

INTERREG V-A SLOVAKIA – HUNGARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME

ELIGIBLE AREA

Slovakia	Hungary
Bratislavský samosprávny kraj	Győr-Moson-Sopron megye
Trnavský samosprávny kraj	Komárom-Esztergom megye
Nitriansky samosprávny kraj	Pest megye
Banskobystrický samosprávny kraj	Budapest főváros
Košický samosprávny kraj	Nógrád megye
	Heves megye
	Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén megye
	Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg megye

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Eligible Applicants have to be registered or have to have a branch office registered in the programme area and have to fit in legal criteria described in the Applicant's manual (Part II - Eligibility criteria)
- The present Call does not include support for Small and medium sized enterprises
- Applicants have to act in partnership with at least one cross-border partner from the other side of the Slovak-Hungarian border
- Applicants shall cooperate in the development and implementation of projects

The indicative ERDF amount available under the present Call for proposals is 67 475 822 EUR.

Rate of the ERDF contribution: 85% (non-repayable grant)

Deadline for submission: 31st October 2016

PRIORITY AXES OPEN WITHIN THIS CALL:

PA1 - Nature and culture

Specific objective 1.1 - To increase the attractiveness of the border area

PA 2 - Enhancing cross-border mobility

Specific objective 2.1 – Increasing the density between border crossing points along the Hungarian-Slovak border

Specific objective 2.2.1 – Improving cross-border public transport services

Specific objective 2.2.2 – Improving cross-border logistic services

PA 4 - Enhancing cross-border cooperation of public authorities and people

Specific objective 4.1 – Improving the level of cross border inter-institutional cooperation and broadening cross border cooperation between citizens

Specific objective 1.1 - To increase the attractiveness of the border area

Allocated ERDF funds: 25 386 977 EUR
Total project size: 200 000 EUR to 3 000 0002 EUR
Project duration: 24 months
Deadline: 31st October 2016

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increase of the attractiveness of the border area
- New, integrated tourist areas with own products and brand will be developed
- Guaranteeing the higher attention toward the natural and cultural values of the common region
- The number of visitors coming from the neighbouring country will significantly grow on each side of the border
- Long-term, strategic cooperation starts in many small regions for protecting natural and cultural heritage

ELIGIBLE ACTIONS:

- Supporting the cooperation and development of cultural heritage sites;
- Maintaining and promoting natural heritage;
- Design cross-border action plans, set up models and test pilot actions to better capitalize the regions cultural and natural heritage and to combine tourism with the promotion and protection of the regions natural and cultural heritage;
- Developing small scale quality tourism linked to local environmental or cultural features;
- Design and construction of local access roads linked to sites of cultural and natural heritage;
- Joint development of environmentally friendly tourism products and offers and development of cross-border infrastructure for eco-tourism.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Public institutions;
- Private institutions serving public interests;
- State owned companies;
- Churches;
- European Groupings for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC);
- Non-governmental organizations (NGO);
- Development agencies;
- Municipalities, county municipalities;
- Universities and research institutes;
- Chambers;
- Organizations set up by special law, providing public services (e.g. foundations, associations).

PA 2 - Enhancing cross-border mobility

Specific objective 2.1 – Increasing the density between border crossing points along the Hungarian-Slovak border

Allocated ERDF funds: 16 690 000 EUR

Total project size: Not specified

Project duration: 36 months

Timeframe: Open continuously with deadlines of 31 October and 31 January in every year

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increase the density between border crossing points along the Hungarian-Slovak border
- The density of border crossing road infrastructure will be increased,
- Travelling time from regional and sub-regional centres to the TEN-T corridors will be shortened,
- Consequently the specific greenhouses gas emission will decrease

ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

- Preparation of investments: elaboration of studies, analyses, feasibility studies, technical plans, purchase of permissions (activity shall not be supported separately);
- Construction of cross-border roads, bridges and ferries and infrastructure, including passive noise reduction (noise barriers, protecting trees) solutions (as additional activities) with clear and direct link to the TEN-T network.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Public institutions;
- Planning institutions;
- State owned companies with objectives related to the objective of the priority (public transport);
- Municipalities, county/regional municipalities.

Specific objective 2.2.1 – Improving cross-border public transport services

Allocated ERDF funds: 10 980 000 EUR
Total project size: 100 000 EUR to 1 000 000 EUR
Project duration: 24 months
Timeframe: Open continuously with deadlines of 31 October and 31 January in every year

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- The interconnectivity of regional centres and sub-centres and the internal permeability of the border region will be improved
- Increase in number of users of public transport facilities decreases the pollution
- The number of cross-border public transport services and the passengers using these services will increase
- Improves the level of social interconnectivity

INDICATIVE LIST OF ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

- Development of cross-border intelligent transport systems (ITS), passenger information systems, on-line schedules, e-ticketing, mobile apps, common tariff systems;
- Development and integration of cross-border public transport services, establishing transport associations;
- Investments on infrastructure (e.g. vehicles - buses, ferries, boats -, bus and railway stations, ferry ports),
- Investments contributing to a better accessibility of urban functions;
- Development of demand-driven cross-border transport services;
- In case of activities related to road constructions passive noise reduction (noise barriers, protecting trees) solutions (activity shall not be supported separately).
- Preparation of investments: elaboration of studies, analyses, concepts; elaboration of recommendations concerning legal-administrative bottlenecks hampering cross-border mobility e.g. allowance of cabotage, ease of international transport rules between the two states etc. (activity shall not be supported separately);

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- Public institutions;
- Private institutions serving public interests;
- State owned companies;
- European Groupings for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC);
- Non-governmental organizations (NGO);
- Development agencies;
- Municipalities, county/regional municipalities;
- Universities and research institutes for transport.

Specific objective 2.2.2 – Improving cross-border logistic services

Allocated ERDF funds: 6 938 080 EUR
Total project size: 200 000 EUR to 2 000 000 EUR
Project duration: 24 months
Timeframe: Open continuously with deadlines of 31 October and 31 January in every year

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- The interconnectivity of regional centres and sub-centres as well as economic areas along the border will be improved
- Increase in volume of rail and inland waterway transport decreases the pollution
- Logistic service providers start to cooperate in order to create synergies across the border
- The users of integrated logistic services will increase
- Economic cohesion of the border area will be strengthened

INDICATIVE LIST OF ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

- Realization of cross-border cooperation initiatives in the field of logistics, development of integrated service systems, infrastructure and ICT applications;
- Investments on infrastructure (e.g. railway stations, ferry ports and roads linking new ports to the existing transport network).
- Preparation of investments: elaboration of studies, analyses, concepts (activity shall not be supported separately);

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- Non-governmental organizations (NGO);
- Development agencies;
- Municipalities, county/regional municipalities;
- Universities and research institutes for transport

PA 4 - Enhancing cross-border cooperation of public authorities and people

Specific objective 4.1 – Improving the level of cross border inter-institutional cooperation and broadening cross border cooperation between citizens

Allocated ERDF funds: 7 480 765 EUR
Total project size: 100 000 EUR to 500 000 EUR
Project duration: 24 months
Deadline: 31st October 2016

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- The improvement of the level of cross-border inter-institutional cooperation and broadening cross-border cooperation between citizens
- The level of cross-border inter-institutional cooperation depends on two main factors:
 - the capacity of the institutions of the border area which can be improved (among others) by mutual exchange of experiences;
 - the professional level and strategic basis of cooperation between different institutions from both sides of the border
- The Small project fund is not available in the present Call for proposals

INDICATIVE LIST OF ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

- Strengthening and improving the cooperation capacity and the cooperation efficiency between different organisations (public authorities) of particular sectors (e.g. education, health care, social care, risk prevention, water management, culture etc.) through common professional programmes, trainings, exchange of experiences, capitalisation and know-how transfer, etc.
- Support of activities focusing on the improvement of cross-border services provided jointly, development of small infrastructure necessary for joint service provision.

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