



Hungary-Croatia
Cross-border Co-operation Programme

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION
REPORT 2018
INTERREG V-A HUNGARY-CROATIA
COOPERATION PROGRAMME 2014-2020

CITIZENS' SUMMARY

Interreg 
European Regional Development Fund

Programme Overview

“Where Rivers Connect”

The Interreg V-A Hungary-Croatia Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 is a continuation of the earlier successful cooperation between the two Member States within the 2007-2013 period and focuses on deepening the cooperation within four thematic fields: Enhancing the Competitiveness of SMEs, Sustainable Use of Natural and Cultural Assets, Cooperation and Education.



The Programme area encompasses three border counties on the Hungarian side and eight counties on the Croatian side of the border. The total size of the Programme area is 31 085 km² and has a population of approximately 2.1 million people, 46% of whom live in Hungary and 54% in Croatia (Source: Eurostat, 2011).

“A cross-border region where rivers connect, not divide”

Management Structures

The Programme was created in co-operation between the two Member States, represented in the planning process by their regional level stakeholders (the counties of the programme area) and the national level institutions (ministries in charge of the thematic areas targeted by the Programme).

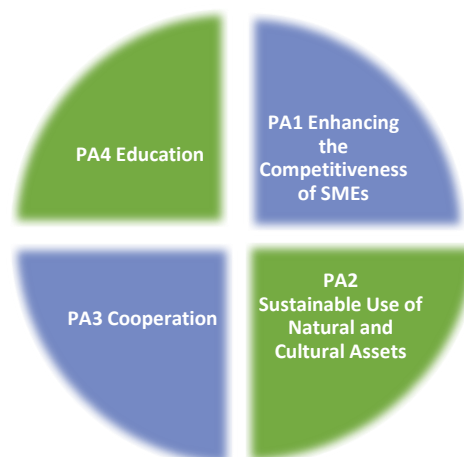
The Programme implementing structure

Managing Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Croatian National Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Croatian Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds
Certifying Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungarian State Treasury
Audit Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungarian Directorate General for Audit of European Funds
Monitoring Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a bilateral body composed of representatives of the regional level (of the counties), of the line ministries and of organisations of civil society, acting as the main decision-maker of the Programme
Joint Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in charge of the day-to-day management of the Programme • providing support to applicants and beneficiaries within four offices: in Budapest, Pécs, Osijek and Čakovec
Hungarian Control Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working in Zalaegerszeg and Pécs, responsible for the first level control and approval of costs incurred during project implementation in Hungarian project parts
Croatian Control Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a unit of the Croatian Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds in Zagreb¹, performing the first level control activities related to the Croatian project parts

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Priorities and allocations

The Programme supports investments into four Priority Axis with a total allocation of 57,174,942 EUR of ERDF funding.



Achievements

Calls and Projects

The First Call for Proposals of the Programme was launched on 28 February 2016 with more than 200 applications received. After the evaluation 54 projects were awarded a total of more than 23.3 million EUR within three Priority Axes. The biggest share of the allocation went to the projects within PA2 Sustainable Use of Natural and Cultural Assets, while the biggest number of supported projects was within PA4 Education. The Programme also supports two strategic projects.



Strategic Projects

The Programme includes two strategic projects that were included in the programming document at the planning stage and aim at rehabilitation of mine-contaminated area and SME development respectively.

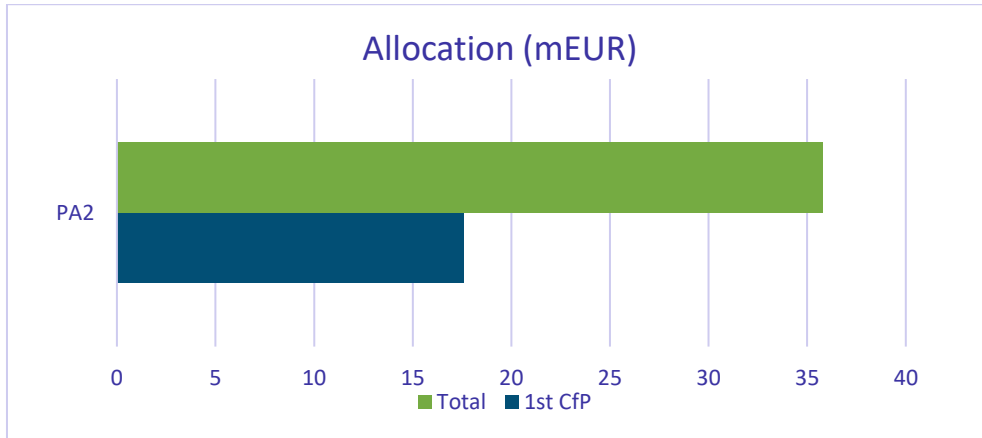
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- Implementation period: 24 months
- Budget: 3 529 399.70 EUR
- 36 minefields removed
- 1.5 km² cleared of mine threat
- Mine awareness raised

B Light Grant Scheme

- Implementation period: 54 months
- Budget: 12 510 300.00 EUR
- 3 Calls for Light concepts published
- www.b2match.eu/blight

PA2 Sustainable Use of Natural and Cultural Assets



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tourism facilities /
service providers

certified by an environmental sustainability scheme



435,23
km of thematic routes

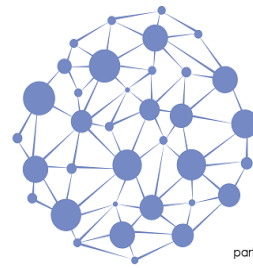
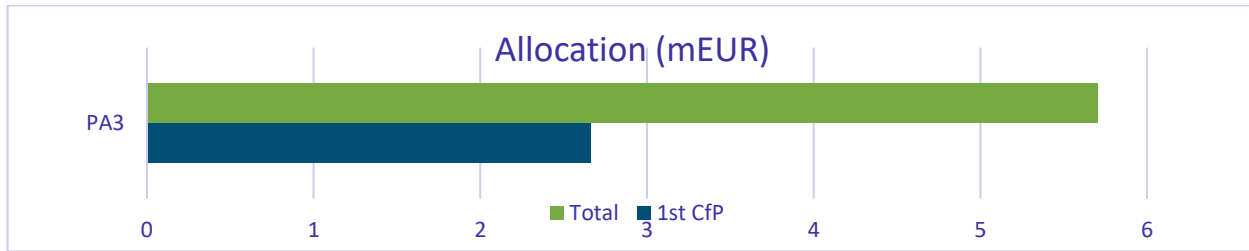
newly established/developed by the projects (e.g. bike, greenways, hiking paths, pilgrim, gastro, wine, equestrian etc.)



Attractour

- Implementation period: 20 months
- Budget: 1 499 277,95 EUR
- 4 joint tourism packages developed
- 8 contents adapted to the needs of people with physical disabilities and visually impaired people
- 461 m2 of refurbished cultural / natural heritage site(s)
- www.facebook.com/attractour

PA3 Cooperation



122
entities

participating in cross-border networks and bilateral co-operations

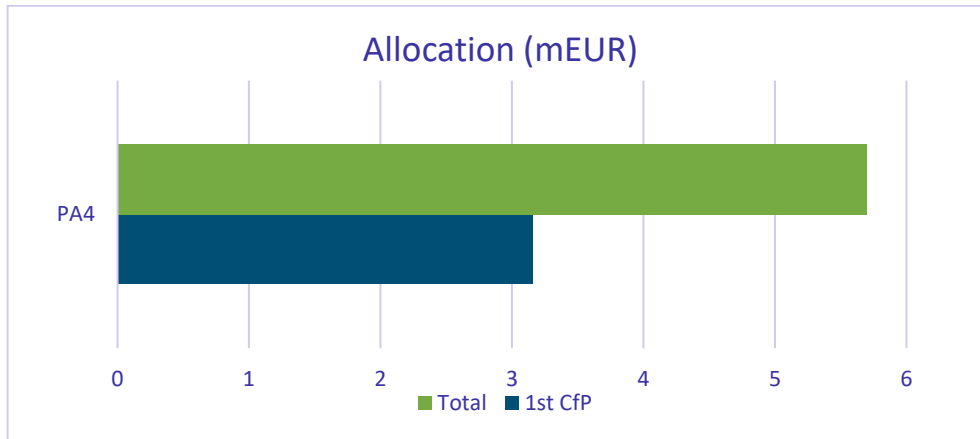
Star
project



2Regions2Sustain

- Implementation period: 16 months
- Budget: 273 009,38 EUR
- 3223 people introduced to circular economy concept
- www.facebook.com/2Regions2Sustain

PA4 Education



28
educational premises
upgraded with technical equipment

1838
participants

In joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders



HUHR Fruit Trees

- Implementation period: 16 months
- Budget: 160 096,10 EUR
- 25 joint events
- 20 training courses developed and delivered
- New greenhouse and tree nursery equipped
- 214 students and teachers involved in preservation of old fruit tree species
- <http://fff-trees.eu/en/home/>



Communication

Best Practice Conference and European Cooperation Day



The Programme has been involved in the European Cooperation Day campaign every year and is actively supporting all the projects in organization and promotion of ECDay events. In 2018 the Programme organized a Best Practice Conference in Zalakaros, Hungary where the projects of First Call for Proposals were showcased to more than 180 participants including local, regional and national stakeholders. It was also an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and experiences in preparation for the launch of the Second Call for Proposals.

Further Information



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ⁱ **The merger of the Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia implementing the control activities in the reporting period with the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds entered into force on 1 January 2019 (OG 2/2019). The previous roles and responsibilities of the Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia have been transposed to the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds**