

4TH MONITORING COMMITTEE

ON-LINE, 8 SEPTEMBER 2025



*Good neighbours
creating
common future*

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| 10:00-10:15 | Welcome speeches, introduction round and approval of the agenda |
| 10:15-10:30 | Progress of the programme |
| 10:30-11:00 | Presentation of the 2nd call for proposals |
| 11:00-12:30 | 2nd call for proposals – discussion and decision |
| 12:30-13:00 | AOB |

PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAMME



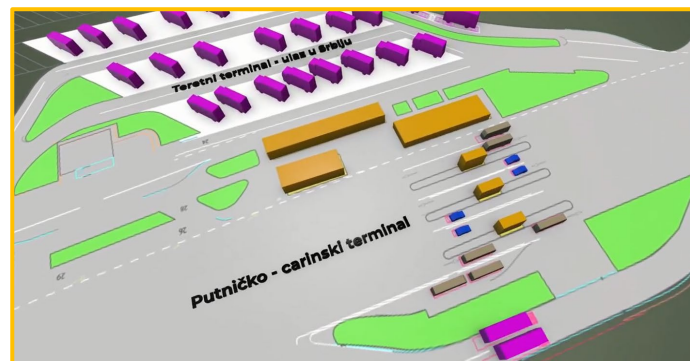
On 8 August 2025 we received the official letter from the EC about
CLOSURE OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME
“Interreg-IPA CBC Hungary-Serbia” for the years 2014-2020

We are proud of our achievements!

[FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT](#)

2014-2020 CLOSURE - ACHIEVEMENTS

- **5 strategic projects** were concluded successfully, **118 normal projects** implemented and **8 TA projects** administered
- **8 border crossing points** improved
- **180 608 meters** of improved **water management systems!**
- **109 811 visits** per years supported sites of cultural and natural heritage
- Above **1 100 events** contributed to the projects' and the programme's visibility



2014-2020 CLOSURE - ACHIEVEMENTS

- **226 enterprises cooperated** with research institutions, **476 further organisations** participated in **knowledge platforms**
- **386 months** spent in **scholarships**
- **1.5 million persons** of the region benefited from **flood protection measures**
- Surface area with **better conservation status** summed up to **162 956.35 hectares**
- **4.53 km of roads** and **26.87 km new bicycle paths** were built and **14 km of roads** got **reconstructed**



PRESENT PROGRAMME 2021-2027



1ST CALL FOR PROPOSALS - APPLICATIONS

Programme received 145 applications, 4 LSP concept notes, 79 RSP and 62 SSP

Priority 1: A greener region **36**

Objective 1.1: Climate change adaptation, risk prevention (SO 2.4) 24

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Priority 3: Cross-border institutional and civil cooperation **41**

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1ST CALL FOR PROPOSALS - PROJECTS

| | Projects | SSP | RSP | LSP | Total | IPA |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| O1.1 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 11,943,292.81 | 10,151,798.82 |
| O1.2 | 6 | 4 | 2 | - | 3,053,831.04 | 2,595,756.37 |
| O2.1 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5,760,971.51 | 4,896,825.76 |
| O2.2 | 15 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 13,429,899.71 | 11,415,414.69 |
| O3.1 | 19 | 13 | 6 | - | 5,242,147.68 | 4,455,825.47 |
| | 59 | 25 | 31 | 3 | 39,430,142.75 | 33,515,621.11 |

1ST CALL FOR PROPOSALS



16 in 2024, 96 in 2025
EUR 3.83 M - EUR 3.26 M IPA

1ST CfP – INDICATORS

| Indicator ID | Indicator name | Actual value | Target value | Contracted value |
|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| RCO87 | Organisations cooperating across borders | 90,00 | 149,00 | 217,00 |
| RCR84 | Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion | 0,00 | 118,00 | 178,00 |
| RCO24 | Investments in new or upgraded disaster monitoring, preparedness, warning and response systems against natural disasters | 338 725,51 | 3 032 086,00 | 5 750 226,00 |
| RCO84 | Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects | 0,00 | 8,00 | 22,00 |
| RCR104 | Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations | 0,00 | 4,00 | 28,00 |
| RPR01 | Population benefiting from protection measures against climate related natural disasters | 0,00 | 1,40 | 0,68 |
| RCO115 | Public events across borders jointly organised | 64,00 | 33,00 | 169,00 |
| RCO85 | Participations in joint training schemes | 0,00 | 330,00 | 1 072,00 |
| RCR81 | Completions of joint training schemes | 0,00 | 178,00 | 657,00 |
| RCO81 | Participations in joint actions across borders | 2 740,00 | 2 130,00 | 7 789,00 |
| RCR85 | Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion | 0,00 | 784,00 | 4 395,00 |
| RCO77 | Number of cultural and tourism sites supported | 25,00 | 11,00 | 161,00 |
| RCR77 | Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported | 4 593,00 | 110 000,00 | 23 500,00 |

THE FUTURE OF INTERREG

**Overview of the Legal Framework of the
Programming Period beyond 2028**



Status of the Drafting Process of The Relevant Legislations

- Draft legislation package was published in July 2025
- Observational process is on-going: internal and international levels (possibility of discussion with other Interreg programmes)
- Discussion started among Managing Authority, National Authority, Joint Secretariat, Audit Authority and the relevant units of the Széchenyi Program Office and relevant line ministries: internal and joint platforms
- Legislations can be finalised until end of 2027

Regulation Proposals with Interreg-relevance

- „NRP” Regulation: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Economic, Territorial, Social, Rural and Maritime Sustainable Prosperity and Security Fund for the period 2028-2034 and amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 (Proposal)
- Interreg specific regulation: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund as part of the National and Regional Partnership Fund (Proposal)
- Global Europe: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Global Europe (Proposal)
- Performance Regulation: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a budget expenditure tracking and performance framework and other rules for the Union programmes and activities (Proposal)

„NRP” Regulation

Main aspects: „Common Rulebook”

- Sets out common provisions for [nine] shared management funds at EU level.
- The majority of delivery and implementation rules of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund are covered in Regulation (EU) [NRP Regulation].

Interreg specific regulation

Main aspects: Regional development, Interreg Plan

- This Regulation defines provisions applicable to both the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, including for „European territorial cooperation” (Interreg).
- Regarding Interreg, greater harmonisation and more robust means of coordination across different EU funding streams were identified as key areas for future improvement.
- Introduction of the „Interreg Plan”: one Interreg Plan with a wide eligibility scope and a single set of rules.

Global Europe

Main aspects: Definitions for cross-border cooperations

- Article 2 – Definitions

„cross-border cooperation means cooperation between: (a) Member States, one or more partner countries along the external adjacent land and maritime borders of the Union; (b) two or more candidates or potential candidates covered under the Europe pillar”

- Article 28 – Cross-Border Cooperation

„Up to 3% of the financial envelope for the pillars [...] may be indicatively allocated to support those programmes”

Performance Regulation

Main aspects: Common indicators

- This Regulation establishes an expenditure tracking and a performance framework for the budget, including rules on the monitoring of all budget expenditure, monitoring and reporting on the performance of Union programmes and activities, and rules for the evaluation of the programmes and activities.
- Common indicators are provided under the Performance Regulation.
- The performance of the Fund will be monitored through the performance framework provided in the Performance Regulation proposed alongside the present regulation, including through the common list of intervention fields and output and result indicators. (measures; milestones, target)

Main rules and directions based on the Regulation Proposals

- Interreg Plan
- Interreg Allocation
- National contribution to estimated costs
- Objectives
- Institutional conditions

Interreg Plan

- **Simplifying the current framework** – moving from close to 540 programmes to 27 National and Regional Partnership Plans and one Interreg Plan, with a wide eligibility scope and a single set of rules, will reduce administrative costs at all levels, while facilitating access to funding for EU businesses, including SMEs, local authorities and project promoters and keeping the focus on reducing regional disparities.
- The Interreg Plan shall include Interreg Plan chapters. Each chapter shall correspond to cooperation in a given geographical area. Each chapter shall:
 - provide a list and description of measures
 - define milestones and targets
 - determine indicators proposed for the targets
 - set out the total estimated costs in line with the principle of cost efficiency, sound financial management and commensurate to the expected economic and social impact

Interreg allocation

- **2021-27**

2018 prices: 8 050 000 000 EUR

current prices: 9 072 719 154 EUR

- **2028-2034**

2025 prices: 9 044 000 000 EUR

current prices: 10 264 000 000 EUR

Calculating on 2025 prices during discussions!

National contribution to estimated costs

NRP Regulation, Article 20

- The national contribution rate at the level of each Interreg chapter shall be no lower than 20%. The rate shall be decreased by [5] percentage points for chapters supporting outermost regions' cooperation and cross-border cooperation on external borders.

Objectives

- **General objectives of the Fund** - NRP Regulation, Article 2
- **Specific objectives of the Fund** - NRP Regulation, Article 3
- Five high level objectives:
 1. Europe's sustainable prosperity across all regions;
 2. Europe's defence capabilities and security;
 3. supporting people, strengthening Europe's societies and Europe's social model;
 4. sustaining Europe's quality of life;
 5. protecting and strengthening democracy, rule of law and upholding Union values.

Institutional conditions

- Interreg Plan will be implemented under shared management.
- The Member State hosting the prospective managing authority shall submit an Interreg Plan chapter to the Commission.
- The managing authority may identify one or more intermediate bodies to carry out certain tasks under their responsibility.
- Joint Secretariat (no changes)
- Audit Authority (no changes)
- MC: A monitoring committee shall be established for each Interreg Plan chapter. The monitoring committee shall be responsible for selection of Interreg operations, in accordance with the Interreg Plan chapter's strategy and objectives. (The Commission may lay down further requirements to be met by the monitoring committee in the respective implementing act).

Summary of new rules and main differences

- More allocated funds for Interreg in the frame of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
- Interreg Regulation defined together with ERDF Regulation
- Different distribution mechanism within Interreg
- Interreg Plan and Interreg chapters instead of IPs
- Performance based system
- Allocation methodology proposal! is the same as in 21-27

Further Information

„NRP” Regulation:

https://commission.europa.eu/publications/european-fund-economic-social-and-territorial-cohesion-agriculture-and-rural-fisheries-and-maritime_en

Interreg specific regulation

https://commission.europa.eu/publications/european-fund-regional-development-and-cohesion-fund_en

Global Europe

https://commission.europa.eu/publications/global-europe_en

Performance Regulation




https://commission.europa.eu/publications/budget-expenditure-tracking-and-performance-framework_en

2ND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

GENERAL DATA



2ND CfP – PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

| Priority | Objective | SSP (70k-200k) | RSP (200k-500k*) | EST. TOTAL | |
|---|--|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1. A greener region | 1.1 Climate change adaptation, risk prevention * | 450 000 | 1 100 000 | 1 550 000 |  1.39M |
| | 1.2 Biodiversity and reduced pollution | 538 000 | 1 200 000 | 1 738 000 | |
| 2. Enhancing the human and cultural values | 2.1 Education and lifelong learning | 650 000 | 2 000 000 | 2 650 000 |  1.47M |
| | 2.2 Culture and tourism * | 635 000 | 2 000 000 | 2 635 000 | |
| 3. Cross-border institutional and civil cooperation | 3.1 Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation | 1 640 000 | 2 750 000 | 4 390 000 |  0.25M |
| | Totals: | 3 913 000 | 9 050 000 | 12 963 000 | |

* For Objectives 1.1 and 2.2, the maximum is 850.000 EUR

Project duration

Project implementation period must not be less than 6 months.

- For **Small-scale** projects (SSP) the project must not exceed **18 months**
- For **Regular-scale** projects (RSP) the project must not exceed **24 months**

Project budget

Budget A – staff, office and administration, travel costs are flat rate; services, equipment and works are real costs For SSP there will be an option

Budget B – option only to SSP applications, where staff cost is real cost and the rest is a flat rate of 40% of staff costs – primarily for softer projects without equipment and infrastructure and more staff.

2ND CFP – INDICATORS, PROJECT LOGIC

Programme objective

Project objective

Indicators measuring outcomes

Outcome
1

1.1 Activity

Outcome
2

2.1 Activity

Outcome
3

3.1 Activity

Outcome
4

4.1 Activity

The project's objective must fit to one of the programme's objectives.

Activities should lead to accomplishment of the set objective. Activities are grouped in such way that each group leads to an **outcome**, which is measured by at least one **indicator**.

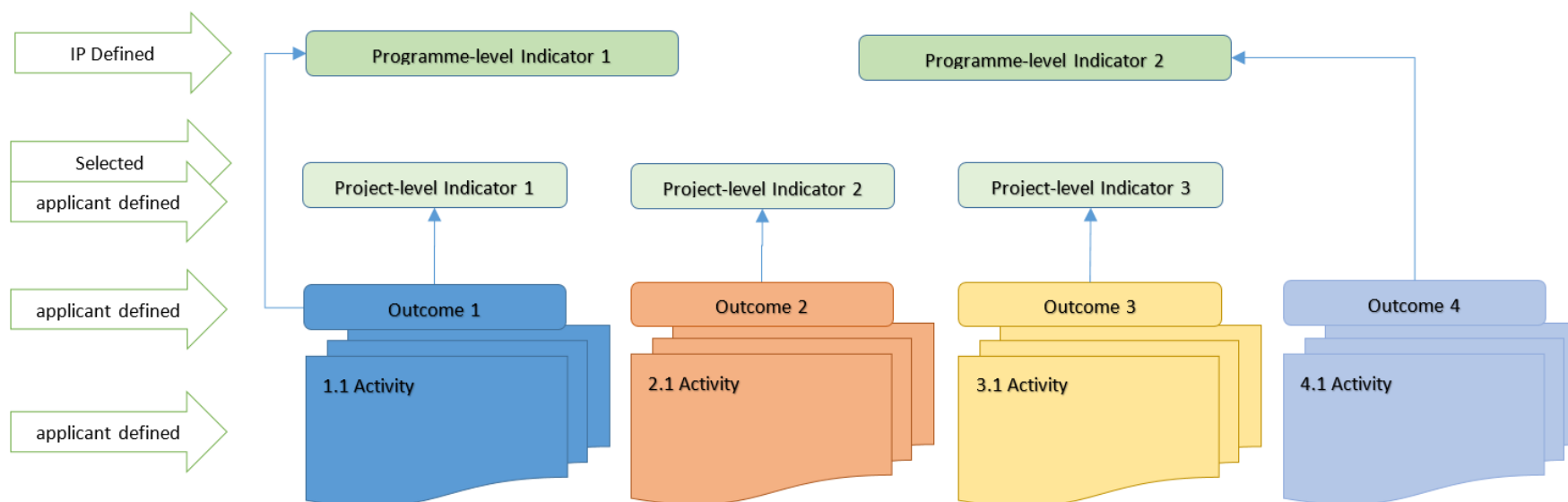
Each activity must be necessary, purposeful and logically coherent with other activities, which lead to a joint outcome. The outcome, on the other hand, must be tangible and measurable by at least one indicator.

2ND CFP – INDICATOR TYPES AND THEIR ROLE

Programme-level indicators: defined by the Programme and will be reported by partners to the programme and then summarised and reported by the Programme to the EC on a regular basis.

Some output Programme-level indicators are paired with result Programme-level indicators that are measured and reported generally in the follow-up period.

Project-level indicators: either selected from our proposed list or defined by the applicants.



2ND CFP – PROGRAMME LEVEL INDICATORS

| ID | Programme-level indicators per Objective | Type |
|---|--|---------------|
| RCO87 | Organisations cooperating across borders | Output |
| RCR84 | Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion * | Result |
| PRIORITY 1: A GREENER REGION | | |
| Objective 1.1 Climate change adaptation, risk prevention | | |
| RCO84 | Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects | Output |
| RCR104 | Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations * | Result |
| RCO24 | Investments in new or upgraded disaster monitoring, preparedness, warning and response systems against natural disasters | Output |
| RPR01 | Population benefiting from protection measures against climate related natural disasters | Result |
| RCO115 | Public events across borders jointly organised | Output |
| Objective 1.2 Biodiversity and reduced pollution | | |
| RCO84 | Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects | Output |
| RCO115 | Public events across borders jointly organised | Output |

RPR01 becomes obligatory, RCO84 becomes optional

2ND CFP – PROGRAMME LEVEL INDICATORS

| ID | Programme-level indicators per Objective | Type |
|---|---|--------|
| PRIORITY 2: ENHANCING THE HUMAN AND CULTURAL VALUES | | |
| Objective 2.1 Education and lifelong learning | | |
| RCO85 | Participations in joint training schemes | Output |
| RCR81 | Completions of joint training schemes * | Result |
| RCO81 | Participations in joint actions across borders | Output |
| RCR85 | Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion * | Result |
| Objective 2.2 Culture and tourism | | |
| RCO77 | Number of cultural and tourism sites supported | Output |
| RCR77 | Visitors of cultural and tourism sites supported * | Result |
| RCO115 | Public events across borders jointly organised | Output |
| PRIORITY 3: CROSS-BORDER INSTITUTIONAL AND CIVIL COOPERATION | | |
| Objective 3.1 Harmonious neighbourly relations through cooperation | | |
| RCO81 | Participations in joint actions across borders | Output |
| RCR85 | Participations in joint actions across borders after project completion * | Result |

2ND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURES

Unchanged basic rules

- Eligibility of applicants
- Lead Partner principle
- General eligibility requirements
- Eligibility period
- Revenue
- Budget A / Budget B

Updates

- Regulation references
- Technical changes in 'Type of Procedures'

Budget type A is open to any project partners

FLAT RATES - OBLIGATORY

- Staff costs – 20% of direct costs (maximum EUR 100 000)
- Office and administration – 15% of staff cost
- Travel and accommodation – 15% of staff cost

REAL COSTS - OBLIGATORY

- External expertise and services (except for communication lump sum)
- Equipment
- Infrastructure and works

EoE – BUDGET TYPE B / REAL COST STAFF

ONLY FOR SSP APPLICATIONS

REAL COSTS for Staff costs,

FLAT RATE for costs other than staff costs, calculated as 40% of Staff costs.

- Full-time in the project (who works 100 % of the working time on a project);
- Part-time in the project (who works additionally in other projects or fulfils non-project related duties in the company):
 - Part-time with a fixed percentage of time per month dedicated to the project
 - Part-time with a flexible number of hours worked per month on the project
- Contracted for project purposes on an hourly basis

Audit trail:

- Staff costs
- Obligatory visibility elements

2ND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

COMMUNICATION

2ND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ASSESSMENT



2ND CfP – ASSESSMENT, BASIC STEPS

SSP or RSP
Application

- SSP or RSP project submitted
- SSP or RSP **formally** ok

SSP or RSP
Application

- SSP or RSP **quality** assessment ok
- SSP or RSP approved by MC (with or without conditions)

PROJECT CONTRACTED

2ND Cfp – BASIC SELECTION CRITERIA

„**Quality assessment**” means assessment of quality, capacity, activity eligibility, relevance, budget and other aspects of the application. Each application that passes the previous step(s) will be assessed on the following criteria by external expert assessors and the joint secretariat staff:

| Section | Maximum score | Minimum score |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Financial and operational capacity of the partnership | 17 | 8 |
| Relevance, project content and CBC effect | 31 | 15 |
| Methodology (Work plan) | 31 | 10 |
| Budget, sustainability | 21 | 7 |
| | Total: 100 | Min. to pass: 50 |

2ND CfP – CLARIFICATION MEETING

Chapter 11.6 of the GfA:

Before the conclusion of the subsidy contract for EU contribution, programme managers from the JS will initiate a **Project Content and Indicator Clarification Meeting** with the partners: either online or in person at the premises of the lead partner/partners or the representatives of the partnership will be invited for a visit to the premises of the JS.

The main goal of this meeting is to **clarify the content, activities and budget** with special attention to the **indicators and horizontal principles**, without altering the substance of the original application. The result of the meeting would be a finalized **project form** with updated budget explanations, reallocated budget items and clarified indicators. The JS will have the mandate of the MC to make necessary corrections of indicators, activities, budget, and any other elements of the project that were misunderstood or not properly planned in the application form. The quality assessors' opinions would be taken into account at this point.

2ND CFP – TIMELINE

| | Date | Deadline hour |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| Opening of the 2 ND Call for Proposals | 15 September 2025 | |
| Deadline to submit the application | 15 December 2025 | 15h |
| All the applications – Formally assessed | January/February 2026 | |
| Award notification to all <i>(Requires MC decision, MC meeting or WP)</i> | ASAP | |

2ND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

DISCUSSION, DECISION

Decision point:

MC Decision 28/2025 (08.09):

The MC approves the content of the 2nd Call for Proposals Package and agrees to the opening of the 2nd Call for Proposals on 15 September 2025, deadline 15 December 2025, 15h, with changes agreed (maximum 3 applications per partner, max for RSP for O1.1 and O2.2 is 850.000 EUR IPA)

In addition, the MC approves the technical update of the Eligibility of Expenditures (of regulation numbers and state-aid limits)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
