

Annex:

Citizen's Summary – Final Implementation Report for Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme

CITIZENS' SUMMARY

of the Final Implementation Report regarding the
Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME






The Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme aimed to finance joint projects between Romania and Hungary that addressed shared needs on both sides of the border, requiring a common approach and innovative solutions aimed at facilitating the integrated, sustainable development of the eligible area.



The Programme was a continuation of cross-border cooperation programmes implemented previously in the region and disposed 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 comprised 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 supported 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) – 16 funded projects;
-  PA 2: Improve sustainable cross-border mobility and remove bottlenecks (Cooperating on accessibility) - 5 funded projects;
-  PA 3: Improve employment and promote cross-border labour mobility (Cooperating on employment) - 19 funded projects;
-  PA 4: Improving health-care services (Cooperating on healthcare and prevention) - 15 funded projects;
-  PA 5: Improve risk prevention and disaster management (Cooperating on risk prevention and disaster management) - 10 funded projects;



PA 6: Promoting cross-border cooperation between institutions and citizens (Cooperation of institutions and communities) – 33 funded projects.

In general, beneficiaries of the projects funded by the Programme were 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 provided in the framework of **both Open and Restricted calls** for proposals, totalling up to **seven launched calls**. 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 various bodies, ensuring that funds are utilized most effectively.

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

The Monitoring Committee is a joint body consisting of local and central stakeholders and 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](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#).

FIR | CITIZEN'S SUMMARY

The Final Implementation Report (FIR) of the Interreg V-A Romania-Hungary Programme was prepared according to Article 50 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013). The current document provides a summary of the activities that were undertaken concerning the Program's entire implementation period extending from December 2015 until December 2023.

The FIR contains information on the following main topics: the implementation of the Programme with the most important highlights and results, information and communication measures undertaken, as well as the progress made in shaping the eligible area.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ **98 contracted projects**, out of which **92 were finalized** and 6 not yet, gathering **284 partners**, 184 from Romania and 138 from Hungary.
- ✓ **57 requests for payment** were submitted to the European Commission, **worth 182,84. million EUR, ERDF**.
- ✓ **ERDF allocation absorption rate reached 96,67%**.
- ✓ **7 calls** for proposals were **launched**.
- ✓ **1628 participants** in information events held for **project applicants**.
- ✓ **285 trainings, consultations and meetings with beneficiaries** were held.
- ✓ **8 annual events organised**

- ✓ **43 Newsflash editions** were sent to the mailing list that expanded to **1720 contacts** in 7 years.
- ✓ **8 issues of ROHU Magazine** (paper-based and electronic publication) published, inviting readers to discover the achievements of ROHU cooperation projects.
- ✓ **314 internal meetings and trainings held.**
- ✓ **11 Monitoring Committee Meetings were held.**
- ✓ **233 Monitoring Committee written procedures** were launched, and 282 **decisions** were issued.
- ✓ Social media profiles: **Facebook** gathered **1,567 followers**, **Instagram 118 followers**, **LinkedIn 86 followers**, and **X (formerly Twitter) 24 followers** by the end of 2023.
- ✓ **The website (www.interreg-rohu.eu)**, since its launch in 2015, has attracted **489,721 visitors** and recorded **2,924,723 hits** by 2023.
- ✓ **2 projects Regio Stars 2024 finalists** in 2024, Chess Start (ROHU 277) and TRANSBORDER (ROHU 390) were selected between the 25 finalists for the Regio Stars 2024 award out of 262 applications.