

### FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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#### **INTERREG V-A HUNGARY-CROATIA CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME 2014-2020**

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- **Programme and financing source:** Interreg V-A Hungary-Croatia Co-operation Programme 2014-2020, approved by EC Decision C(2015) 6228 on 7 September 2015.
- **4 Eligible area:** Supported projects are required to be implemented within the eligible area of the Programme, defined in the Interreg V-A Hungary-Croatia Cooperation Programme 2014-2020, in particular in the area of three NUTS 3 regions located along the border in the Republic of Hungary, four NUTS 3 regions located along the border in the Republic of Croatia and four NUTS 3 regions located along the borderline NUTS 3 Croatian regions.

HUNGARY	CROATIA
Zala megye	Međimurska županija
Somogy megye	Koprivničko-križevačka županija
Baranya megye	Virovitičko-podravska županija
	Osječko-baranjska županija
	Varaždinska županija
	Bjelovarsko-bilogorska županija
	Požeško-slavonska županija
	Vukovarsko-srijemska županija

- **Eligible applicants:** The following organisations are eligible to apply for the EU contribution allocated to the First Call for Proposals:
  - public authorities,
  - bodies governed by public law,
  - non-profit organisations governed by private law.

For a detailed description please consult **Chapter 3.1 of the Guidelines for Applicants.** 

**Published Specific Objectives and indicative funds available:** The indicative amount of **26.528.785 EUR** is available for this Call from EU contribution.

The indicative financial allocations for the respective Specific Objectives are listed in the table below. The final budget awarded to this Call, following the evaluation of the project proposals, may vary based on the number of submitted project proposals.

For the detailed description of the eligible activities please refer to Chapter 3.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants and to Chapter 4 of the Handbook to Tourism Projects.

Note: Priority 1 of the Programme is not being published at the moment and is therefore not subject of the present Call.

## PRIORITY 2 – Sustainable Use of Natural and Cultural Assets

Available EU contribution: 21.328.785 EUR

# Investment Priority 6c - Conserving, Protecting, Promoting and Developing Natural and Cultural Heritage

2.1 Convert the region's natural and cultural heritage assets to tourism attractions with income generating capabilities

Better exploitation of the rich and diverse natural and cultural heritage as potentials to generate economic growth in the border area. Investments resulting in assets developed to become attractions. Conservation of the endangered elements of built heritage. Developed and upgraded infrastructural investments focused on upgrading the accessibility and providing better access to existing and potential tourists sites for the purpose of common utilisation of cultural and natural heritage assets, carried out in an environmentally sound way with a view to guaranteeing the higher attention toward the natural and cultural values of the common region.

Component 1 Bicycle paths 5.000.000 EUR	Component 2 Tourism attractions 3.752.544 EUR	Component 3 Thematic routes and other tourism products 4.000.000 EUR
Selection procedure: One-step Maximum project duration: 20 months	Selection procedure: One-step Maximum project duration: 20 months	Selection procedure: One-step  Maximum project duration: 20  months
Total project size: 200.000 to 2.000.000 EUR	Total project size: 200.000 to 1.500.000 EUR	Total project size: 100.000 to 400.000 EUR

Investment Priority 6d – Protecting and Restoring Biodiversity and Soil and Promoting Ecosystem Services, Including Through Natura 2000, and Green Infrastructure

2.2 Restoring the ecological diversity in the border area

More coordinated and sounder management of protected areas, improved knowledge on the status of soil and water bodies as well as ecosystem conditions, joint monitoring systems, shared action plans and coordinated processes created to accelerate reactions to emerging hazards (especially in terms of invasive species or pollution), small-scale investments to improve the protection or help restore the natural assets of common interest (such as wetland areas or forest reserves), promotion of traditional, low-intensity and ecologically sustainable land-use and farming.

8.576.241 EUR

Selection procedure: One-step

Maximum project duration: 20 months

Total project size: 150.000 to 1.500.000 EUR

**PRIORITY 3 – Co-OPERATION** 

Available EU contribution: 2.500,000 EUR

# Investment Priority 11b – Promoting Legal and Administrative Co-operation and Co-operation Between Citizens and Institutions

3.1 Involvement of more social and institutional actors in cross-border cooperation

Actions aiming at providing the opportunity for a wide range of organisations to elaborate on development issues which they together on both sides of the border consider relevant related to the future of the border area. Actions targeting different levels of stakeholder groups in order to maximise interactions and promote mutual understanding and facilitate the formulation of territorial governance frameworks. Capacity building through joint actions such as the enhancement of structures, processes and human resources. Designing and delivering a series of joint cultural and sports events in the whole area of the border region, ensuring that people meet and interact ('people to people' actions) together with municipalities and civil society organisations (environmental, cultural, minority etc.).

Component 1	Component 2
Thematic co-operation	People-to-people co-operation
1.000.000 EUR	1.500.000 EUR
Selection procedure: One-step	Selection procedure: One-step
Maximum project duration: 16 months	Maximum project duration: 16 months
Total project size: 150.000 to 300.000 EUR	Total project size: 50.000 to 200.000 EUR

#### **PRIORITY 4 – EDUCATION**

Available EU contribution: 2.700.000 EUR

Investment Priority 10b – Investing in Education, Training and Vocational Training for Skills and Life Long Learning by Developing and Implementing Joint Education, Vocational Training and Training Schemes

4.1 Improve the role of educational institutions as intellectual centres for increasing the specific local knowledge-base in the region

Jointly developed and jointly delivered educational and training services, increasing the educational and training offer provided mainly by local higher education institutions (new jointly developed and delivered curricula), better exploitation of potentials for dual vocational training, developing of new content about each other's country and the region (mainly for elementary and secondary schools), increasing the involvement of disadvantaged groups and individuals in educational and training activities, motivating children and young adults through involvement in joint educational activities, developing a positive attitude with regard to cross-border co-operation from early age on.

Component 1 Co-operation in higher education 900.000 EUR	Component 2 Co-operation in preschool, primary and secondary education and adult education 1.800.000 EUR
Selection procedure: One-step	Selection procedure: One-step
Maximum project duration: 16 months	Maximum project duration: 16 months
Total project size: 100.000 to 300.000 EUR	Total project size: 100.000 to 250.000

- 7 Minimum and maximum amounts of subsidy: Specific project sizes (amounts of total eligible costs) for each Specific Objective are defined in Chapter 2.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants.
- **Submission technicalities:** The application package has to be submitted according to the rules set in Chapter **4.1 of the Guidelines for Applicants.**
- **9 Submission deadline:** 31 May 2016, 17.00 CET.
- 10 Selection process: The description of the selection process can be found in Chapter 5.1 of the Guidelines for Applicants.
- **Provisional timetable:** Provisional notification date of the results of the Call for Proposals is foreseen in the fourth quarter of 2016.
- **12 Call for Proposals package:** The CfP package is comprised of the following documents:
  - Call for Proposals.
  - Guidelines for Applicants,
  - Handbook to Tourism Projects
  - Application Form,
  - Checklist,
  - Declarations:
    - Declaration of the Lead Beneficiary,
    - Declaration of the Beneficiary,
    - State aid declaration
    - Partnership Statement,
    - Declaration on the availability of own contribution,
    - Declaration on Value Added Tax,
  - Evaluation grids for the Application Form,
  - Draft Subsidy Contract: for information purposes only, the right of applying changes to the document is reserved.
  - Model Partnership Agreement: for information purposes only, the right of applying changes to the document is reserved.

The whole application package and other relevant documents (e.g. the Co-operation Programme) can be reached on <a href="http://www.huhr-cbc.com">http://www.huhr-cbc.com</a>.

- **Information days:** During the course of the First Call for Proposals, Information Days will be organised by the Joint Secretariat and the JS Contact Points in the border area. The exact dates and venues will be published on <a href="http://www.huhr-cbc.com">http://www.huhr-cbc.com</a>.
- **14 Language:** The language of the First Call for Proposals is English.