



# Annual Implementation Report 2015

of the

INTERREG V-A SLOVAKIA-HUNGARY  
COOPERATION PROGRAMME

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## **PART A**

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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## 2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION

The Annual Report 2015 of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cross-border Cooperation Programme has been prepared pursuant to Annex X of Commission implementation 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 2015.

During 2015 the programming tasks of the period 2014-2020 was proceeded, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Task Force meetings were organised in Dudince (Slovak Republic) on 23-24<sup>th</sup> of February and in Mátraháza on 23-24<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The main points of the meeting were the presentation of observation from the European Commission on Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme and presentation, discussion of the modified final draft version of the Cooperation Programme.

After the approval of the Cooperation Programme by the European Commission on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the Managing Authority has started to work out programme ruling documents and the first drafts had been elaborated. Paralelly, two workshops were held for potential beneficiaries on the possible activities to be supported from the programme. The 1<sup>st</sup> Monitoring Committee meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> December in Sárospatak (Hungary).

### Reimbursement of funds

By 31<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 the initial pre-financing payments were transferred from the European Commission to the Certifying Authority (CA) in amount of 3 116 179,74 EUR (ERDF).

During the reporting period no expenditures for certification were reported by the CA. The CA did not notify any irregularities in the reported period.

### Preparation of methodical guidelines and procedures

The CA was involved in preparation of strategic materials, rules for implementation of the European structural and investment funds in period 2014 - 2020. The following strategic document was issued:

- Financial management of the Structural Funds, the Cohesion Fund, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund for the programming period 2014 – 2020 that was approved by the Governmental decree No. 558/2014 on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2014. The updated version 1.1 entered into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 in response to the designation procedures and the requirements of this process. The CA prepared 10 methodical guidelines for the bodies involved in the implementation process. The methodological guidelines were published on web page [www.finance.gov.sk](http://www.finance.gov.sk) and are aimed also for the public.

### **Progress in designation process**

Regarding designation process for the period 2014-2020 two audits were carried out by the Audit Authority in the reported period. First audit was focused on Audit of designation for the period 2014-2020, the second one on criteria for the ISUF system used for audit and control bodies. Group of Auditors stated that the Certifying Authority complies with the required criteria for the internal control system, risk management, operation management and control system. The result of this process is the statement that CA fulfils criteria of authority for designated function.

The first call for proposal is expected to be launched in 2016.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

#### 3.1. Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
PA 1	Nature and culture	<p>A Small Project Fund is also intended to be applied under this priority axis supporting small scale investments in the field of tourism, environment and culture with a clear contribution to landscape and nature protection. The management structure of the Small Project Fund was planned to be realised through two umbrella projects, however, guidance from European Commission is needed in order to advance with processes concerning Small Project Fund.</p> <p>The first call for proposal concerning Nature and Culture PA is expected to be launched in 2016.</p>
PA 2	Enhancing cross-border mobility	<p>The construction of cross-border roads, bridges, ferries and infrastructure with clear and direct link to the TEN-T network is part of actions to be supported in the framework of this priority axis. The first call for proposal in Enhancing cross-border mobility PA is expected to be launched in 2016.</p>
PA 3	Promoting sustainable and quality employment	<p>Actions to be supported in Promoting sustainable and quality employment priority axis shall be implemented as part of an integrated territorial action plan, which means the implementation documentation of projects for a midterm period. In the action plan, the relation of the planned activities with existing strategies should be described, and the territorial challenges and opportunities must be identified. As for the complexity and the innovative characteristics of action plans, the elaboration of the application and assessment documents is expected from 2016 on.</p>
PA 4	Enhancing cross-border cooperation of public authorities and people	<p>A Small Project Fund is also intended to be applied under this priority axis aiming to strengthen sustainable cross-border cooperation between citizens from both sides of the border and to support social cohesion of the programming area resulting in improved cross-border services. The management structure of the Small Project Fund was planned to be realised through two umbrella projects, however, guidance from European Commission is needed in order to advance with processes concerning Small Project Fund. The first call for proposal in Enhancing cross-border cooperation of public authorities and people PA is expected to be launched in 2016.</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
PA 5	Technical assistance	<p>During the 1<sup>st</sup> Monitoring Committee meeting on 15/12/2015 in Sárospatak following TA projects and hosting institutions were identified and approved by the MC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TA/01 Establishment and operation of the Joint Secretariat (JS) in Budapest – Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Ltd. (HU)</li> <li>• TA/02 Operation of the National Authority (NA) in Budapest – Prime Minister’s Office (HU)</li> <li>• TA/03 Establishment and operation of Certifying Authority (CA) in Bratislava – Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic (SK)</li> <li>• TA/04 Establishment and operation of first level control system in Hungary – Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Ltd. (HU)</li> <li>• TA/05 Establishment of MA in Bratislava – Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic (SK)</li> <li>• TA/06 Establishment and operation of first level control system in Bratislava – Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic (SK)</li> <li>• TA/07 Establishment and operation of the Infopoint (IP) in Kosice – Kosice self-governing region</li> <li>• TA/08 Establishment and operation of the Infopoint (IP) in Nitra – Nitra Self-Governing Region</li> <li>• TA/09 Establishment and operation of then Infopoint (IP) in Bratislava – Bratislava Self-Governing Region</li> <li>• TA/10 Organization(s) responsible for audit tasks</li> <li>• The frame was also approved separately for each TA projects.</li> </ul>

### 3.2. Common and programme specific indicators

#### Result indicators (by priority axis and specific objective)

1. Table

Priority Axis	ID	Indicators	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Observations
PA1	R110	Total number of visitors in the region	Number/year	7 074 754	2012	7 800 000		0				
PA2	R210	Average distance between border crossing points	km	21,9	2014	15		0				
	R221	Change in the volume of cross-border public transport	persons	382 849	2013	450 000		0				
	R222	Change in the volume of cross-border good transport	EUR	8 565 130 424	2013	10 000 000 000		0				
PA3	R310	Increase in the employment rate	%	63,2	2013	65,2		0				
PA4	R410	Level of cross-border cooperation	score	3,4	2015	4,1		0				



Common and programme specific output indicators (by priority axis, investment priority)

2. Table

Priority Axis	ID	Indicator (name of indicator)	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE										Observations (if necessary)		
					2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
PA1	CO01	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	enterprises	40		0										
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0										
	CO02	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving grants	enterprises	40		0										
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0										
	CO09	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Sustainable tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	visits/year	30.000		0										
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0										
	CO13	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	7		0										
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0										
	CO23	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	hectares	100 549		0										
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0										
O11	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Length of reconstructed and newly built 'green ways'	km	89		0											
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0											

Priority Axis		ID	Indicator (name of indicator)	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE										Observations (if necessary)
						2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
PA2	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	9		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O221	Number of new public transport services started within the framework of the programme	piece	10		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O222	Number of new logistic services started within the framework of the programme	piece	10		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									

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						2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
PA3	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	enterprises	10		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO02	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving grants	enterprises	10		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	FTE	20		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	11		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO39	Urban development specific indicators: Public or commercial buildings built or renovated in urban areas	square meters	3000		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO44	Labour market and training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	persons	100		0										
Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0										

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					2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
PA3 <i>cont.</i>	O311	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of (integrated territorial) action plans	number	10		0										
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0										
	O312	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of women in joint local employment initiatives and joint trainings (participants of employment initiatives from above CO44)	persons	50		0										
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0										
	O313	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of participants from groups at risk of discrimination, including Roma in joint local employment initiatives and joint trainings (participants of employment initiatives from above CO44)	persons	25		0										
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0										
	O314	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of new business services promoting employment and consultancy services	number	15		0										
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0										

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					2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
PA4	O411	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of cross-border products and services developed	Number	20		0									
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0									
	O412	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of documents published or elaborated outside of the framework of SPF	Number	40		0									
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0									
	O413	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of cross-border events	Number	400		0									
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0									
	O414	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of documents published or elaborated in the framework of SPF	Number	200		0									
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0									
	O415	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of people participated in cooperation	Number	10 000		0									
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0									
	O416	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of women participated in cooperation	Number	4 000		0									
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0									
	O417	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of participants from socially marginalized groups, including Roma	Number	300		0									
		Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0									

Priority Axis		ID	Indicator (name of indicator)	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE										Observations (if necessary)
						2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
PA5	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O511	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	FTE	41		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O512	Number of publicity events	Number of events	15		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O513	Number of studies and evaluation documents	Finished studies and evaluation documents	2		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									
	Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O514	Number of training initiatives for the management bodies	Training initiatives	15		0									
	Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]						0									

Milestones and targets defined in the performance framework<sup>1</sup>

Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

3. Table

PA	Indicator Type	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018	Final target 2023	Observations
PA1	Output	CO02	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving grants	enterprises	0	40	
	Key imp.step	K0001	Number of calls for SMEs	number	1	1	
	Output	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	0	7	
	Key imp.step	K0002	Elaborated technical documentation for road construction	number	1	4	
	Output	O11	Length of reconstructed and newly built 'green ways'	km	9	89	
	Output	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	hectares	28 000	100 549	
	Financial	F0001	Total amount of submitted expenditure for validation	EUR	4 207 597	65 209 186	

<sup>1</sup>Submitted in annual implementation reports from 2017 onwards

PA	Indicator Type	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018	Final target 2023	Observations
PA2	output	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	0	9	
	Key imp.step	K0002	Elaborated technical documentation for road construction	NA	1	3	
	output	O221	Number of new public transport services started within the framework of the programme	piece	2	10	
	output	O222	Number of new logistic services started within the framework of the programme	piece	1	10	
	output	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	0	9	
PA3	output	O311	Number of (integrated territorial) action plans	number	0	10	
	Key imp.step	K0003	Selected action plans	number	5	10	
	output	CO44	Labour market and training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	persons	30	100	
	output	O314	Number of new business services promoting employment and consultancy services	number	5	15	
	Financial	F0001	Total amount of submitted expenditure for validation	EUR	2 627 144	40 715 389	
PA4	Output	O411	Number of cross-border products and services developed	Number	4	20	
	Output	O412	Number of documents published or elaborated outside of the framework of SPF	Number	5	40	
	Output	O413	Number of cross border events	Number	100	400	
	Output	O414	Number of documents published or elaborated in the framework of SPF	Number	50	200	
	Financial	F0001	Total amount of submitted expenditure for validation	EUR	1 656 117	25 666 448	



3.3. Financial data

Financial information at priority axis and programme level

4. Table

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
The financial allocation of the priority axis based on the Cooperation programme						Cumulative data on the financial progress of the Cooperation programme					
Priority axis	Fund	Category of region	Basis for the calculation of Union support* (Total eligible cost or public eligible cost)	Total funding (EUR)	Co-financing rate (%)	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations (%) [column 7/ column 5 × 100]	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries (%) [column 10/ column 5 × 100]	Number of operations selected
PA1	ERDF		Total eligible cost	65 209 186	85%	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
PA2	ERDF		Total eligible cost	40 715 389	85%	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
PA3	ERDF		Total eligible cost	40 715 389	85%	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
PA4	ERDF		Total eligible cost	25 666 448	85%	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
PA5	ERDF		Total eligible cost	10 998 282	85%	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>183 304 694</b>							

Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention for the transmission made by 31 January

5. Table

Priority axis	Characteristics of expenditure		Categorisation dimensions								Financial data			
	Fund	Category of region	1 Intervention field	2 Form of finance	3 Territorial dimension	4 Territorial delivery mechanism	5 Thematic objective dimension ERDF/Cohesion Fund	6 ESF secondary theme	7 Economic dimension	8 Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
PA1	ERDF		032 – Local access roads (new build)	01 – Non-repayable grant	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population) 02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population) 03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)	07 – Not applicable					0	0	0	0
			075 – Development and promotion of tourism services in or for SMEs								0	0	0	0
			077 – Development and promotion of cultural and creative services in or for SMEs								0	0	0	0
			085 – Protection and enhancement of biodiversity, nature protection and green infrastructure								0	0	0	0
			086 – Protection, restoration and sustainable use of Natura 2000 sites								0	0	0	0
			090 – Cycle tracks and footpaths								0	0	0	0
			091 – Development and promotion of the tourism potential of natural areas								0	0	0	0
			092 - Protection, development and promotion of public tourism assets								0	0	0	0
			094 – Protection, development and promotion of public cultural and heritage assets								0	0	0	0

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PA2	ERDF		030 – Secondary road links to TEN-T road network and nodes (new build)	01 – Non-repayable grant	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	07 – Not applicable					0	0	0	0
			032 – Local access roads (new build)								0	0	0	0
			042 – Inland waterways and ports (regional and local)								0	0	0	0
			043 – Clean urban transport infrastructure and promotion (including equipment and rolling stock)								0	0	0	0
			044 – Intelligent transport systems (including the introduction of demand management, tolling systems, IT monitoring, control and information systems)								0	0	0	0
			072 – Business infrastructure for SMEs (including industrial parks and sites)								0	0	0	0

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PA3	ERDF		032 - Local access roads (new build)	01 – Non-repayable grant	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	07 – Not applicable					0	0	0	0
			055 - Other social infrastructure contributing to regional and local development								0	0	0	0
			072 - Business infrastructure for SMEs (including industrial parks and sites)								0	0	0	0
			073 - Support to social enterprises (SMEs)								0	0	0	0
			102 - Access to employment for job-seekers and inactive people, including the long-term unemployed and people far from the labour market, also through local employment initiatives and support for labour mobility								0	0	0	0
			103 - Sustainable integration into the labour market of young people, in particular those not in employment, education or training, including young people at risk of social exclusion and young people from marginalised communities, including through the implementation of the Youth Guarantee								0	0	0	0
			104 - Self-employment, entrepreneurship and business creation including innovative micro, small and medium sized enterprises								0	0	0	0
			109 - Active inclusion, including with a view to promoting equal opportunities and active participation, and improving employability								0	0	0	0

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PA4	ERDF		096 - Institutional capacity of public administrations and public services related to implementation of the ERDF or actions supporting ESF institutional capacity initiatives	01 – Non-repayable grant	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	07 – Not applicable					0	0	0	0
			119 - Investment in institutional capacity and in the efficiency of public administrations and public services at the national, regional and local levels with a view to reforms, better regulation and good governance								0	0	0	0
			120 - Capacity building for all stakeholders delivering education, lifelong learning, training and employment and social policies, including through sectoral and territorial pacts to mobilise for reform at the national, regional and local levels								0	0	0	0
PA5	ERDF		121 - Preparation, implementation, monitoring and inspection	01 – Non-repayable grant	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	07 – Not applicable					0	0	0	0
			122 - Evaluation and studies								0	0	0	0
			123 - Information and communication								0	0	0	0

Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

6. Table

1	2	3	4	5
	The amount of ERDF support <sup>2</sup> envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations (EUR)	Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority (EUR)	Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
All or part of an operation outside the Union part of the programme area	0	0%	0	0%

<sup>2</sup>ERDF support is fixed in the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

## 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

Synthesis of the findings of all evaluations of the programme that have become available during the previous financial year, including the name and reference period of the evaluation reports used.

Ex-ante evaluation and Strategic Environmental Assessment was made in 2015.

## 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

### 5.1. Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

Not relevant in the case of the present report.

## 6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY

The Annual Report 2015 of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme has been prepared pursuant to Annex X of Commission implementation 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 2015. During 2015 the programming tasks of the period 2014-2020 proceeded. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Task Force meetings were organised in Dudince (Slovak Republic) on 23-24<sup>th</sup> of February and in Mátraháza on 23-24<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The members of the Task Force (TF) were delegated from those institutions (ministries, civil associations, regional development agencies, etc) that are responsible for or are interested in regional development in both Slovakia and Hungary. The task of the TF was to prepare the new programme in detail with the help of specialized experts, following standard procedures meanwhile. The main challenge of the Task Force meetings was to choose what priorities the programme prefers based on the preliminary analysis. In line with the members' decision the field of nature and culture needs to be improved. It includes the development and/or reconstruction of the natural and cultural heritage of the border area. Another priority chosen is to enhance cross-border mobility, which covers for example building border crossing roads that connect to a European level road network, the TEN-T, development of public transport systems. The third priority axis is to promote sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility, as the labour market is struggling with similar problems in both Slovakia and Hungary. The programme is committed to offer help in solving issues like decreasing unemployment. Last but not least the programme intends to enhance cross-border cooperation of public authorities and people living in the border area. This priority axis ensures the possibility for small projects to be implemented that does not include bigger investments, but focuses on those actions that improves the relations among people living in the border area.

In 2015 goals were set, indicator numbers were assigned to the goals (this makes the improvement measurable at the end of the programming period) and the majority of the CP text was ready. The European Commission made comments on the document, and the members of the Task Force during its meetings formulated the responses to the comments and modified the CP accordingly.

After the Task Force members approved the final version of the Cooperation Programme the Managing Authority in Slovakia submitted the CP to the European Commission. On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 the Commission approved the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme, and the Managing Authority could start to work out programme ruling documents.

After the approval of the CP the first drafts of the documents had been elaborated (e.g.: manuals for applicants and beneficiaries and other background documents like rules of procedures). Paralelly, two workshops were held for potential beneficiaries about the possible activities that can be supported from the programme.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Monitoring Committee meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> December in Sárospatak (Hungary). The Monitoring Committee is a body that is responsible for the successful implementation of the programme.

The first call for proposal is expected to be launched in 2016.



## 7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Not relevant for Interreg V-A SKHU.

## 8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS

### 8.1. Major projects

Not relevant for Interreg V-A SKHU.

### 8.2. Joint action plans

Not relevant for Interreg V-A SKHU.

### Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

Not relevant in the case of the present report.

## **PART B**

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## 9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

### 9.1. Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme

FOR EACH PRIORITY AXIS — Assessment of the information provided above and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programme, including the contribution of the ERDF to changes in the value of result indicators, when evidence is available from evaluations (Input 10 500)

### 9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Input 3 500)

### 9.3. Sustainable development

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article (Input 3 500)

### 9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives

Figures calculated automatically by the SFC2014 based on categorisation data. Optional: clarification on the given values (Input 3 500)

### 9.5. Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme (Input 3 500)

## 10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT

### 10.1. Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

(Input 7000)

### 10.2. The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

(Input 7000)

## **11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

**11.1. Progress in implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including sustainable urban development, and community-led local development under the cooperation programme**

(Input 3 500)

**11.2. Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF**

(Input 3 500)

**11.3. Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)**

(Input 3 500)

**11.4. Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation**

(Input 3 500)

## 12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT PRIORITY AXIS AND PROGRAMME LEVEL

For the purpose of assessing progress towards the achievement of milestones and targets set for financial indicators in the years 2018 and 2023.

	13	14
	Data for the purpose of the performance review and performance framework	
	Only for report submitted in 2019: Total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries and certified to the Commission by 31/12/2018 Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013	Only for final implementation report: Total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries by 31/12/2023 and certified to the Commission Article 22(7) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013
Priority axis 1		
Priority axis 2		
Priority axis 3		
Priority axis 4		
Priority axis 5		
Total		

## PART C

### REPORTING SUBMITTED IN YEAR 2019 AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

#### **13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. *(Input 17 500)*

#### **14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets). *(Input 7000)*