

# **INTERREG VI-A IPA HUNGARY-SERBIA PROGRAMME**

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**ANNEX IV  
TO THE 1<sup>ST</sup> CALL FOR PROPOSALS PACKAGE**

## **INDICATOR GUIDE**



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## 1. OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME INTERVENTION LOGIC

This chapter summarizes the intervention logic of the Interreg VI-A IPA Hungary-Serbia and briefly explains the relationship between Programme's Objectives, Actions, projects and indicators.

The results of the implementation of the actions within each Objective are measured through indicators. The selected set of indicators, thus, aims to measure and quantify the impact of the Programme and its financed projects on the region and its inhabitants. **The indicators are to be selected based on their relevance for the planned actions of the project.**

The Programme is structured along three Priorities (P) with six Objectives.

### **Priority 1: A greener region**

Objective 1.1: Climate change adaptation, risk prevention

Objective 1.2: Biodiversity and reduced pollution

### **Priority 2: Enhancing the human and cultural values**

Objective 2.1: Education and lifelong learning

Objective 2.2: Culture and tourism

### **Priority 3: Cross-border institutional and civil cooperation**

Objective 3.1: Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation

In general, the Programme's Objectives have several types of actions, which are not meant as rigid and strictly delineated categories binding for the Applicants. They are, rather, meant as a tool for organizing diverse activities into a system clearly showing logical progression towards achieving the Programme's Objectives. It also makes it easier to understand how the Programme responds to the needs and challenges specific to the border region.

Therefore, in order to guide the (potential) Applicants to focus their projects when tackling the identified needs and challenges of the border region, each of the Programme's Objectives contains a list of indicative activities grouped into Actions. This way, the structure of the Programme ensures that the submitted project proposals are well-targeted interventions designed to address and solve the diagnosed problems. Needless to say, in order to be considered for financing, the submitted projects must clearly correspond to at least one Objective of the Programme, but can be related to several Actions within that Objective.<sup>1</sup>

The projects can choose the output indicator from all the indicators available under the Objective, provided that the criterion for selection is the indicator's relevance for the activities and objectives of the project.

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<sup>1</sup> It is advisable that in the case of the following two Objectives, one project can be linked to only one Action: "2.2 Culture and tourism" and "3.1 Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation"

In some instances, there is a direct link between the output and result indicators, as the table below shows.

1. Table – Links between output and result indicators

Output Indicator		Result Indicator	
code	name	code	name
RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion
RCO85	Participations in joint training schemes	RCR81	Completions of joint training schemes
RCO81	Participations in joint actions across borders	RCR85	Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion
RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations

If an output indicator is associated with a result indicator like in the examples from the table above, they must remain paired up, which means that the (paired) result indicator is preselected and mandatory. In that case, a pre-determined result indicator is automatically assigned based on the selection of its output indicator-pair.

Exceptions are the following output indicators, because for them there is no matching result indicator:

- RCO115 Public events across borders jointly organised

The schedule and timing for measuring the indicator values is also predetermined and clearly defined. Accordingly, the selected output indicators are measured upon the finalisation of the project:

- RCO87 Organisations cooperating across borders,
- RCO81 Participations in joint actions across borders,
- RCO115 Public events across borders jointly organised,
- RCO24 Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects,
- RCO85 Participations in joint training schemes.

ERDF-type indicators will be used to measure the results of the activities more accurately. These are the following:

*Output indicators*

- RCO24 Investments in new or upgraded disaster monitoring, preparedness, warning and response systems against natural disasters
- RCO77 Number of cultural and tourism sites supported

*Result indicator*

- RCR77 Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported

One programme specific indicator was designed to proper measurement of the programme results

*Result indicator*

- RPR01 Population benefiting from protection measures against climate related natural disasters (flood, wildfire, other)

As for the selected result indicators, the timeline for measuring their values varies, but as a general rule they are recorded after the project ends, with one exception, as can be seen below:

- The values of the indicator Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion are to be measured up to one year after project completion;
- The values of the indicator Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion are to be measured during project implementation / up to one year after project completion; while
- The values of the indicator Completion of joint training schemes are to be measured at project completion.

**Source of information**

Methods for collecting the information for the result indicator also can vary (for example, survey, monitoring system). One of the most practical and reliable ways for obtaining the information and for recording the result indicator values is through Follow-up reports of project Beneficiaries. This solution ensures the available qualified data for the Programme monitoring.

The definitions, rules and recommendations for measuring each indicator in relation with the relevant Objectives are further elaborated in the chapter **2. Detailed description of Programme-level Indicators**.

The detailed introduction of the selected indicators reflects on the following topics:

- Definition and the rationale for selection of the indicators;
- The section “Assumptions” contains the calculation method for each indicator and the relevant baseline and target value.

Table 2 presents the intervention logic and how indicators are linked with Actions and Objectives of the Programme.

Table 2: Link between types of actions and indicators - intervention logic

Priority	Objective		Type of Action	Output Indicator		Result Indicator	
				Code	Name	Code	Name
P1 A greener region	SO 2.4. "(iv) promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches"	1.1 Climate change adaptation, risk prevention	1. Joint development, and coordination and improvement of the cross-border risk prevention and disaster management systems from the two sides of the border 2 Joint actions aimed to reduce the impact of climate change, addressing natural phenomena occurring as a consequence of climate change, through measures that have a cross-border effect 3. Joint awareness raising and educational activities on causes and consequences the effects of climate change	RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects <sup>2</sup>	RCR104	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations
				RCO24	Investments in new or upgraded disaster monitoring, preparedness, warning and response systems against natural disasters	RPR01	Population benefiting from protection measures against climate related natural disasters (flood, wildfire, other)
				RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders <sup>3</sup>	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion
				RCO115	Public events across borders jointly organised		
	SO 2.7. "(vii) enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution"	1.2 Biodiversity and reduced pollution	1. Joint activities which identify and contribute to the elimination of the cross-border pollution sources 2. Joint initiatives for ensuring the sustainable development of natural areas 3. Joint awareness raising and educational activities on environmental and nature protection topics in the border region	RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects <sup>4</sup>	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion
				RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders <sup>5</sup>		
				RCO115	Public events across borders jointly organised		

<sup>2</sup> Applicable to all large-scale projects under this Objective.

<sup>3</sup> Applicable to all projects under this Objective.

<sup>4</sup> Applicable to all large-scale projects under this Objective.

<sup>5</sup> Applicable to all projects under this Objective.

P2 Enhancing the human and cultural values	SO 4.2 “ii) improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training”;	2.1 Education and lifelong learning	1. Lifelong learning for social inclusion, social cohesion and environmentally sustainable and healthy digitalization 2. Joint development of training, mentoring and outreach programs to combat and reverse early school leaving 3. Joint development of vocational training	RCO85	Participations in joint training schemes <sup>6</sup>	RCR81	Completions of joint training schemes
				RCO81	Participations in joint actions across borders	RCR85	Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion
				RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion
	SO 4.6 (vi): enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation <sup>7</sup>	2.2 Culture and tourism	1 Development of joint tourism products with joint marketing management of these products 2. Cultural cooperation 3. Joint management of information for tourism and cultural purposes	RCO77	Number of cultural and tourism sites supported	RCR77	Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported
				RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders <sup>78</sup>	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion <sup>9</sup>
				RCO115	Public events across borders jointly organised		
P3 Cross-border institutional and civil cooperation	Interreg Specific Objectives (ISO) 1 - ‘a better cooperation governance’	3.1 Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation	1. Building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging ‘people to people’ (P2P) actions	RCO81	Participations in joint actions across borders <sup>10</sup>	RCR85	Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion
			2. Actions supporting better cooperation governance	RCO87	Organisations cooperating across borders <sup>11</sup>	RCR84	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion <sup>12</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Applicable to all projects under this Objective.

<sup>7</sup> The indicators are related to the relevant Actions under this Objective.

<sup>8</sup> It is possible to use „Number of cultural and tourism sites supported” output indicator in case of the first Action.

<sup>9</sup> Partially it is possible to use “Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported” result indicator in case of the first Action.

<sup>10</sup> It is possible to use “Public events across borders jointly organized” output indicator instead of this indicator.

<sup>11</sup> This indicator is applicable to both Actions under Objective 3.1.

<sup>12</sup> This indicator is applicable to both Actions under Objective 3.1.

## 2. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME-LEVEL INDICATORS

### Objective 1.1 - Climate change adaptation, risk prevention

RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects	<i>Measurement unit</i>
		Pilot actions
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the pilot actions developed jointly and implemented by supported projects. The scope of a jointly developed pilot action could be to test procedures, new instruments, tools, experimentation or the transfer of practices related to the climate change adaptation and risk prevention in a cross-border environment. In order to be counted by this indicator,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the pilot action needs not only to be developed, but also implemented within the project, and</li> <li>- the implementation of the pilot action should be finalised by the end of the project.</li> </ul> <p>Jointly developed pilot action implies the involvement of organizations from both Hungary and Serbia, regardless of the number of partners involved in a project. In order to be considered a pilot, the action must have an innovative character, manifested at cross-border level, and this shall be properly explained in the Application Form.</p>	
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>This indicator is a suitable tool for capturing the outcome of the proposed actions which are part of this Objective. The strategy at Programme level is to require from the supported large-scale projects to apply innovative approaches for tackling the jointly identified challenges in the field of climate change adaptation and risk prevention. For those reasons, the supported activities shall go beyond day-to-day operation of the partner organizations, as they are expected to bring new added value to cross-border cooperation.</p>	
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p><i>The indicator can relate to the implementation of the next actions and activities</i></p> <p><b>Type of action 1. Joint development, coordination and improvement of the cross-border risk prevention and disaster management systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchange of experiences and know-how</li> <li>- Investments (both equipment and infrastructure) in improving the capacity of the disaster management units</li> <li>- Joint campaigns</li> <li>- Joint prevention programs</li> </ul> <p><b>Type of action 2. Joint actions for adaptation to climate change in view to reducing the impact of climate change, addressing natural phenomena occurring as a consequence of climate change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint plans and interventions</li> <li>- Activities aimed to mitigate risks on agriculture as an area highly exposed to the negative impact of climate change</li> <li>- Cross-border cooperation projects that target existing or potential negative climate change related impacts with the aim of preserving natural habitats and fight against biodiversity loss</li> </ul>	
<u>Assumptions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Each large-scale and regular project financed within this Objective shall propose at least one joint pilot action.</li> <li>✓ The planned allocation for this Objective is of 10,4 M EUR IPA</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The average project size and the number of planned supported projects are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 M EUR IPA for one large-scale project</li> <li>○ average 1,8 M EUR IPA for regular projects, being estimated that 3 projects will be financed during the Programme implementation</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ the estimated number of large-scale and regular projects which develop and implement a joint action (as defined above) is 4.</li> <li>✓ As this indicator is measured upon finalisation of the project, milestone target value is 0 since no large-scale project is expected to be finalized by 2024.</li> </ul>		
<sup>13</sup> Milestone target 2024	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	4

<b>RCO24</b>	Investments in new or upgraded disaster monitoring, preparedness, warning and response systems against natural disasters	<u>Measurement unit</u>	
		Euro	
<u>Definition</u>	<p>Total value of investments in projects supporting the development or upgrading of disaster monitoring, preparedness, warning and response systems linked to climate related natural risks. Upgrading should refer primarily to new functionalities or to upscaling of existing systems at national and regional levels. The indicator covers also cross-border and transnational investments in such measures / actions.</p> <p>The indicator covers interventions at national and regional level which are not disaster specific or which are not covered by the related common indicators for floods (RCO25, RCO105) or wildfires (RCO28).</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	The indicator relates to the first types of action targets the development coordination and improvement of the cross-border risk prevention and disaster management systems		
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p><i>The indicator can relate to the implementation of the next actions and activities</i></p> <p><b>Type of action 1. Joint development, coordination and improvement of the cross-border risk prevention and disaster management systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchange of experiences and know-how</li> <li>- Investments (both equipment and infrastructure) in improving the capacity of the disaster management units</li> <li>- Joint campaigns</li> <li>- Joint prevention programs</li> </ul>		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	3 032 086

<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders	<u>Measurement unit</u>	
		Organizations	
<u>Definition</u>	The indicator counts the organisations cooperating formally in supported projects. The organisations counted in this indicator are the legal entities including project partners and associated organizations, as mentioned in the Subsidy Contract.		

<sup>13</sup> Milestones, target values and baselines in all tables refer to the milestones, target values of the Programme and are only for information purposes!

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	Each organization shall be counted only once throughout the duration of the Programme, within this Objective of the Programme.		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	The indicator is selected because it captures the breadth and extent of cross-border cooperation at the institutional level. The Programme aims to involve as many organizations as possible in the cooperation between the two countries in the field of climate change adaptation and risk prevention. This indicator is a tool for measuring the extent of this process.		
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	This indicator is compulsory for all the projects financed under this Objective.		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	2	<u>Target value 2029</u>	11

<b>RCO115</b>	Public events across borders jointly organised	<u>Measurement unit</u>
		Events
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the number of events across border jointly organised by the partners in supported projects. In order to be quantified under this Objective, a public event must focus on a topic which is linked to the climate change and/or risk prevention, as defined in the Programme. Such are, for example, events organized as part of the joint campaigns or prevention programs related to the risks in the border area, as well as events which are part of joint awareness campaigns and of educational activities linked to the consequences of climate change.</p> <p>A public event across borders is understood as a joint action which has been advertised through relevant means to the general public of the area covered by the project.</p> <p>A public event across borders (which can be physical and/or online) should have participants from both countries of the Programme area.</p> <p>The participation of the project staff in public events is not sufficient for ensuring the condition of participants from both Hungary and Serbia; therefore, the participation of the stakeholders from the other side of the border (besides partner organization) shall be properly documented.</p>	
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p><i>The indicator can relate to the implementation of the next actions and activities</i></p> <p><b>Type of action 3. Joint awareness raising and educational activities on causes, consequences of climate change and possible adaptation and mitigation measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint information campaigns</li> <li>- Joint educational programs</li> <li>- Capacity building activities</li> </ul>	
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>The Programme aims to support as many joint public events as possible in the field of climate change adaptation and risk prevention.</p> <p>These events are an efficient tool to address and mobilize a large number of people of different social and cultural backgrounds, from both sides of the border. Such an approach is bound to increase the impact of the Programme, by highlighting the common specific challenges encountered in the border area and amplifying this message to the widest audience. This, in turn, will raise awareness and help create a critical mass which has a potential to become a driving force for timely interventions in the field of climate change adaptation and risk prevention. This indicator will measure this process.</p>	

<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	1	<u>Target value 2029</u>	8
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<b>RCR104</b>	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations	<u>Measurement unit</u>	
		Solutions	
<u>Definition</u>	<p><i>The selection of this indicator is compulsory for all the project chosen “Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects” output indicator. The indicator counts the number of solutions, other than legal or administrative solutions, that are developed by supported projects and are taken up or upscaled during the implementation of the project or within one year after project completion. The organisation adopting the solutions developed by the project may or may not be a participant in the project. The uptake / up-scaling should be documented by the adopting organisations in, for instance, strategies, action plans etc.</i></p> <p><i>The indicator is measured during project implementation / up to one year after project completion.</i></p>		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	4

<b>RPR01</b>	Population benefiting from protection measures against climate related natural disasters (flood, wildfire, other)	<u>Measurement unit</u>	
		Persons	
<u>Definition</u>	<p><i>The indicator counts the population living in areas where vulnerability to flood, wildfire and other climate related natural risks is reduced as a result of the supported projects. This may include building or upgrading protection infrastructure (including green infrastructure for adaptation to climate change) but it may cover other measures which are significantly decreasing the vulnerability status.</i></p> <p><i>The indicator covers protection measures which are clearly localised in high risk areas and which address directly the specific risks, as opposed to more general measures implemented at national or regional level.</i></p>		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	1,4 million persons

<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	<u>Measurement unit</u>	
		Organizations	
<u>Definition</u>	<p><i>The indicator counts the organisations cooperating across borders after the completion of the supported projects. The organisations are legal entities involved in project implementation, counted within RCO87. The cooperation concept should be interpreted as having a statement that the entities have a formal agreement to continue cooperation, after the end of the supported project. The cooperation agreements may be established during the implementation of the project or within one year after the project completion. The sustained cooperation is not restricted to the same topic as addressed by the completed project. Through the follow-up reports, the joint secretariat of the Programme will monitor the existence of the formal agreement of continued cooperation.</i></p>		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	9

### Objective 1.2 - Biodiversity and reduced pollution

RCO84	Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Pilot actions
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the pilot actions developed jointly and implemented by supported projects. The scope of a jointly developed pilot action could be to test procedures, new instruments, tools, experimentation or the transfer of practices related to biodiversity and reducing pollution in a cross-border environment. In order to be counted by this indicator,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the pilot action needs not only to be developed, but also implemented within the project, and</li> <li>- the implementation of the pilot action should be finalised by the end of the project.</li> </ul> <p>Jointly developed pilot action implies the involvement of organizations from both Hungary and Serbia, regardless of the number of partners involved in a project. In order to be considered a pilot, the action must have an innovative character, manifested at cross-border level, and this shall be properly explained in the Application Form.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>This indicator records and measures the outcome of the actions implemented actions within this Objective. The strategy at Programme level is to require from the supported large-scale projects to develop and/or implement innovative approaches to solving the jointly identified challenges in the field of biodiversity and reduced pollution. It is, therefore, expected that the supported activities go beyond the day-to-day operation of the partner organizations and to bring added value to cross-border cooperation.</p>		
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p><i>The indicator can relate to the implementation of the next actions and activities</i></p> <p><b>Type of action 1. Joint activities which identify and contribute to the elimination of the cross-border pollution sources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint interventions to map pollution sources and/or development of up-to-date solutions</li> </ul> <p>Pilot projects establishing cooperation initiatives and organisational alliances</p> <p><b>Type of action 2. Joint initiatives for ensuring the sustainable development of natural areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint blue (e.g. backwater) and green interventions</li> <li>- Re-introduction of native species to cross-border habitats, including species protection programs, operation of rescue centres, or ex situ breeding and release programs</li> <li>- Creation of educational trails</li> <li>- Establishment of cooperation networks (e.g. in agricultural sector) to enhance and harmonize cross-border planning and joint interventions</li> </ul>		
<u>Assumptions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Each large-scale project financed within this Objective implements at least one joint pilot action.</li> </ul>		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	4

<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Organizations
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the organisations cooperating formally in supported projects. The organisations counted in this indicator are the legal entities including project partners and associated organizations, as mentioned in the Subsidy Contract.</p> <p>Each organization shall be counted only once throughout the duration of the Programme, within this Objective.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>The indicator is selected because it captures the breadth and extent of cross-border cooperation at the institutional level. The Programme aims to involve as many organizations as possible in the cooperation between the two countries in the field of biodiversity and reduced pollution. This indicator is the most suitable tool for measuring the extent of this process.</p>		
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p>This indicator is compulsory for all the projects financed under this Objective.</p>		
<u>Assumptions</u>	<p>✓ This indicator is compulsory for all the projects financed under this Objective.</p>		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	4	<u>Target value 2029</u>	14

<b>RCO115</b>	Public events across borders jointly organised		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Events
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the number of events across border jointly organised by the partners in supported projects. In order to be quantified under this Objective, a public event must focus on a topic which is linked to the biodiversity and reduced pollution. Such events can be, for example a part of the joint awareness raising and educational activities on environmental and nature protection, on biodiversity and on reducing pollution.</p> <p>A public event across borders is understood as a joint action which has been advertised through relevant means to the general public of the area covered by the project.</p> <p>A public event across borders (which can be physical and/or online) should have participants from both countries of the Programme area.</p> <p>The participation of the project staff in public events is not sufficient for ensuring the condition of participants from both Hungary and Serbia; therefore, the participation of the stakeholders from the other side of the border (besides partner organizations) shall be properly documented.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>The Programme aims to support as many joint public events as possible in the field of climate change adaptation and risk prevention.</p> <p>These events can be used as an efficient tool for mobilizing and ensuring support of the largest possible number of people from different social and cultural backgrounds and from both sides of the border. They have a potential to amplify the impact of the Programme and highlight the common specific challenges encountered in the border area to the widest audience. Ultimately, this may attract and sustain a necessary public support to facilitate close and enduring cross-border cooperation in finding joint solutions and achieving joint results in the field of the biodiversity and reduced pollution.</p>		

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<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p>The indicator can relate to the implementation of the next actions and activities</p> <p><b>Type of action 3. Joint awareness raising and educational activities on environmental and nature protection topics in the border region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organizing information campaigns, social events and programs</li> <li>- Implementing educational programs</li> <li>- Organizing joint education and/or dissemination programs</li> <li>- Capacity building activities</li> </ul>		
<u>Assumptions</u>	<p>✓ Each small-scale project shall have at least two public events across border organized jointly.</p>		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	2	<u>Target value 2029</u>	12

<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	<u>Measurement unit</u>
		Organizations
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the organisations cooperating across borders after the completion of the supported projects. The organisations are legal entities involved in project implementation, counted within RCO87. The cooperation concept should be interpreted as having a statement that the entities have a formal agreement to continue cooperation, after the end of the supported project. The cooperation agreements may be established during the implementation of the project or within one year after the project completion. The sustained cooperation is not restricted to the same topic as addressed by the completed project. Through the follow-up reports, the joint secretariat of the Programme will monitor the existence of the formal agreement of continued cooperation.</p>	
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u> style="text-align: center;">11

## Objective 2.1 - Education and lifelong learning

<b>RCO85</b>	Participations in joint training schemes		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Participations
<u>Definition</u>	<p>A joint training scheme implies the involvement of organizations from the two participating countries in the organisation of the training. It requires building knowledge in a certain topic and involves the training of participants over minimum three sessions. A one-off meeting/event/internal session where information is disseminated should not be considered as a training scheme, but as a joint action. A training scheme is considered as joint if the cross-border partners plan and develop elements such as content, teaching methodology, course syllabus, educational material and didactic tools to the extent they are and can be commonly shared across the border and applicable in their local context and with their target groups. Alternatively, in partnerships of organizations with complementary expertise, each organization can elaborate part of the educational module/course in which it specializes, unifying it seamlessly at the end of the development process. Elements which due to external circumstances cannot be the identical in both countries should be adjusted to the national legislature, regional characteristics and local context. A training scheme can be formal or informal and organized either as an in-school, on site, online, e-learning or hybrid educational program, but should be mainly practical in nature, interactive and on a regular basis.</p> <p><b><i>The number of participations in the training scheme can be counted only if the organizers of the training schemes intend to issue a certification of completion.</i></b> Otherwise, joint trainings for which the training organisers do not intend to record the confirmed completions / do not intend to issue certificates of completion should be considered under the generic term of "joint actions" and counted in that indicator. The certificates of completion do not necessarily require a previous national certification process of the issuing organisation.</p> <p>This indicator does not count the number of participants who finalised the joint training schemes as this is done through the linked result indicator RCR81 (Completion of joint training schemes). In other words, if a participant starts the training, attends several sessions, but does not complete the full training scheme, that participation should be counted only within this indicator. Finally, double counting of participants in more than one training schemes organised by the same project should be excluded.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>This indicator is selected because it directly captures the most immediate form of involvement of the target groups in the educational programs financed through this Objective of the Programme - acquisition of skills and knowledge or their upgrade through participation in the organized trainings. If a project has organized trainings, this indicator will record and measure the number of people who enrolled and started them.</p>		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	30	<u>Target value 2029</u>	330
<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Organizations

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<u>Definition</u>	The indicator counts the organisations cooperating formally in supported projects. The organisations counted in this indicator are the legal entities including project partners and associated organizations, as mentioned in the Subsidy Contract. Organizations shall be counted only once throughout the duration of the Programme, within this Objective.		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	The indicator is selected because it captures the breadth and extent of cross-border cooperation at the institutional level. It also measures the diversity of the organizations directly involved with educational tasks.		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	4	<u>Target value 2029</u>	25

RCO81	Participations in joint actions across borders		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Participations
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the number of participations in joint educational actions across borders implemented in the supported projects. Participations (i.e. number of persons attending a joint action across borders - e.g. citizens, volunteers, students, pupils, public officials, etc.) are counted for each joint action organised on the basis of attendance lists or other relevant means of quantification. If the participation cannot be quantified and documented it should not be counted in this indicator.</p> <p>Joint actions across borders could include, for instance, exchange activities or exchange visits organized with partners across borders. <b>Joint actions with educational purpose and character should be counted in this indicator</b>, if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- are one-off events such as one training session, a study visit, jointly organized workshop, conference, equipment testing, laboratory exercise, meeting and similar one-occasion events (even if they last more than one day);</li> <li>- are trainings for which the organizers do not intend to record the confirmed completions / do not intend to issue certificates of completion.</li> </ul> <p>Training schemes spanning three or more sessions should not be counted in this indicator.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	The indicator is selected because it measures the interest in and success of the joint educational actions implemented in cross-border partnerships. It does so by recording and documenting the number of participations in the joint educational actions which do not qualify as joint training schemes.		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	30	<u>Target value 2029</u>	660

RCR81	Completion of joint training schemes		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Participants
<u>Definition</u>	<p><i>The indicator counts the number of participants completing the joint trainings schemes which are defined in the RCO85.</i></p> <p>If a participant has started, attended and completed a training and received a certificate to that effect, then this participation should be counted both in this indicator and in the linked output indicator RCO85. The value reported for this indicator can be equal to or lower than the value of RCO85 but not higher because, for example, it may happen that some participants withdraw after the training started or in case not all participants receive the final certification. Double</p>		



	counting of participants in more than one training schemes organised by the same project should be excluded.		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	The indicator records and measures direct involvement of the target groups in the educational activities of the projects which organize the trainings. By counting the number of completions of the joint training schemes, the indicator forms a solid basis for understanding, analyzing and evaluating the impact of the training schemes, and thus the Programme, on the knowledge, skills and, ultimately, lives of the intended target groups.		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	178

<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	<u>Measurement unit</u>	
		Organizations	
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the organisations cooperating across borders after the completion of the supported projects. The organisations are legal entities involved in project implementation, counted within the output indicator RCO87. The cooperation concept should be interpreted as having a statement that the entities have a formal agreement to continue cooperation, after the end of the supported project. The cooperation agreements may be established during the implementation of the project or within one year after the project completion. The sustained cooperation is not restricted to the same topic as addressed by the completed project. Through the follow-up reports, the joint secretariat of the Programme will monitor the existence of the formal agreement of continued cooperation.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>This indicator is particularly useful to evaluate the lasting impact of the Programme on the cross-border cooperation in educational initiatives by capturing the strength and longevity of the established cross-border ties. This, in turn, may help in predicting the likelihood of maintaining and deepening cooperation across the border, ultimately making initiation of new educational interventions easier and faster.</p>		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	8

<b>RCR85</b>	Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion	<u>Measurement unit</u>	
		Participations	
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the number of participations in joint actions across borders after the completion of the project, organised by all or some of the former partners or associated organisations with-in the project, as a continuation of cooperation. Joint actions across borders could include, for instance, exchange activities or exchange visits organized with participants from both countries of the Programme area. Participations (i.e. number of persons attending a joint action across borders) are counted for each joint action organised on the basis of attendance lists or other relevant means of quantification. For the definition of this indicator, the joint action includes training schemes also.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>Generally, the indicator captures the extent of educational cooperation, the durability of the established cross-border ties and can be used for predicting the likelihood of future educational initiatives. Because training schemes are included in this indicator, this indicator will also directly measure the durability of the developed trainings by quantifying their participants after the end of the project. It, therefore, offers an insight into the overall usefulness of the developed training scheme for its target groups and the region.</p>		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	132

## Objective 2.2 - Culture and tourism

<b>RCO77</b>	Number of cultural and tourism sites supported	<u>Measurement unit</u>	
		cultural and tourism sites	
<u>Definition</u>	The indicator counts the number of cultural and tourism sites supported by the Funds The sites shall be counted upon completion of output in supported project.		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	The indicator is selected because it captures the main outputs of intended actions linked to investments in the physical infrastructure.		
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p><i>The indicator can relate to the implementation of the next actions and activities</i></p> <p><b>Type of action 1. Development of joint tourism products with joint marketing management of these products</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development and marketing of water tourism and related bicycle tourism products</li> <li>- Development of health tourism and other active tourism</li> <li>- Development or expanding and marketing of touristic offer of cross-border thematic trips and routes</li> </ul> <p><b>Type of action 2. Cultural cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooperation between professional institutions/organisations dealing with culture</li> <li>- Sustainable promotion of contemporary arts and preservation of cultural heritage</li> <li>- Cooperation resulting in developed, promoted and implemented joint cultural events and festivals</li> </ul> <p><b>Type of action 3. Joint management of information for tourism and cultural purposes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activities aimed at joint information management assuring permanent information to potential national and international tourists</li> </ul>		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	11

<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders	<u>Measurement unit</u>	
		Organizations	
<u>Definition</u>	The indicator counts the organisations cooperating formally in supported projects. The organisations counted in this indicator are the legal entities including project partners and associated organizations, as mentioned in the Subsidy Contract. Organizations shall be counted only once throughout the duration of the Programme, within this Objective.		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	The indicator is selected because it captures the breadth and extent of cross-border cooperation at the institutional level. It also measures the diversity of the organizations directly involved with touristic development and organization tasks.		
<u>Assumptions</u>	This indicator is compulsory for all the projects financed under this Objective.		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	2	<u>Target value 2029</u>	32

RCO115	Public events across borders jointly organised		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Events
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the number of events across border which were jointly organised by the partners in supported projects, and not the number of participations in public events.</p> <p>A public event across borders is understood as a joint action which has been advertised through relevant means, to the general public of the area covered by the Programme.</p> <p>A public event across borders should have participants from both countries of the Programme area.</p> <p>The participation of the project staff in public events is not sufficient for ensuring the condition of participants from at least two countries of the Programme area.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>Public events mainly contribute to the implementation of cultural cooperation. It can be assumed that all projects supported under the Cultural Cooperation Action will implement at least one jointly organized public event which will attract and welcome the audience from both sides of the border. But there is a possibility that projects related to tourism development can also choose this indicator.</p>		
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p><i>The indicator can relate to the implementation of the next actions and activities</i></p> <p><b>Type of action 1. Development of joint tourism products with joint marketing management of these products</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development and marketing of water tourism and related bicycle tourism products</li> <li>- Development of health tourism and other active tourism</li> <li>- Development or expanding and marketing of touristic offer of cross-border thematic trips and routes</li> </ul> <p><b>Type of action 2. Cultural cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooperation between professional institutions/organisations dealing with culture</li> <li>- Sustainable promotion of contemporary arts and preservation of cultural heritage</li> <li>- Cooperation resulting in developed, promoted and implemented joint cultural events and festivals</li> </ul> <p><b>Type of action 3. Joint management of information for tourism and cultural purposes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activities aimed at joint information management assuring permanent information to potential national and international tourists</li> </ul>		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	1	<u>Target value 2029</u>	13

RCR77	Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			visitors / year
<u>Definition</u>	<p>All project chosen the "Number of cultural and tourism sites supported" output indicator shall select this result indicator.</p> <p>Estimated number of annual visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported. The estimation of the number of visitors should be carried out ex post one year after the completion of the intervention. The baseline of the indicator refers to the estimated annual number of visitors of the supported sites the year before the intervention starts, and it is zero for new cultural and tourism sites. The indicator</p>		

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	does not cover natural sites for which an accurate estimation of number of visitors is not feasible. The measurement of the indicator is carried out one year after the completion of output in the supported project.		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	The indicator is selected because it captures the main results of intended actions linked to benefits for visitors.		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	110,000

<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	<u>Measurement unit</u>	Organizations
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the organisations cooperating across borders after the completion of the supported projects. The organisations are legal entities involved in project implementation, counted within RCO87. The cooperation concept should be interpreted as having a statement that the entities have a formal agreement to continue cooperation, after the end of the supported project. The cooperation agreements may be established during the implementation of the project or within one year after the project completion. The sustained cooperation is not restricted to the same topic as addressed by the completed project. Through the follow-up reports, the joint secretariat of the Programme will monitor the existence of the formal agreement of continued cooperation.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>Cooperation between the partners in the field of tourism and culture is expected to continue after the completion of the projects. The increase in the number of tourists connected with tourism developments, cultural co-operations and the maintenance of cultural-based relations must be ensured in the long term. Therefore, it requires the cooperation of the involved organizations even after the project completion.</p>		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	24

### Objective 3.1 - Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation

<b>RCO87</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Organizations
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the organisations cooperating formally in supported projects. The organisations counted in this indicator are the legal entities including project partners and associated organizations, as mentioned in the Subsidy Contract.</p> <p>Organizations shall be counted only once throughout the duration of the Programme, within this Objective.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>The aim of the Actions is to encourage cooperation between institutions, as a result of which a number of joint activities can be carried out by the partners. The indicator is selected because it captures the breadth and extent of cross-border cooperation at the institutional level.</p>		
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p>This indicator is compulsory for all the projects financed under this Objective.</p>		
<u>Assumptions</u>	<p>✓ The indicator is applied in the case of both planned Actions</p>		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	6	<u>Target value 2029</u>	64

<b>RCO81</b>	Participations in joint actions across borders		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Participations
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the number of participations in joint actions across borders implemented in the supported projects. Joint actions across borders could include, for instance, exchange activities, common workshops, camps or exchange visits organized with partners across borders. Participations (i.e. number of persons attending a joint action across borders - e.g. citizens, volunteers, students, pupils, public officials, etc.) are counted for each joint action organised on the basis of attendance lists or other relevant means of quantification.</p> <p>A joint action is considered as the action organised with the involvement of organizations from at least two participating countries</p> <p>Participations in public events organized in supported projects should not be counted in this indicator.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>The indicator measures how many people are involved in joint actions in a small-scale cooperation project organized by local communities.</p>		
<u>Examples for related actions and activities</u>	<p><i>The indicator can relate to the implementation of the all actions and activities.</i></p>		
<u>Assumptions</u>	<p>✓ The indicator is preferably used in the case of <b>Type of action 1. Building up mutual trust</b>, in particular by encouraging 'people to people' (P2P) actions.</p>		
<u>Milestone target 2024</u>	145	<u>Target value 2029</u>	1450

<b>RCR85</b>	Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Participations
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the number of participations in joint actions across borders after the completion of the project, organised by all or some of the former partners or associated organisations with-in the project, as a continuation of cooperation. Joint actions across borders could include, for instance, exchange activities or exchange visits organized with participants from at both countries of the Programme area. Participations (i.e. number of persons attending a joint action across borders) are counted for each joint action organised on the basis of attendance lists or other relevant means of quantification.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>The aim is to establish a lasting relationship not only between the organizations involved in the projects, but also between the participants. A lasting relationship can be based on long-term cooperation between organizations.</p>		
<u>Assumptions</u>	<p>✓ The indicator is used only in the case of Type of action 1. Building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging ‘people to people’ (P2P) actions.</p>		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	652

<b>RCR84</b>	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion		<u>Measurement unit</u>
			Organizations
<u>Definition</u>	<p>The indicator counts the organisations cooperating across borders after the completion of the supported projects. The organisations are legal entities involved in project implementation, counted within RCO87. The cooperation concept should be interpreted as having a statement that the entities have a formal agreement to continue cooperation, after the end of the supported project. The cooperation agreements may be established during the implementation of the project or within one year after the project completion. The sustained cooperation is not restricted to the same topic as addressed by the completed project. Through the follow-up reports, the joint secretariat of the Programme will monitor the existence of the formal agreement of continued cooperation.</p>		
<u>Rationale for selection</u>	<p>Cooperation between the partners is expected to continue after the completion of the projects.</p>		
<u>Assumptions</u>	<p>✓ It is assumed that 75% of the involved organizations will continue to cooperate after the project ends. 64 * 0,75 = 48</p>		
<u>Baseline</u>	0	<u>Target value 2029</u>	48