Consultation for the Interreg VI-A Hungary-Croatia Programme (2021-2027)



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Comments and opinion of Hungarian authorities involved in the SEA Scoping process:

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Public Health Department of Department-General for Public Health Baranya County Government Office	
The Scoping of the environmental assessment for the Interreg VI-A Hungary-Croatia Cooperation Programme Strategy in terms of environmental and local public health by the Department. I support the implementation of the Programme from a public health point of view	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
Public Health Department of Department-General for Public Health Somogy County Government Office	
Based on Article 7(1) of Gov. Decree No. 2/2005 (1.11.) on the environmental assessment of plans and programmes, and in line with point II.1.c of Annex 3, we reviewed the Scoping of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Interreg V-A Hungary-Croatia Cooperation Programme in terms of environmental- and local-public-health, which we consider appropriate from a public health point of view.	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
Plant- and Soil Protection Department of Department-General for Agriculture Baranya County Government Office	
The Baranya County Government Office states that the Scoping is acceptable in terms of soil protection. Based on the documentation submitted, it can be concluded that the programme is under development, but it is Scoping contains the objectives which are needed to be examined and planned for soil protection.	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
Zala County Government Office Department of Agriculture Plant and Soil Protection Department	
In the case of assessing environmental impacts on soil, conditions for soil protective farming / use of the agricultural areas concerned as well as the quality of surrounding fertile lands are suggested to be elaborated.	In Chapter 6.1 of the SKV (potential effects of the programme on soil), these aspects will be considered.
After the review of the Scoping of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the attached (Interreg VI-A) Hungary-Croatia Programme, the planned cooperation programme can be implemented if kept in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 43 (Section 1.,2. and 3.) of Act CXXIX, 2007 on the protection of land, and with the	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.



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provisions of point II.2. d) Section (1) Paragraph 7 of Annex 3 of Gov. Decree No. 2/2005 on the environmental assessment of programmes.	
Ministry of Interior National Directorate-General for Disaster Management	
After examining the document relating to the proposed content of the environmental report in connection with the Programme (hereinafter referred to as the "Scoping"), the following can be concluded.	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
With regard to the protection of waterbodies:	
The Scoping examines the cohesion of national and EU level environmental protection policies related to the Programme, and analyses whether these were considered during the preparation of the SEA.	
During the implementation of the Programme the possible environmental impacts are examined, including factors effecting the surface and groundwater-bodies.	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
The Scoping also discusses whether any aspects of the implementation of the Programme could cause significant injuries or adverse effects by analysing preventive measures that could be considered.	
Based on the above mentioned, I consider the Scoping of the environmental assessment to be appropriate in terms of protection of waterbodies.	
With regard to the prevention of serious accidents:	Investments under the interventions planned under the HUSKROUA INTERREG
In assessing the current environmental situation, presenting existing environmental conflicts, and assessing the expected environmental impacts, particular attention should be paid to Act CXXVIII. 2011 on disaster management and the amendment of certain	NEXT programme shall not fall under the legislation referred to in the comment. Activities involving hazardous substances will not be eligible under the programme.
related laws (hereinafter referred to as 'Kat.'), and 219/2011 (X.20) Gov. Decree on the control of serious accidents related to dangerous substances (hereinafter referred to as 'R2') to take into account the dangerous effects of facilities dealing with dangerous	When planning specific interventions, legislative compliance falls under the responsibilities of the beneficiaries, and this should be emphasized during each Call.
substances. In the vicinity of facilities handling hazardous materials, the disaster management authority has designated a danger zone in order to reduce the possible consequences of serious accidents. When planning investments based on the environment report related to the	



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strategy, an adequate distance between buildings containing hazardous materials and other structures should be ensured, investment planning should take into account the requirements of point 2 of Annex 7 of R2 regarding urban planning.	(possible effects of the Programme on groundwater and surface waters) in the context of serious accidents concerning waterways.
In view of the above, it is proposed to include the documents Directive 2012/18/EU on the management of the risk of serious accidents involving Kat., R2 and dangerous substances and amending and subsequently repealing Council Directive 96/82/EC.	
Department-General for Environment-, Nature Conservation and Waste Management of Somogy County Government Office	
In terms of spatial development, it is necessary to take into account that alterations resulting from the implementation of the Programme ought not to have adverse consequences in the living conditions of the population, while improving on or preserving the current state of the environment, during which both existing and planned functions are not to be affected negatively.	In Chapters 6.8 (possible impact on human health and lifestyle) and 6.7 (possible impact on the built environment, cultural heritage, etc.), these aspects will be taken into account.
The Government Office has reviewed the sent document (Scoping) and makes the following comments on the basis of the information provided.	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
According to the opinion of the Government Office, the Scoping of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (hereinafter referred to as "SEA") is related to the environmental assessment of each plan or programme under Annex 4 of Gov. Decree No. 2/2005 (1.11.) (hereinafter referred to as "KR"), therefore SEA shall be prepared based on Annex 4. of KR.	The SKV will be prepared in harmony with the said legislation. Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
Department-General for Environment-, Nature Conservation and Waste Management of Zala County Government Office	
The Scoping of the environmental assessment of the Interreg VI-A Hungary-Croatia Programme was reviewed. The department agrees with the content of the Scoping, we recommend supplementing Chapter 6 with landscape protection. We recommend the acknowledgement of the above.	In chapters 6.4 and 6.7 of the SEA, we will place great emphasis on the protection of settlement image and the surrounding landscape, as well as on general landscape protection. No further action is required.
Department of Forestry Department of Department-General for Agriculture of Zala County Government Office	



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I have examined the attached document (Scoping), I will not raise any objections against the contents, I do not wish to make any other comments.	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
Department-General for Environment-, Nature Conservation and Waste Management of Baranya County Government Office	
The Environment and Nature Conservation Authority will not comment on the topic contained in the documentation (Scoping) sent on 6 April 2022 to the Baranya County Government Office (hereinafter referred to as the Environment and Nature Protection Authority), acting as an environmental and nature protection authority. The Environment and Nature Protection Authority can form a more elaborate review when more detailed documentation is available. Environmental assessment of the Interreg IV-A. Hungary-Croatia Programme shall be carried out by taking into account Annex 4 of Regulation No. 2/2005 (1.11) on the environmental assessment of plans or programmes. Environment and Nature Protection Authority asks for the comment to be acknowledged.	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
Balaton-felvidéki National Park Directorate	
The material documentation sent to our Directorate as the relevant state administration body for review was studied by our staff. As the local managing authority of nature conservation, we agree with the objectives and priorities set out in the Scoping of the 2021-2027 programming period. We consider the focus on the management and conservation of protected nature reserves and Natura 2000 sites, as well as on biodiversity, natural habitats, and environmental challenges, to be key. We do not wish to add any further comments and suggestions to the document.	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
Heritage Protection Department of Department-General for Construction and Heritage Protection Budapest Government Office	
On the basis of Article 4(2) of Gov. Decree No. 2/2005 and in Annex 3, Point II.2(h) I declare that the Scoping of the SEA for the INTERREG VI-A Hungary-Croatia Programme is	Thank you for your comment, no farther action is required.



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appropriate in terms of heritage protection, in accordance with Gov. Decree No. 2/2005. (I. 11). It covers cultural (monumental and archaeological) heritage as provided for in point 3.6.1.1. of Annex 4 of the Decree.	
I would like to inform you that, according to Government Decree 314/2012 Annex 9. point 17. on archaeological sites and monument values, the regionally competent reporting body is the county heritage protection authority in terms of the settlement development concept, the integrated urban development strategy, and the means of spatial planning, as well as specific legal institutions related to certain settlement planning.	
I hereby declare that I would like to participate in further proceedings and that I would like the completed environmental assessment to be sent for review with the reference to our case number.	
State Chief Architect's Office (István LUKÁTS, State Chief Architect) (Baranya County Government Office)	
I agree with the topic of environmental evaluation, but I would like to draw attention to the fact that in order to carry out the SEA process, during the preparation of Chapters (esp. the ones related to architectural and archaeological heritage) it is essential that content of the Environmental Report legally and professionally should correspond with Annex 4 of Gov. Decree 2/2005. (I.11).	Chapter 6.7 of the SEA (possible environmental impact on built environment and cultural heritage) will be supplemented with the requested content with regard to archaeological heritage.
Please acknowledge the comment above.	
National Centre for Public Health	
Gov. Decree No. 2/2005 (I. 11) on the environmental assessment of plans and programmes	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.
is to be incorporated into the Assessment. The Scoping of the SEA, sent for review, sufficiently includes the mandatory, detailed content elements specified in the Gov. Decree, therefore we have no desire to add further comments.	Chapter 4 of the SEA (cohesion) will be supplemented with the requested documents.
Given that the HUHR Programme is not a traditional development strategy designed to prevent the possible negative environmental impact of construction contracts, but a transnational cooperation programme, we therefore agree with the proposal in the Scoping that narrows the examination of alternatives to a no-project and an implemented	The SEA procedure does not support chemical nor other industrial activities. The impact of industrial activities of significant environmental impact in the programme area (e.g. cement industry) will be taken into account when carrying out the environmental assessment.



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project scenario, on the basis of which the SEA describes and evaluates the possible positive and negative environmental effects of the Programme implementation.	
In our opinion, the Scoping of the SEA broadly examines the expected generally positive effects of the HUHR Programme on environmental- and human health through sustainable development, therefore from an environmental- and urban health point of view we support actions planned under Policy Objective 2 (PO 2) and the Interreg Specific Objectives.	
In terms of chapter 4 (Cohesion) of the planned SEA, we propose from an environmental and urban-health point of view to supplement the chapter with the following relevant domestic plans and programs, as the concepts detailed in these documents are of foremost importance for the sustainable development of Hungary:	
<ul> <li>National Forest Strategy (2016-2030)</li> <li>Hungary's National Energy Climate Plan</li> <li>National Waste Management Plan (2021-2027)</li> <li>National Climate Change Strategy (2018-2030)</li> <li>Sewage sludge Treatment and Recovery. Strategy (2018-2023)</li> </ul>	
Taking into account chemical safety, we kindly ask you to consider the planned or existing main industrial activities of the region (in the case of both countries concerned) during the examination, where there is the direct or indirect public health risk or significant environmental effect, and where the possibility of cross-border effects (air, rivers) is also non-negligible. If such a situation exists, the document should also include a conceptual plan for appropriate prevention strategy for resolving emerging environmental conflicts.	
We accept the contents of the Scoping for the SEA of HUHR Programme from an environmental-, public urban-health and chemical safety point of view, municipal, taking into account our observations above.	
Department-General for Public Health of Zala County Government Office	
Based on the documentation (Scoping), the Department found that the environmental assessment process was carried out in accordance with Paragraph 7 of Gov. Decree No 2/2005 (I.11.) on the environmental assessment of plans and programmes. It was also concluded that from a public health point of view the planned implementation of the POs	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.



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and ISOs would not have a significant environmental impact that could lead to environmental changes or would pose a risk to human health and the environment.	
In light of the above, the adoption of the Scoping prepared for the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Hungary-Croatia Programme (Interreg VI-A) is supported by the Department-General of Public Health.	
State Chief Architect's Office (Zoltán LENGL, State Chief Architect) (Zala County Government	Office)
The content outlined in the draft is in line with the general content requirements laid down in Annex 4 of Gov. Decree No. 2/2005. (I.11).	
The Scoping of the SEA examines the effects on the built and municipal environment and cultural heritage. I agree with the content elements to be developed according to the Scoping.	Thank you for your comment. The number of authorities involved in the SEA process has been supplemented with the requested bodies.
I would like a review of the list of bodies involved in the SEA process responsible for the protection of the environment, which is found in Chapter 1.3, since it does not contain several bodies listed in Annex 3 of Gov. Decree No. 2/2005 (i.11) — e.g. in terms of medicinal sites in Zala county, Budapest Government Office is also to be involved.	process has been supplemented with the requested bodies.
State Chief Architect's Office (János HORVÁTH Jr. State Chief Architect) (Somogy County Government Office)	
We recommend supplementing the Hungarian documents with Act CXXXIX of 2018 on the spatial planning plan of Hungary and certain priority areas, Decree No 9/2019. (VI. 14.) of the Minister in charge of the Prime Minister's Office on the supplementary regulation of the preparation and application of spatial development plans, and also by Municipal Decree No. 6/2020 (III.16.) of the President of the Somogy County General Assembly on the Spatial Planning Plan of Somogy County.	Chapter 4 of the SEA (cohesion) will be supplemented with the requested documents.
It is recommended to introduce certain aspects of Chapter 5.1 regarding built environment.	Chapter 5.1 of the SEA will be supplemented taking into account the built environment.
Department-General for Land Registry Somogy County Government Office	



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According to act CXXIX of 2007 on the protection of agricultural land (hereinafter referred to as Tftv.), the real estate authority of the Somogy County Government Office has legal competence for areas intended for agricultural purposes in terms of external areas and "closed gardens", which includes areas of forestry cultivation. Pursuant to this legislation, the real estate authority has no objections to the Scoping. In the future, when drawing up the detailed plans for implementation, we ask you to take into account the requirements of Chapters I and II of Tftv, as well as annexes 1 and 2 of Tftv.	Thank you for your comment. During the planning of specific interventions, it is the responsibility of the Beneficiaries to comply with the legislation, and this should be brought to their attention during the specific calls to be announced within the framework of the Program.
Department for Forestry and Agriculture of Department-General for Agriculture Baranya County Government Office	
The Department for Forestry and Agriculture of Department-General for Agriculture Baranya County Government Office, acting as forestry authority, accepts the proposed content of the SEA's Scoping in relation to the request submitted by Széchényi Programiroda Kft. on 06 April 2022 about the (Interreg VI-A) Hungary-Croatia Programme's SEA process.	Thank you for your comment, no further action is required.