



Citizen's summary 2017

of the

**INTERREG V-A SLOVAKIA-HUNGARY
COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

The Annual Implementation Report 2017 of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme has been prepared pursuant to Annex X of Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2015/207. The report is intended to give a brief overview of the activities that were undertaken in the frame of the programming process, focusing on the year 2017.

During the year several calls for proposals were launched in different topics:

- 1st round of the Call for Small Project Fund Umbrella Project Proposals (SPF) – 13 February 2017 – 03 March 2017
- Call for B-Light Scheme Project Proposals – 06 April 2017 – 24 April 2017
- Call for Assessors for B-Light Scheme projects – 06 June 2017 – 15 June 2017
- 2nd round of the Call for Small Project Fund Umbrella Project Proposals – 01 August 2017– 31 August 2017
- Call for proposals for Territorial action plans (TAPE) - SKHU1703 – 08 September – 15 December 2017
- Call for Assessors for TAPE – 24 November 2017 – 15 December 2017

Most of the calls were aimed at two initiatives to involve the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the programme, and the Small Project Fund, which will facilitate the implementation of the small budgeted project ideas. Discussions on setting up of the most efficient and fit-for-purpose development schemes supporting the SMEs and small projects within the Programme eligible area are ongoing and the results are foreseen in early 2018.

The **Call for proposals for Territorial action plans** was a more wide-spread and less targeted opportunity to apply for grants. The programme was expecting strategic ideas with complex and coherent development plans in the regions to reach specific aims (chosen by the beneficiaries). Related to the TAPE call several **info days** were organized with the cooperation of the self-governing regions, county governments and Info points. Based on the estimated interest 4 Hungarian and 3 Slovak events were held in the Eastern and Western part of the eligible area. By the given deadline 16 actions plans were submitted, whose assessment will start early next year.

Three Monitoring Committee (MC) meetings were held last year on 04 April 2017 in

Budapest, on 26-27 June 2017 in Senec and on 17 July 2017 in Budapest.

During the [spring session](#) among other issues the members of the committee decided about the winning list of projects submitted under the SKHU/1601 call for proposals, **Priority axis 4** (Enhancing cross-border cooperation of public authorities and people living in the border area). **145 applications were submitted to the Joint Secretariat (JS), 29 of which were approved.** During the contracting phase one project stepped back, and finally 28 projects started the implementation by the end of 2017 in the amount of 7 292 761.03 EUR ERDF.

During the [MC meeting in July](#) the selection decision was made about the project proposals, as well within the frame of **Priority axis 1** (Nature and culture) and **Priority axis 2** (Cross-border mobility). **199 applications** had been received by the Joint Secretariat (JS) requesting altogether 252 017 052,05 EUR of ERDF. In PA 2 the Call was continuously open, and **11 applications** arrived so far with an ERDF request of 9 863 745,68 EUR. As the result of the assessment procedure the ranking list was prepared by the JS, and the MC members decided about the support of **29 projects within PA1 with the amount 40 222 436.96 EUR ERDF** and **2 projects within PA2**. By the end of the year 12 projects were contracted in PA1 and both in PA2 1 616 793.23 EUR.

For the [European Cooperation Day 2017](#) the JS used the opportunity to live up to the credo of the ECDay 'Go local!'. Four projects – that were just about to launch their implementation – have been selected to represent the programme on the occasion. The common characteristic of the chosen projects was that they all **serve public interest** in their own special way. The projects aim the environmental education of school children, introducing the Eurokey system to public buildings for people with reduced mobility, Silver economy is facilitating the promotion of 'silver' products and services, while the SAD project is dealing with the re-integration of people into society who are struggling with some kind of addiction.

Project implementations have started in autumn 2017. Information about them can be found on the website: www.skhu.eu in the Funded projects and the Calendar section.