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| **Call: Open Call 1 for SOFT projects** | |
| **Project code & acronym** | **ROHU00321 – MGB** |
| **Project title** | **Mureș Green Bridge** |
| **Priority** | PRIORITY 1 - Cooperation for a green and more resilient cross-border area between Romania and Hungary |
| **Specific Objective** | Specific objective RS02.7 - Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution |
| **Implementation period** | 24 months (24 April 2025 – 23 April 2027) |
| **Objective** | Improving interconnection solutions for the major road infrastructure DN6/RO and M43/HU, integrating green infrastructure connectivity solutions, and supporting cross-border connections between the two countries' bicycle lane networks by developing the "Mureș Green Bridge" feasibility study. |
| **Partnership** | **Lead Partner:**  Timiș County (Romania) |
| **Project Partner:**  PP2 HU:County Government Of Csongrád-Csanád (Hungary) |
| **Total budget** | EUR 897,120.00, out of which ERDF EUR 717,696.00 |
| **Summary** | The project ***„Mureș Green Bridge” (ROHU00321– MGB)*** aims to address common territorial challenges:  - poor connectivity between Timiș and Csongrád-Csanád counties;  - low weight limit for traffic on the Cenad-RO-HU border road segment, which requires significant detours;  - heavy traffic through Cenad af Mako, which causes significant inconvenience for the inhabitants (air and noise pollution, congested streets, etc.)  - heavy traffic near several schools and high schools from Cenad and Mako, recreational areas located in the southwest or center of Mako, or near accommodation facilities (hotels, guesthouses, etc.)  - limited access by bicycle or car to the green-blue infrastructure represented by the Mureș Meadow;  - unused recreational potential of the Mureș Meadow from the Romanian side;  - lack of infrastructure for crossing the Mureș River, which would allow the design, promotion, and exploitation of new cycling routes of adequate length (30-50 km);  - a negative effect of the cross-border labor mobility.  The community, including local administrations in municipalities and towns, the business sector, and representatives of civil society strongly support the idea of building a new bridge in the northwestern part of Timiș County.  The project activities will create a framework for the mutual exchange of good practices, methodologies, and knowledge, with overall positive effects for all parties involved, both at the organizational and personal level, increasing the regional potential for future collaborations. |
| **Main results** | The main results of the project are:   * **Integrated feasibility study for the bridge** over the Mureș River and its connection to the main road infrastructure on both sides of the border (connection to DN6/Ro via the Cenad ring road over a distance of approximately 8.5 km and a connection that includes a bicycle lane over a distance of approximately 500 m to the roundabout on road 4425, already designed on the Hungarian side); * **A joint strategy/action plan developed** – namely the Cross-border micro-regional cycling strategy for the creation of the missing cross-border connections of the bicycle path networks of the two countries, for competitional, leisure, and tourist purposes. |