/c	Number of projects aimed at increasing visits to sites of cultural and natural heritage selected for support	Number	13.00	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00
PA1	O	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA2	O	CO13a	Roads: Total length of newly built roads, of which: TEN-T	km	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA2	F	F.PA2	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	149,906.37	44,059.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA2	I	K7/b	Number of km of newly built roads for which technical documentation is elaborated	km	12.14	12.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA2	I	K7/c	Number of public transport services benefiting from projects selected for support	Number	16.00	16.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA2	O	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA3	O	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA3	F	F.PA3	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	1,713,648.50	11,635.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA3	I	K8/b	Number of projects related to joint local employment initiatives and joint training approved	Number	19.00	19.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA4	F	F.PA4	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	1,178,373.78	282,795.74	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA4	I	K9/a2	Number of health-care departments benefiting from projects selected for support	Number	118.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA4	O	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA5	F	F.PA5	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	4,247,034.21	653,144.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA5	I	K5/b	Population benefiting from selected projects	Number of people	2,332,927.00	2,332,927.00	2,368,037.00	0.00	0.00
PA5	O	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA6	F	F.PA6	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	2,358,623.47	14,953.64	0.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
PA6	O	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number	37.00	37.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2014
PA1	O	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	0.00
PA1	F	F.PA1	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	0.00
PA1	I	K6/b	Number of measurement points benefiting from the projects selected for support	Number	0.00
PA1	I	K6/c	Number of projects aimed at increasing visits to sites of cultural and natural heritage selected for support	Number	0.00
PA1	O	6/b 1	Number of measurement points positively affected by the interventions (after the completion of the project)	Number	0.00
PA2	O	CO13a	Roads: Total length of newly built roads, of which: TEN-T	km	0.00
PA2	F	F.PA2	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	0.00
PA2	I	K7/b	Number of km of newly built roads for which technical documentation is elaborated	km	0.00
PA2	I	K7/c	Number of public transport services benefiting from projects selected for support	Number	0.00
PA2	O	7/c 1	Number of cross-border public transport services developed / improved	Number	0.00
PA3	O	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	0.00
PA3	F	F.PA3	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	0.00
PA3	I	K8/b	Number of projects related to joint local employment initiatives and joint training approved	Number	0.00
PA4	F	F.PA4	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	0.00
PA4	I	K9/a2	Number of health-care departments benefiting from projects selected for support	Number	0.00
PA4	O	9/a 2	Number of health-care departments affected by modernized equipment	Number	0.00
PA5	F	F.PA5	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	0.00
PA5	I	K5/b	Population benefiting from selected projects	Number of people	0.00
PA5	O	5/b 1	Population safeguarded by improved emergency response services	Number of people	0.00
PA6	F	F.PA6	Total amount of certified expenditure	EUR	0.00
PA6	O	11/b1	Number of institutions directly involved in cross-border cooperation initiatives	number	0.00

### 3.4. Financial data

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

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
PA1	ERDF	Total	50,667,665.00	85.00	53,750,911.19	106.09%	52,416,584.64	11,316,176.78	22.33%	16
PA2	ERDF	Total	20,315,586.00	85.00	20,315,584.90	100.00%	20,212,151.74	3,870,310.80	19.05%	5
PA3	ERDF	Total	36,086,818.00	85.00	38,911,080.05	107.83%	38,299,336.28	5,212,770.78	14.45%	18
PA4	ERDF	Total	85,114,457.00	85.00	80,537,087.08	94.62%	80,493,214.96	10,302,720.11	12.10%	14
PA5	ERDF	Total	12,967,218.00	85.00	13,937,380.32	107.48%	13,860,091.13	9,598,958.16	74.02%	10
PA6	ERDF	Total	4,013,379.00	85.00	4,484,380.32	111.74%	4,453,314.02	3,358,775.12	83.69%	33
TA	ERDF	Total	22,696,640.00	50.00	20,485,514.66	90.26%	20,485,514.66	10,855,859.16	47.83%	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>ERDF</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>231,861,763.00</b>	<b>81.57</b>	<b>232,421,938.52</b>	<b>100.24%</b>	<b>230,220,207.43</b>	<b>54,515,570.91</b>	<b>23.51%</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Grand total</b>			<b>231,861,763.00</b>	<b>81.57</b>	<b>232,421,938.52</b>	<b>100.24%</b>	<b>230,220,207.43</b>	<b>54,515,570.91</b>	<b>23.51%</b>	<b>110</b>

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

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

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

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
PA1	ERDF	021	01	07	07	06		11	HU332	1,429,968.50	1,429,968.50	244,570.97	2
PA1	ERDF	021	01	07	07	06		11	RO421	4,520,376.28	3,419,016.77	703,743.58	2
PA1	ERDF	085	01	07	07	06		15	HU332	12,755,477.00	12,602,545.37	76,982.12	14
PA1	ERDF	085	01	07	07	06		15	RO111	676,088.49	676,088.49	244,109.89	6
PA1	ERDF	085	01	07	07	06		15	RO115	1,652,408.75	1,652,408.75	3,545.33	3
PA1	ERDF	085	01	07	07	06		22	HU332	2,159,284.41	2,150,973.51	1,605,624.32	6
PA1	ERDF	085	01	07	07	06		22	RO111	2,401,406.71	2,385,043.57	1,075,016.72	7
PA1	ERDF	085	01	07	07	06		22	RO115	782,884.00	782,389.36	355,637.52	3
PA1	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		22	HU332	3,757,566.90	3,720,859.83	2,601,061.69	11
PA1	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		22	RO111	7,590,617.21	7,582,478.71	2,031,952.78	15
PA1	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		22	RO115	491,717.00	485,202.93	455,720.40	2
PA1	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		15	HU332	2,855,801.80	2,854,924.92	106,109.26	11
PA1	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		15	RO111	1,021,814.09	1,021,814.09	368,847.54	6
PA1	ERDF	091	01	07	07	06		15	RO115	5,232.50	5,232.50	4,555.18	1
PA1	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		15	HU332	6,856,456.46	6,854,352.46	254,673.64	11
PA1	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		15	RO111	2,453,305.01	2,453,305.01	885,576.69	6
PA1	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		15	RO115	12,555.00	12,555.00	10,929.81	1
PA1	ERDF	095	01	07	07	06		15	HU332	1,712,198.43	1,711,672.22	63,648.74	11
PA1	ERDF	095	01	07	07	06		15	RO111	612,612.65	612,612.65	221,137.06	6
PA1	ERDF	095	01	07	07	06		15	RO115	3,140.00	3,140.00	2,733.54	1
PA2	ERDF	030	01	07	07	06		08	HU332	595,002.00	565,370.48	45,808.87	2
PA2	ERDF	030	01	07	07	07		08	RO421	7,743,600.60	7,743,600.60	983,834.35	4
PA2	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	HU332	396,668.00	376,913.65	30,539.24	2
PA2	ERDF	034	01	07	07	07		08	RO421	5,162,400.40	5,162,400.40	655,889.57	4
PA2	ERDF	043	01	07	07	07		12	HU332	591,002.50	584,901.16	24,824.94	2
PA2	ERDF	043	01	07	07	07		12	RO111	996,300.00	975,377.70	763,868.85	2
PA2	ERDF	043	01	07	07	07		12	RO424	267,855.45	267,855.45	59,782.23	1
PA2	ERDF	044	01	07	07	07		12	HU332	591,002.50	584,901.15	24,824.95	2
PA2	ERDF	044	01	07	07	07		12	RO111	996,300.00	975,377.70	763,868.85	2
PA2	ERDF	044	01	07	07	07		12	RO424	267,855.45	267,855.45	59,782.23	1
PA2	ERDF	090	01	07	07	07		08	HU332	962,023.00	962,023.00	46,873.08	2
PA2	ERDF	090	01	07	07	07		08	RO111	849,832.00	849,832.00	44,860.48	2
PA2	ERDF	090	01	07	07	07		08	RO421	895,743.00	895,743.00	365,553.16	1
PA3	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	HU332	5,627,221.91	5,477,931.35	890,887.99	29
PA3	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO111	5,068,884.12	5,030,979.52	468,728.38	19
PA3	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO115	1,222,184.95	1,215,770.38	66,686.54	5
PA3	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO421	851,273.15	834,239.17	315,126.24	2
PA3	ERDF	102	01	07	07	08		21	RO424	849,313.89	845,847.27	83,040.62	7
PA3	ERDF	104	01	07	07	08		21	HU332	8,842,777.28	8,608,177.84	1,399,966.85	29
PA3	ERDF	104	01	07	07	08		21	RO111	7,965,389.33	7,905,824.97	736,573.17	19
PA3	ERDF	104	01	07	07	08		21	RO115	1,920,576.35	1,910,496.31	104,793.13	5
PA3	ERDF	104	01	07	07	08		21	RO421	1,337,714.95	1,310,947.28	495,198.38	2
PA3	ERDF	104	01	07	07	08		21	RO424	1,334,636.12	1,329,188.56	130,492.40	7
PA3	ERDF	108	01	07	07	08		21	HU332	1,607,777.69	1,565,123.24	254,539.43	29
PA3	ERDF	108	01	07	07	08		21	RO111	1,448,252.60	1,437,422.72	133,922.39	19
PA3	ERDF	108	01	07	07	08		21	RO115	349,195.70	347,362.97	19,053.30	5
PA3	ERDF	108	01	07	07	08		21	RO421	243,220.90	238,354.05	90,036.07	2
PA3	ERDF	108	01	07	07	08		21	RO424	242,661.11	241,670.65	23,725.89	7
PA4	ERDF	053	01	07	07	09		20	HU321	510,000.00	510,000.00	427,977.76	1
PA4	ERDF	053	01	07	07	09		20	HU332	19,607,310.43	19,571,586.83	3,229,437.78	21
PA4	ERDF	053	01	07	07	09		20	RO111	12,376,138.09	12,376,138.09	3,005,119.59	17
PA4	ERDF	053	01	07	07	09		20	RO115	19,427,563.92	19,425,996.21	248,007.74	8

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 eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
PA4	ERDF	053	01	07	07	09		20	RO421	1,541,541.30	1,541,541.30	122,040.08	2
PA4	ERDF	053	01	07	07	09		20	RO424	14,993,970.28	14,993,970.28	1,724,729.14	8
PA4	ERDF	112	01	07	07	09		20	HU321	90,000.00	90,000.00	75,525.49	1
PA4	ERDF	112	01	07	07	09		20	HU332	3,460,113.60	3,453,809.44	569,900.79	21
PA4	ERDF	112	01	07	07	09		20	RO111	2,184,024.37	2,184,024.37	530,315.22	17
PA4	ERDF	112	01	07	07	09		20	RO115	3,428,393.63	3,428,116.98	43,766.07	8
PA4	ERDF	112	01	07	07	09		20	RO421	272,036.70	272,036.70	21,536.48	2
PA4	ERDF	112	01	07	07	09		20	RO424	2,645,994.76	2,645,994.76	304,363.97	8
PA5	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	HU321	112,913.83	112,913.83	112,902.50	1
PA5	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	HU323	112,913.83	112,913.83	112,902.50	1
PA5	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	HU332	2,611,177.86	2,588,304.04	2,465,087.64	7
PA5	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	HU333	112,913.83	112,913.83	112,902.50	1
PA5	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO111	2,688,973.37	2,667,988.26	2,193,169.81	4
PA5	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO115	1,268,222.00	1,268,222.00	307,590.31	5
PA5	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO421	1,931,287.00	1,931,287.00	1,210,002.16	1
PA5	ERDF	087	01	07	07	05		22	RO424	100,420.80	100,420.80	97,159.02	1
PA5	ERDF	088	01	07	07	05		22	HU332	1,240,457.50	1,216,991.20	608,053.63	7
PA5	ERDF	088	01	07	07	05		22	RO111	664,499.50	657,914.22	562,080.00	3
PA5	ERDF	088	01	07	07	05		22	RO115	401,500.00	401,500.00	302,236.68	4
PA5	ERDF	088	01	07	07	05		22	RO421	1,422,230.00	1,422,230.00	643,701.06	2
PA5	ERDF	088	01	07	07	05		22	RO424	1,269,870.80	1,266,492.12	871,170.35	3
PA6	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	HU332	1,818,050.26	1,796,614.37	1,308,975.13	39
PA6	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	RO111	1,513,091.39	1,508,773.11	1,190,891.17	27
PA6	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	RO115	244,755.41	243,795.83	226,354.22	5
PA6	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	RO421	500,528.11	497,421.89	393,776.73	10
PA6	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		18	RO424	407,955.15	406,708.82	238,777.87	9
TA	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	HU101	5,011,665.99	5,011,665.99	847,928.50	5
TA	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	RO111	6,800,031.83	6,800,031.83	4,822,059.50	4
TA	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	RO321	4,111,970.76	4,111,970.76	2,416,723.80	5
TA	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	HU101	314,576.80	314,576.80	194,556.12	2
TA	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	RO321	832,079.46	832,079.46	307,569.57	3
TA	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	HU101	501,558.06	501,558.06	310,198.30	2
TA	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	RO111	2,151,621.88	2,151,621.88	1,653,759.64	2
TA	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	RO321	762,009.88	762,009.88	303,063.73	3

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

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

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## 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

The 2nd ROHU Evaluation aimed to assess the functioning of the Programme in order to provide useful recommendations for its remaining implementation period. It was structured on 6 evaluation themes (T) and was performed between 12.10.2019-11.05.2020.

The main Conclusions (C) and Recommendations (R) within the Evaluation Report are:

### **T1: ROHU relevance**

C Programme remains relevant to the needs in the eligible area, and the stakeholders succeeded through cooperation to use the funding opportunity and resolve the pressing development needs they encountered.

C The Programme decision makers adopted constructive approaches to speed up the implementation in order to overcome the delays caused by programming process (2014-2020) which did not succeed to inspire and help the stakeholders to integrate in an efficient way their plans and priorities formulated in the Common Territorial Strategy leading to significant delays of the entire programme cycle.

C ROHU has a balanced relevance to all three EU2020 Strategy. Still, the contribution is limited due to the level of funding and the reduced thematic concentration. The coherence of ROHU and EUSDR is enhanced in implementation by coordination at the level of the MC, support in the evaluation process, including scoring incentives recommendations from the EUSDR Steering Group.

R Programming process (2021-2027) should be more efficient, timely started, more focused on the entire eligible area cohesion and the design of the Programme should encourage thematic concentration and higher integration of the interventions (based on 2014-2020 programming process experience).

### **T2: ROHU implementation**

C Despite a late start in the ROHU implementation and delayed launching of the CfPs, the Programme implementation showed good progress in 2018 and 2019. The outputs assumed in the projects contracted exceed significantly the Programme output indicators' targets. However, COVID-19 pandemic adds on significant risks difficult to be assessed at that stage, especially in investments related to tourism (Ip 6c), people to people activities (Ip 11b). At the moment of evaluation, the result indicators couldn't capture any achievement or contribution of the Programme, either because the achievement was rather low at the end of 2019, given the projects' stage of implementation, or because the cause-effect link is too weak, or the setup methodology cannot measure the results very accurately). The projects' effectiveness is mostly affected by the delays and blockages generated by public procurement or administrative procedures, by the project teams' limited capacity mainly when changes occur, or a large number of partners are involved, by the market prices fluctuations or other external factors.

C The Performance Framework (PF) did not fulfil its role as a tool to measure and stimulate performance due to design errors and unrealistic estimates. Therefore, the failure to meet the 2018 targets should not be

understood exclusively as a suboptimal performance, but also because of an imperfect measurement tool.

C ROHU is an attractive Programme for both RO and HU stakeholders. Improvements already implemented are appreciated by the beneficiaries, but further simplification measures, faster, more predictable processes will encourage stakeholders' participation in projects or broader involvement.

R EC, MA and NA should work together to make the necessary changes in the Programme to respond to the challenges in a beneficiary friendly way. The changes refer to the performance framework and the indicators system, the decommitment and other programme implementation to allow flexibility to overcome COVID-19 impact.

### **T3: Implementation system**

C The evaluation, selection and contracting were time-consuming and a challenge for the programme management and stakeholders caused by the implementation approximately in parallel of all 6 Calls for proposals. The efficiency was also diminished by the Restricted CfPs extending over more than 2 years, involving two rounds of technical evaluation and in some cases extensions of the Concept Notes.

C The monitoring system is functional, able to monitor projects' progress adequately and inform the management structures and relevant stakeholders to make decisions. The strengths of the system rely on competent structure with experienced monitors at the MA level, with a clear vision, using risk-based monitoring, the delegation of tasks in parallel with building capacity at JS level including Info Points, operating as a unique team of monitors, a good understanding of the Programme and projects. The projects' monitoring at the beneficiaries' level requires more discipline and rigour in monitoring, development of monitoring skills for all partners, with guidance and instructions from the management bodies focused on the less experienced.

C TA Assistance played an essential role in contributing to the programme's objectives. No significant problems (except delays in concluding the TA contracts) were encountered in the implementation of this PA. The beneficiaries were satisfied with the assistance received.

C MC is working efficiently, combining the meetings with written procedures concerning decision making, providing an example of learning as well as cooperating to reach an agreement, progress in building trust and working together for a common interest.

C The implementation system is functional; the MA, NA and JS are aware of the problems encountered by the beneficiaries. The legislation and the public administration model focused on procedures do not allow fast changes to reduce bureaucracy, avoid blockages and speed up processes. In order to speed up the implementation process, MA issues Instructions, when immediate changes are needed.

C There is evidence of simplifications adopted over the implementation period, but more improvements are expected including fewer documents required in the evaluation, more flexibility in projects implementation with less bureaucratic changes, faster resolution of problems encountered. The SCOs

applied as Flat rate on Office and Admin costs are perceived very useful and should be extended.

C eMS is functional and able to ensure data collection and reporting of the progress on achievements of the programme financial and output indicators' targets. A number of shortcomings limit the efficient use of the eMS and concern aspects such as: aggregation of data, avoidance of double entries, visualization of synthetic data.

R MA and NA should work together to adopt a new approach for projects evaluation and selection in the future Programme, to have a shorter duration and higher quality evaluation and selection process.

R The support for the beneficiaries should include improvement of the management information system functionalities, development of the monitoring skills, more rigour and discipline, support to beneficiaries to refocus from compliance with implementation procedures to results, sustainability risks and state aid.

R MA and JS should continue the efforts for simplification, including the documents required in the evaluation, no translation required for valid documents in the national language, if not imposed by audit requirements, neither translations even if funded by TA, more flexibility in projects implementation with less bureaucratic changes, faster resolution of problems encountered, an extension of simplified costs options in the future Programme.

R MA, NA and JS should provide in the next programming period a clear and reliable calendar for the CfPs allowing stakeholders to plan their applications coherently and have sufficient time to prepare good quality applications.

#### **T4: Projects sustainability and T5: Implementation of the Horizontal Principles**

C The project sustainability is relying firstly on the capacity and experience of the beneficiary in carrying out such projects and in foreseeing the right measures from the project design stage; therefore, the solutions found for the sustainability of operations in some cases are not clear or not realistic, or in the case of the public institutions rely on the public bodies.

C ROHU is committed to combating discrimination, promoting gender equality and promoting the integration of disabled people in society.

R JS should continue as until now, to provide support to beneficiaries in state aid, anti-fraud, more effective and innovative modalities of applying horizontal principles, increase awareness about relevant strategies and programmes, such as EUSDR related interventions, results and opportunities.

#### **T6: Evaluability of impact evaluation**

C The impact assessment planned to start in October 2021 is not recommended because the progress in

implementation and the level of achievement is not sufficient.

R The impact assessment foreseen for 2021 should be rescheduled and focused on assessing effectiveness and impact (late 2022 - early 2023).

Additional conclusions:

9 of the 10 lessons learned from the HURO Programme 2007-2013, formulated in the evaluation of the HURO, have been fully implemented. The 10th, thematic concentration has remained low on ROHU, with 8 Ips.

A large number of ESIF mainstream programmes are available for the stakeholders in the eligible area.

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Name	Fund	From month	From year	To month	To year	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings
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## 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

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

In 2020, besides the already “classic” issues mentioned in the previous AiRs (e.g. late approval of the CP, State aid or changing in the stakeholders’ needs), a new external issue affecting the performance of both the Programme and projects has been added: COVID-19 pandemic.

In figures, an amount of 6.2 million Eur was postponed, 13 projects have been suspended, 22 projects were prolonged, 4 projects were modified to address COVID-19 issues (treatment and prevention of the disease) and 25 projects adapted the way of organizing the events.

At the Programme level this issue:

- created changes in the context of the Programme and in the priorities of the stakeholders in the eligible area (the focus shifted from wellbeing, communication, socializing, to economic rebuild and strengthening the medical systems);
- generated high impact on the relevance of several Ips: 6c, 11b (highest negative impact), 9a, 5b and 8b (increase of demand, as a response to the challenges of the COVID-19 effects);
- added risks to the achievement of Programme targets (the severe delays/ complete cease of implementation activities, applicable for most projects - impact on the financial forecasts of the Programme)

At the Projects level, COVID-19 pandemic caused:

- severe delays in planning and carrying out project activities;
- fluctuations in the project implementation teams and/ or project representatives;
- major project modifications;
- rescheduling, re-planning or cancelling of project activities;

The Programme structures became involved in the fight against the coronavirus from the earliest stages of the pandemic. Specifically, the following measures have been taken:

- informing all beneficiaries (through emails and Programme web site) regarding the preventive actions that are recommended to be taken, with respect to the public health risks, in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The beneficiaries were strongly recommended to take appropriate measures such as reviewing the planned project activities/events to see what activities/events can be postponed to a later date. If deviations or delays occur in projects implementation and the project results and outputs might be affected, the Lead beneficiary should make use of the contractual provisions available for such situations (modification of the calendar of activities, extension of implementation period of the project, the suspension of the implementation period, etc.) - 13 projects were suspended and 22 were prolonged;

- informing all beneficiaries regarding the Commission specific measures under the ERDF (and other funds) to mobilize investments in the health care systems of the Member States and in other sectors of their economies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (CRII- Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative)- 4 projects were

amended in this respect;

- encouraging the beneficiaries to procure digital signature in order to speed up the process of financing contracts, addenda and other project related documents signature;
- the possibility to extend the project implementation period and to modify the way of organizing the project activities were available (e.g., online events, workshops, meeting, instead of face-to-face approach)- 25 projects adapted the way of organizing the events to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic context;
- Information (mini guide) on the organization of online events was elaborated and published on Programme WEB site;
- alternative ways to quantify the achievement of the output indicators by the projects were accepted (e.g.: minutes of the meetings, pictures, screen shots);

Another measure taken also in the context of COVID-19 crisis is the 3rd revision of CP, modifying the co-financing rate of expenditures declared in payment applications during the accounting year starting July 1st 2020 and ending June 30th 2021 to 100% and updating the Methodology for defining the results indicators.

Furthermore, the Programme's structures continued to implement the acceleration and/or simplification measures, that proved to be efficient previous years as follows:

- selection of the compliant Full Applications within FSP Calls through Written Procedure instead of meeting of the Monitoring Committee (9 FA have been assessed and selected until end of 2020);
- contracting procedure simplified in order to shorten the process: less documents to be translated into English (e.g., establishing documents, fiscal documents, decisions of the empowered bodies, original specimens of signatures);
- over-contracting up to a limit of 10% of the ERDF allocation (8 projects were contracted under over-contracting conditions, in total amount of EUR 2,625,680.01 ERDF);
- request for payment to be submitted to the Commission whenever is deemed necessary;
- continuous/ongoing monitoring of the Programme and project implementation;
- shortening the period to process the requests for payments;
- verifying/endorsing the Consolidated Reports based on their value, in order to reach the decommitment target

(higher values first);

- assisting the partners in the reporting process (including organizing of Quality workshops, special monitoring visits and online meetings);
- possibility of submitting unlimited number of financial project reports, outside the reporting plan/schedule committed within Subsidy contracts (3/4 months) for costs at least EUR 10,000 ERDF;
- possibility of have advance payments related to procurement contracts for Romanian beneficiaries validated/reimbursed;
- possibility to include in Partner Reports costs paid within max.15 calendar days after the end date of a reporting period;
- project dedicated events organised in national languages (to facilitate access to info and better understanding);
- advance payment granted from the ERDF offered to the beneficiaries of the projects contracted after the approval of the relevant legislation;
- when traveling restriction were imposed, the monitoring visits at HU beneficiaries could be performed by the IP experts;
- awareness raising letters were sent to all projects under implementation, underlining the importance of complying with the provisions of the subsidy contracts and also requesting to focus on reaching the financial forecast assumed within the projects;
- the modification of MOI was approved in 2020, updating the provisions related to the state-aid;
- the permanent monitoring of the savings at Programme level;
- the close monitoring of the significant procurements in case of all projects to identify the possible delays and the procurements that can be completed ahead of the schedule;
- the permanent monitoring of the decommitment risk by organising monthly technical meeting among the Programme structures and also constantly updating the estimations related to the N+3 target, based on the updated information provided by the beneficiaries;

**(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 fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.**

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## **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

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

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

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

**8.1. Major projects**

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 realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Priority axis	PA1 - Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
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NA for AIR 2020.

Priority axis	PA2 - Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)
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NA for AIR 2020.

Priority axis	PA3 - Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment)
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NA for AIR 2020.

Priority axis	PA4 - Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)
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NA for AIR 2020.

Priority axis	PA5 - Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)
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NA for AIR 2020.

Priority axis	PA6 - Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)
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NA for AIR 2020.

Priority axis	TA - Technical Assistance
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NA for AIR 2020.

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

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

NA for AIR 2020.

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**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

NA for AIR 2020.

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

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

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)</b>	<b>Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)</b>
PA1	12,994,050.31	30.17%
PA2	3,562,965.48	20.63%
PA5	9,297,508.54	84.35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,854,524.33</b>	<b>13.67%</b>

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

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

NA for AIR 2020.

Not validated

**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**

NA for AIR 2020.

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Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)
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**10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy**

NA for AIR 2020.

Not validated

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

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

Not validated

**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.

Not validated

### 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:

NA for AIR 2020.

- 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)

Not validated

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

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

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

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

Yes  No

**Name and function**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Budapest Danube Contact Point András GYÖRGY as Observer;  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary - Department for Water Diplomacy and the Danube Region Strategy-Viktor György OROSZI as Observer

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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

105

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

Yes

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

In case of flagship projects, there is a specific criterion related to the EUSDR compliance

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

Yes  No

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

No.

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

Not applicable.

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

No.

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

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

Not validated

### 13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

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

NA for AIR 2020.

Not validated

**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).

NA for AIR 2020.

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