

Annex:

Citizen's Summary – AIR 2022

for Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme

CITIZENS' SUMMARY

of the Annual Implementation Report for 2022 regarding the
Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme aims at financing joint Romanian - Hungarian projects, which address needs that lie on both sides of the border, and that require a common approach and innovative solutions, aiming at facilitating the integrated, sustainable development of the eligible area.

The Programme comes as a continuation of cross-border cooperation programmes implemented previously in the region and disposes of a total budget of approx. 232 million EUR, out of which 189 million EUR represent non-refundable support from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The eligible programme area comprises the counties of Bihor, Satu Mare, Arad and Timiș, on the Romanian side of the border and the counties of Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg, Hajdú-Bihar, Békés and Csongrád-Csanád on the Hungarian side.

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

- PA 1: Joint protection and efficient use of common values and resources (Cooperating on common values and resources)
- PA 2: Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility)
- PA 3: Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment)
- PA 4: Improving health-care services (Cooperating on health-care and prevention)
- PA 5: Improve risk-prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management)
- PA 6: Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities)

In general, beneficiaries of the projects funded by the Programme can be public organisations (national, regional or local authorities), organisations that fall under the public law, non-profit

organisations (e.g. associations), European Groupings for Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) and others.

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

The Programme is managed and supported by a series of different bodies, responsible to ensure that funds are spent in the best possible way.

The main responsibility for Programme implementation belongs to the Managing Authority (Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration in Romania), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade acting as National Authority from Hungary and the Monitoring Committee, a joint body consisting of local and central stakeholders, as well as representatives of civil society from both Member States.

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

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The Annual Implementation Report (AIR) of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme was prepared according to Article 50 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013) and was submitted to the European Commission for approval in May 2023. The current document provides a brief summary of the activities that were undertaken in relation to the Programme implementation in the previous year, 2022.

The AIR contains information on the following main topics: the implementation of the Programme with the most important highlight of the year, information and communication measures undertaken, as well as the progress made in shaping the future Interreg Programme between Romania and Hungary.

Since 2022 was mainly about projects implementation, numerous consultations and meetings with beneficiaries were held online throughout the year, on various topics, such as: eMS helpdesk, training sessions on reporting / final project reporting, meetings on the topic of addenda submission / with projects at risk and other implementation-related meetings at the request of the beneficiaries. The decommitment target for 2022, of over 33.2 million EUR ERDF, has been reached and even exceeded by 1.4 million EUR.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2022

- ✓ **Altogether, 37 payment applications for reimbursement** submitted to the European Commission, **worth more than 115 million EUR ERDF**;
- ✓ **7 requests for payment submitted** to the European Commission in 2022, **worth 34.6 million EUR, ERDF**;



An absorption rate of 60.75% of the ERDF allocation of

the Programme achieved by the end of 2022;

- ✓ **63 projects** (under Priority Axes 1-6) **were finalised** (out of which 12 in 2022) and **37 projects** (under Priority Axes 1-6) **continued their implementation**, at the end of 2022;
- ✓ **8 Newsflash editions** sent to the mailing list (**1590 contacts**), **2 Press releases** and **2 new publication** types were developed and published on the Programme website ([Booklets](#) and [Podcasts](#));
- ✓ **The website** (www.interreg-rohu.eu) registered **488,130 visitors accessed it** (out of which **58,077 visitors in 2022**), with **2,917,857 hits** (out of which **283,275 hits in 2022**);
- ✓ **6400 Facebook users** reached through the [Annual Event 2022](#) organized;
- ✓ **160 onsite monitoring visits to beneficiaries performed** and **3 series of special monitoring visits to strategic projects** were carried out by the managing Programme structures together with the EC representatives;
- ✓ **1 Monitoring Committee Meeting** held **online**, on the 11th of November 2022;
- ✓ **39 Monitoring Committee Written procedures** launched and **39 Decisions** issued.