

## 1<sup>st</sup> Restricted Call for Strategic Project Proposals - Full Application Form

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| <b>Project code</b>               | <b>ROHU-444 FAF</b>  |
| <b>Project Title</b>              | <b>ConCom TEN-T</b><br>Connecting communities to the TEN-T infrastructure in the Romanian - Hungarian border area  |
| <b>Priority Axis</b>              | <b>2</b> – Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on cross-border accessibility)  |
| <b>Investment priority</b>        | <b>7/b</b> Improving regional mobility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes.  |
| <b>Implementation period</b>      | 66 months (July 01, 2019 – December 31, 2024)<br>The project has been classified as non-finalized according to the MC decision no. 271/05.12.2023, i.e. the activity A.I3.1- Road construction DJ 792 Socodor - Nadab has not been physically completed by 31.12.2023. Therefore, the main beneficiary assumed the responsibility for the full achievement of the indicators and objectives from its own resources by the extended deadline for the implementation of the project. |
| <b>Partnership</b>                | <b>LB: Arad County (Romania)</b><br>PP2: Békés County Foundation for Enterprise Development (Hungary)<br>PP3: Curtici Town (Romania)   |
| <b>Project budget</b>             | <b>Total 13,836,221.00 EUR, out of which EDRF 11,760,787.85 EUR</b><br>LB: 7,384,287.45 EUR ERDF, 1,129,274.74 EUR national co-financing<br>PP2: 839,392.00 EUR ERDF, 98,742.13 EUR national co-financing<br>PP3: 3,537,108.40 EUR ERDF, 540,927.91 EUR national co-financing  |
| <b>Objective</b>                  | To connect communities to the TEN-T infrastructure in Arad and Békés counties while tackling the challenges posed by increased traffic.  |
| <b>Contribution to indicators</b> | Total length of newly built roads: 12.14 km<br>Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads: 20.06 km   |

## Summary

The **main obstacle** in the mobility of the population in the cross-border area is outdated infrastructure or even the lack of it, stunting the development of settlements with great potential for cooperation in the enlarged EU.

The project's main objective on the RO side aimed to directly connect the tertiary node Curtici city to the national road DN79 - part of the TEN-T infrastructure network and on the Hungarian side, the preparation of traffic studies/technical plans to identify the best solutions to improve the roads that connect 20 localities in Békés county, tertiary nodes, to the TEN-T infrastructure.

### **The main activities planned to be implemented through the project were:**

- on the Romanian side: construction of 12,14 km of new roads, modernization of 20,06 km of roads in Arad County, for directly connecting the tertiary node Curtici town to the national road DN79 – part of the comprehensive TEN-T network;
- on the Hungarian side: preparing 48 studies in Békés County for the improvement of roads connecting 20 settlements – tertiary nodes to the TEN-T infrastructure, 20 impact assessments and 1 traffic study.

The partners have planned to participate **in 3 public events** and **3 professional events** on both sides of the border to discuss the project's status with the relevant stakeholders and competent authorities and promote the project through printed/promotional/digital communication and information materials.

The Programme Output Indicators are „CO13 Roads: Total length of newly built roads” and „CO14 Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads”. Through project ROHU–444 a number of 12.14 km of new roads are to be built and 20.06 km of roads are to be reconstructed or upgraded.

The project was classified as non-finalized according to MC decision no. 271/05.12.2023, meaning that from various reasons it has not been physically completed until 31 December 2023, therefore the beneficiaries undertook the responsibility of fully achieving the indicators and objectives from their own resources until the extended deadline of project implementation.

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| <p><b>Main outputs</b></p> | <p><b>The main results expected to be achieved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>the tertiary node Curtici town directly connected to the national road DN79</b> – part of the comprehensive TEN-T network, by the modernized DJ 709B Curtici–Macea–Sânmartin section (8.6 km long) and Sânmartin–Socodor section (11.46 km long). The total value of the investment <b>6.66</b> million euros.</li> <li>• <b>the tertiary node Curtici town directly connected to the national road DN79</b> – part of the comprehensive TEN-T network, by the newly constructed South-North beltway for Curtici Town (7.296 km long). Total value of the investment <b>4.15</b> million euros.</li> <li>• <b>direct access between Chişineu Criş – DN 79 – Vârşand border checkpoint and to the industrial zone from Nădab</b>, by the newly built DJ792 Socodor – Nădab section - ring road for the Chişineu Criş town (4.848 km long). The total value of the investment <b>2.01</b> million euros.</li> <li>• <b>48 technical plans for improvement of the roads</b> connecting 20 settlements from Békés County to the TEN-T infrastructure developed including approvals and agreements for the following tertiary nodes located in Békés County: Battonya, Bekes, Elek, Bekescsaba, Csorvas, Fuzesgyarmat, Gyomaendrod, Kondoros, Korosladany, Medgyesegyhaza, Mezobereny, Mezohegyes, Mezo-kovacshaza, Oroshaza, Sarkad, Szarvas, Szeghalom, Totkomlos, Ujkigyos, Veszto. <b>21 strategic studies</b> (Impact assessment and Traffic) <b>identifying the best solutions to complete the TEN-T network in Békés County</b> developed to enhance regional mobility by connecting tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure. The total value of the 43 studies: <b>0.77</b> million euros.</li> </ul> <p><b>Soft activities implemented:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 public events/press conferences</li> <li>• Information materials (press releases, 1000 flyers, 21 temporary/permanent billboards), promotional materials</li> <li>• Digital activities, including dedicated pages on beneficiaries' websites. Value: <b>0.03 million euros.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Website/webpage:</b><br/> <a href="https://www.cjarad.ro/activitate/proiecte-europene/27-conectareacomunit%C4%83%C8%9Bilor-la-infrastructura-tent-%C3%AEn-zona-de-frontier%C4%83-rom%C3%A2no-%E2%80%93-maghiar%C4%83--rohu-444.html">https://www.cjarad.ro/activitate/proiecte-europene/27-conectareacomunit%C4%83%C8%9Bilor-la-infrastructura-tent-%C3%AEn-zona-de-frontier%C4%83-rom%C3%A2no-%E2%80%93-maghiar%C4%83--rohu-444.html</a></p> |
| <p><b>Concept Note</b></p> | <p>Project code: <b>ROHU-329 CN</b><br/>           Implementation period: September 01, 2018 – February 28, 2019<br/>           Total budget 61,450.00 EUR, out of which ERDF 52,232.50 EUR.<br/>           Preparation activities for developing the Full Application Form.</p>   |