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### More than three hundred participants at the joint Hungarian-Croatian Cross-border Conference in Čakovec on 10 September 2015

The Hungary-Croatia Cross-border Co-operation Programme celebrated the fourth edition of European Co-operation Day (<http://www.ecday.eu>) with a large Programme Conference in Čakovec on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2015. More than 49 million Euro of the EU contribution have been allocated to 169 joint Hungarian-Croatian projects from the Cross-border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013, equally on both sides of the border. Additionally, the 2014-2020 financial perspective opens up new cross-border possibilities with the new Interreg V-A Hungary-Croatia Co-operation Programme approved by the European Commission on 7 September 2015

With the Hungary-Croatia CBC Programme 2007-2013 entering its final phase, it has been time to examine how far it has come in the past few years, focusing on presenting the results and achievements with the participation of 169 supported projects (and their Lead Beneficiaries) at the Čakovec conference (<http://conference-2015.huhr-cbc.com>). The event, successfully hosting more than 300 participants, was an opportunity to present also the perspectives in the 2014-20 Interreg V-A period with new priority axes and with new funding opportunities.

Croatia was represented by **Ms Helga Bubanović Devčić**, Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds; Hungary by **Mr Zsigmond Perényi**, Deputy State Secretary and the Head of the Managing Authority in the Prime Minister's Office. Both emphasised successful Hungarian-Croatian cross-border co-operation in the previous period. Ambassadors of both Hungary to the Republic of Croatia and Republic of Croatia to Hungary, **Mr József Magyar** and **Mr Gordana Grljić Radman**, addressed as well the participants with their welcome notes. The European Commission was represented by **Ms Lena Andersson Pench**, Director in the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, having a stress on positive experience with the implementation of Hungary-Croatia CBC Programme 2007-2013. The local level was presented through the hosting Međimurska County and Town Čakovec: County Prefect **Mr Matija Posavec** and Mayor **Mr Stjepan Kovač**.

European Co-operation Day, an initiative of INTERACT that is supported by the European Commission, will be celebrated all across the European Union for the fourth time on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2015 and in the surrounding weeks. Events of cross-border, transnational and interregional co-operation programmes, including Hungary-Croatia CBC Programme, you can find on the initiative's official website, [www.ecday.eu](http://www.ecday.eu). This year is quite special because **25 years of Interreg** (European territorial co-operation) **will be celebrated all around Europe**.

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<http://conference-2015.huhr-cbc.com/>  
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