



Citizen's summary

2020

of the

INTERREG V-A SLOVAKIA-HUNGARY
COOPERATION PROGRAMME

The Annual Implementation Report 2020 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 implementation process, focusing on the year 2020.

Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

The life of the Programme reached its peak period in 2020. The Joint Secretariat is working with closed projects in their follow-up period, running ones assisting them in the implementation phase and contracting projects from the last call for proposals. The planning of the new programme is ongoing parallel the daily tasks of the present one. The full capacity of the Secretariat is used to meet all requirements.

The focus of the year 2020 was to process the project proposals of the SKHU/1902 call for proposals, supposedly the last call of this programming period (2014-2020). The full evaluation of all 123 applications took place (formal, eligibility and quality assessment) until the end of May 2020. The project selection decision was made during an online **Monitoring Committee meeting** held on 13 July 2020. Altogether 46 projects were approved, and 36 were put on reserve list. The contracting procedure started with the selected projects at the end of August 2020.

This year we celebrated the 30 years' anniversary of Interreg, the cross-border cooperation in Europe. This was chosen as the main theme of the European Cooperation Day by the European Commission. On the occasion we explored the beginnings of the cooperation between Hungary and Slovakia dating back until 1999. We collected some projects from the PHARE, HU-SK-UA III-A, HUSK 2007-2013 and also Interreg V-A SKHU era. Finally these were presented in online flipbook, called [Interreg 30 years – Success stories in the Slovak-Hungarian border area since 1999](#). It was published on the website of the Programme on 16 October 2020, and it is available ever since. With a Facebook ad campaign we managed to show the book to 29.864 people at least once.

The main numbers of Interreg SKHU Programme in 2020:

Programme allocation

Programme allocation - 155,8M EUR

Awarded amount - 154,8M EUR

€ 99,35%



Contracted amount

Awarded amount - 154,8M EUR

Contracted amount - 125,2M EUR

€ 80,8%



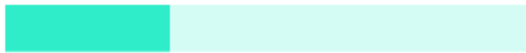
Reimbursed support

Contracted amount - 125,15M EUR

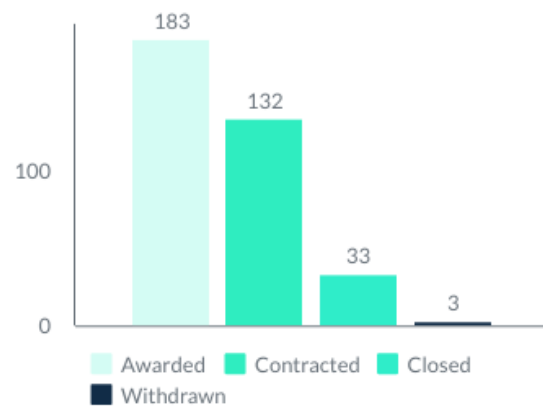
Reimbursed amount - 39,7M EUR

Total

€ 31,7%



Number of projects



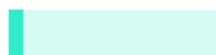
By priorities

56%



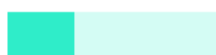
Priority axis 1
Nature and culture

8%



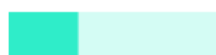
Priority axis 2
Mobility

32%



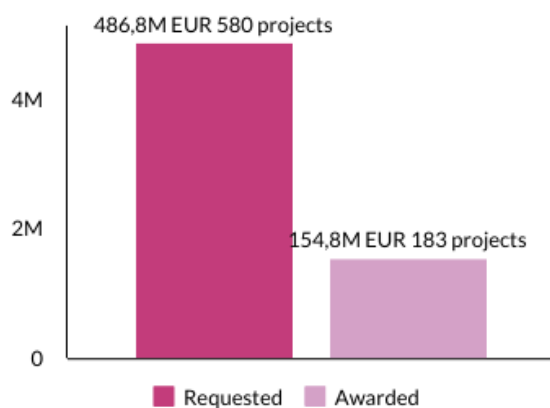
Priority axis 3
Employment

34%



Priority axis 4
Institutional cooperation

FUN FACTS



In each priority there are closed projects already with awesome results. Let's see some examples:

PRIORITY AXIS 1 NATURE AND CULTURE

BIRDS WITHOUT BORDERS

The goal of the joint Slovak-Hungarian project was the development of bird monitoring activities, coordinated bird-ringing camping activities and the establishment of the necessary infrastructure in the cooperation Štátna ochrana prírody Slovenskej republiky and Aggtelek National Park Directorate.



2 Bird observation tower at Lake Hrhov, Slovakia



1 Bird observation tower at Lake Hrhov, Slovakia



3 Mobile classroom



4 Bird ringing presentation for children

PRIORITY AXIS 2 MOBILITY

MÁRIA VALÉRIA BIKE

The aim of the project was to create a public cross-border bicycle-sharing system in Esztergom and Štúrovo, which will better connect the inhabitants of the cross-border region.



5 View of the basilica and castle of Esztergom from Sturovo, Slovakia



6 Mária Valéria Bike station, Esztergom, Hungary

PRIORITY AXIS 3 EMPLOYMENT

ORGANIC CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE IPOLY/IPEL' (ORG-EMP)

The aim of the present TAPE is to launch economic developments that are possible to restore the previous organic connections, and to support the improvement of employment situation by facilitating labour mobility. For this purpose, the **bridge between Ipel'ské Predmostie and Drégelypalánk will be reconstructed**. The bridge will make the larger plants, where hundreds of employees commute across the border, operating in Nagyoroszi and Rétság accessible from the direction of the isolated Slovakian villages. The number of these commuters is expected to be increased by the **plant expansion of Fespizz Kft. in Nagyoroszi**, where 10 new employees will be hired. At the same time, the bridge also allows the results of the development already started on the Hungarian side to appear on the Slovak side, since new workplaces will be established **in Ipel'ské Predmostie** in a new **bulgur producing plant** built by Adorex creating 4 new working places. Furthermore, the interconnection of the two developments will be strengthened by the fact that the trainings required for both developments will be provided by the secondary vocational school of Šahy. For this purpose the **modernisation of two workshops** in the school will also take place. Utilizing a Swiss model, Ipoly-Táj Területfejlesztési Társulás (Regional Development Association) helps to **adapt the capabilities of the recruited workers** to the employer's expectations. The total budget for this complex development plan 6 686 278 €.



7 Plant expansion in Nagyoroszi, Hungary



8 Visualisation of the new bulgur production plant in Ipeľské Predmostie, Slovakia

PRIORITY AXIS 4 INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The focus of the project was to promoting entrepreneurship using interactive and innovative methods like the Provocent mobile application. By using the market place, students were allowed to interact with each other by investing the project money (Pcoin), in each other's businesses. This opportunity has made the learning process much more human and lifelike.



9 www.provocent.sk

Interreg 2021-2027

The planning of the new programme between Hungary and Slovakia for the next programming period (2021-2027) has been in progress since 2019.

The Joint Secretariat in cooperation with CESCOI organized thematic workshops/webinars in three major topics: economic development, heritage management and social challenges for the Territorial analysis. The results of the webinars were incorporated into the final draft version of analysis ([link](#)), which was approved during 2. Programming Committee meeting on 4 August 2020.

During that meeting Ex-Ante Tanácsadó Kft., the Contractor selected for the elaboration of Chapter 2 ('Priorities') of the 2021-2027 Programme Document presented their Inception report. The members discussed and approved the document. The first draft of Chapter 2 shall be submitted to the Joint Secretariat 5 months after the approval of the Inception Report, by January 2021.