

Citizen's Summary of the Annual Implementation Report (AIR) of the Interreg V-A Hungary-Croatia Co-Operation Programme 2014-2020

The Annual Implementation Report (AIR) of the Interreg V-A Hungary-Croatia Co-operation Programme 2014-2020 was prepared and submitted to the European Commission in May 2017 and it provides a brief overview of the activities that were undertaken in relation to the Programme in the previous year 2016.

The AIR contains information on the following: **the setting up** of the institutional structure, **the preparation and launch** of the first open Call for Proposals, **the assessment** of the applications received **and the outcomes of project selection**:

- The Programme, jointly planned by Hungarian and Croatian stakeholders and approved by the European Commission in September 2015, is managed by several institutions, from both Member States. The main responsibility for implementation lies with **the Managing Authority** (the Prime Minister's Office of Hungary), **the National Authority** (the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds in Croatia) and **the Monitoring Committee**, a joint body composed of local and central stakeholders (and also representatives of civil society) of both sides.
- **The first Call for Proposals** in the Programme was opened to applicants in February 2016, with a submission deadline of end of May. **The Joint Secretariat**, working with colleagues in Budapest, Pécs, Osijek and Čakovec, was in charge of assisting anyone interested in preparing a joint project idea between eligible Hungarian and Croatian organisations in the field of heritage-based tourism development, environmental protection, co-operation between citizens and organisations, and in education.
- From the 207 submitted applications the Monitoring Committee selected in March 2017 **altogether 54 projects, for a total of over 23,3 million Euros of EU funding**. Partnerships will start implementing their joint activities from April and May 2017 onwards, and can co-operate for up to 20 months in the framework of their approved projects.
- Since there is ample EU funding left in the Programme, **a second Call for Proposals will be prepared and published** by the implementing bodies, foreseeably in the second half of 2017.

More information about the Programme can be found **on the official website:** www.huhr-cbc.com. If you are interested in the future possibilities of applying, please connect with the Programme also **on Facebook** (www.facebook.com/huhr.cbc) and **on Twitter** (<https://twitter.com/InterregHUHRcbc>)!