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PROGRAMME

ROMANIA-HUNGARY INTERREG 2014-2020

On 8 September 2014 a one-month public consultation was launched on the contents of the Romania-Hungary INTERREG 2014-2020 Programme. Based on the considerable interest demonstrated towards the previous programme, a similarly large number of institutions are expected to be involved in the new one. For this reason, besides involving the general public, it was very important to also address the institutions which had already taken active part in cross-border cooperation in the past to receive their constructive views and recommendations.

Helping the cross-border region become competitive

The programme document lays down the development priorities agreed between the two countries and sets up the framework of the cross-border cooperation between Romania and Hungary for the 2014-2020 period with the financial assistance of the EU.

Already from the beginning of the programming process and during the preparation of the common territorial strategy the opinion of local actors was sought for.

With the occasion of the county

workshops and other consultation events local and regional organisations were invited to share their ideas related to the contents of the next generation cooperation programme.

Based on the information collected at county level, the members of the Joint Working Group – the main body responsible for the preparation of the programme – have defined the general framework of the new programme, including the objectives, priority axis and investment priori-

consultation

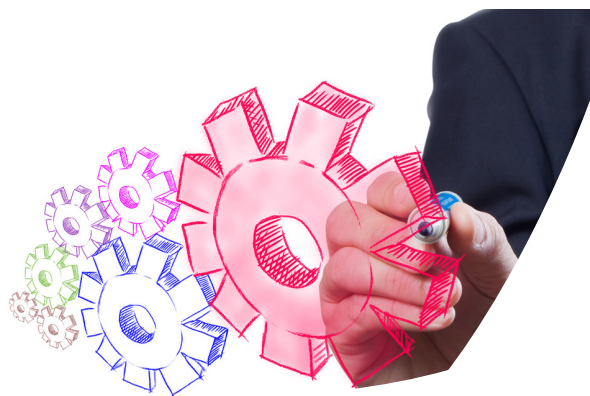


Involving stakeholders at all levels

The public consultation was open to all regional and central level organisations, as well as to the wider public as to ensure the widest transparency to this process. It was launched through the website of the previous programme (www.huro-cbc.eu) for the general public, while stakeholders were informed by direct e-mails on the launch of the procedure. The public consultation gave everybody a chance of having a word to say in the shaping of the future programme and of its priorities, and offered the consultants useful inputs for the finalisation of the planning process.

THEMATIC OBJECTIVES & INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

*The operational programme is built around **6 thematic objectives (TO)** and **9 investment priorities (IP)**, selected from the list defined by the European Commission.*



In order to develop the strategic rationale and focus of the Programme, a comprehensive planning process was carried out by an external expert team, resulting in two key documents, the [Strategic Territorial Analysis \(STA\)](#) and the [Common Territorial Strategy \(CTS\)](#). These provide a solid basis for the development of the Programme, and for the selection of the thematic objectives and investment priorities.

The selected TO/IP combinations to be implemented through 6 priority axes also reflect the consensus of the Joint Working Group.

Out of the 6 thematic objectives selected, 4 (the first four in the list below) represent the focus areas of the programme, concentrating the majority (min. 80%) of the approximately 189 138 672 EUR global ERDF support provided by the European Union for the period 2014-2020. The remaining funds shall be allocated to 2 thematic objectives (TO11, TO5) and Technical Assistance.

This is a combination of interventions that can serve as a solid basis for a joint programme, enabling the concentrated utilisation of the available financial resources.

Selected thematic objective	Selected investment priority
TO6 – Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	6/b Investing in the water sector to meet the requirements of the Union's environmental acquis and to address needs, identified by the MS, for investment that goes beyond those requirements
	6/c Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
TO7 – Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructure	7/b Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure, including multimodal nodes
	7/c Developing and improving environment-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
TO8 – Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility	8/b 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
TO9 – Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination	9/a 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 transition from institutional to community-based services

TO5 - Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management	5/b Promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems (ERDF)
TO11-Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration through actions to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration and public services related to the implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions under the ESF to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration	11/a Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions



RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The comments received in the frame of the public consultation process serve as valuable inputs for the continuation of the planning process.

Need further information ?

Visit the sub-site dedicated to the planning of the next Cooperation Programme for 2014–2020. This has been especially designed to provide up-to-date information on the state of planning, main events and milestones achieved. Documents to be consulted in relation to the preparation of the programme and to the public consultation are made available here: 2014.huro-cbc.eu

All the observations and proposals were processed and incorporated into the Cooperation Document which –as a result of the joint work – is now in the final stage of preparation and will soon be ready to be submitted to the EC.

Some of the comments were related to the refinement and extension of the type of potential beneficiaries in the pro-

gramme (Chambers of commerce, EGTCs, euroregions, etc.). Another major issue tackled was the clear definition of objectives, types of actions to be supported and indicators.

FULL SPEED AHEAD



The next JWG meeting is scheduled to take place at the end of November. This is when the final draft of the Cooperation Programme is expected to be finalised. After the approval of the JWG, the document will be ready for submission to the EC.

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