

Annual Implementation Report 2019

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 Implementation Report 2019 of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cross-border Cooperation Programme (the 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 and implementation process, focusing on the year 2019.

2.1. Call for proposals

SKHU/1802 – Call for TAPE projects

The year 2019 started with the evaluations of the TAPE projects submitted back in 2018 (altogether 56). The TAPE projects belong to the second round of the call for proposals SKHU/1802 launched within **Priority Axis 3 (PA3 – Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility)** between 10 August 2018 and 19 November 2018. The colleagues of the Joint Secretariat (JS) were concluding the admissibility, completeness and the quality assessment of the projects. The results were presented at the Monitoring Committee meeting on 16-17 April 2019.

4 projects were rejected at the stage of eligibility assessment.

52 projects entered quality assessment out of which:

- 5 were rejected;
- 47 were approved (18 without and 29 with conditions).

Approved ERDF for 9 TAPE-s (SKHU/1703)	Original ERDF requested in SKHU/1802	Proposed ERDF	Remaining ERDF within PA3
34 608 080.00 EUR	34 850 595.39 EUR	31 364 856.15 EUR	3 243 223.85 EUR



SKHU/1901 – Restricted call for proposals for Territorial action plan projects

4 of the 56 submitted TAPE projects were rejected during the eligibility evaluation step. As they are crucial parts of the relevant TAPE a new, **Restricted call for proposals for Territorial action plan projects SKHU/1901** was opened based on the decision of the MC in April 2019 (duration of the call: 11 June 2019 – 8 July 2019) to invite these four projects to submit a proposal again.

4 projects were submitted and 3 of them were approved (1 without and 2 with conditions) on 24 of September 2019 through a written procedure (14/2019).

SKHU/1902 - Call for proposals

The Programme launched a new, regular call for proposals between 12 September 2019 and 17 December 2019. Priority Axis 1 (PA1) and Priority Axis 4 (PA4) were opened, where Small and medium size enterprises could request for financial support under PA1. The indicative ERDF amount available under the Call for proposals was 27 500 000 EUR. Information days were organized with the cooperation of the Info Points, regions and the JS in Slovakia as well as in Hungary to ensure that the news about the new call for proposals is as widely spread as possible.

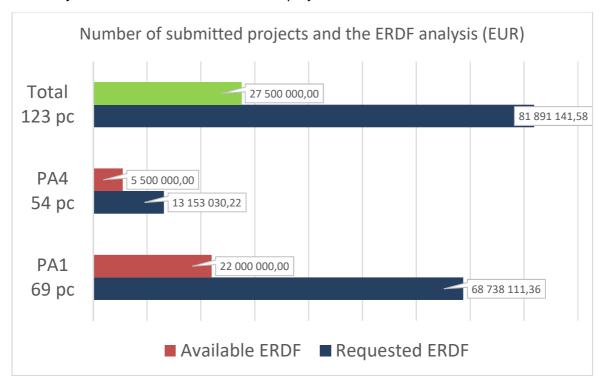
Info days to the SKHU/1902 Call for proposals

- 8 October 2019 Miskolc (HU)
- 9 October 2019 Košice (SK)
- 10 October 2019 Győr (HU)
- 10 October 2019 Dunajská Streda (SK)
- 16 October 2019 Salgótarján (HU)
- 18 October 2019 Budapest (HU)
- 24 October 2019 Rimavská Sobota (SK)

After the closing deadline the Joint Secretariat carried out the admissibility evaluation and informed the beneficiaries about its result before the end of 2019. The rest of the evaluation continued in early 2020.



Preliminary information about the submitted projects can be seen below.



2.2. Internal meetings and discussions

Monitoring Committee meeting

A Monitoring Committee meeting was held on 16-17 April 2019. During the first day of the event the representative of the *Coordination and Communication Project* of each previously selected Territorial Action Plans for Employment (TAPE) introduced their concept in a short, comprehensive way, and also presented the submitted, individual TAPE projects. After the presentations the members of the MC made a decision about the submitted TAPE projects whether or not to support them or under what conditions. During the second day of the meeting all decisions were made that are necessary for the smooth progress of the Programme.

During the year 2019 all other MC decisions were made through written procedures.

Programming Committee meeting

The planning of the Interreg Programme between Hungary and the Slovak Republic for the period 2021-2027 started with the 1. Programming Committee meeting on 6 November 2019, in Budapest. A discussion took place about the territorial analysis carried out by CESCI, the SEA as well as the terms of reference of the Chapter 2 of the future Interreg Programme. The representative of the European Commission informed the members of the programming committee about the current status of the regulations concerning 2020+.



First Level Control meetings

The JS organized several joint meetings with the Slovak and Hungarian **First Level Control** colleagues to ensure the successful fulfilment of n+3 obligation concerning the year of 2019.

14 February 2019 – the aim was to get more familiarized with the first level control working process of the two countries and look for possibilities to simplify and fasten the procedures, as well as to discuss the content of two new documents prepared by the JS (Guide on indicators, Guide on reporting) for the beneficiaries. These new guides describe the methodology for reporting and checking the fulfilment of indicators on beneficiary/project level. The guides were released on 27 March 2019.

29-30 May 2019 – the aim was to discuss the current programme and reporting status, key challenges in reporting, monitoring and also in the closure of the projects.

1 October 2019 – the aim was to determine the priority of beneficiary and project reports to check in order to successfully meet the n+3 target of the Programme for 2019.

Small Project Fund meetings

29 May 2019 – the main topic was the audit report regarding the SPF tool.

5 June 2019 – the aim of meeting was to discuss main implementation procedures of the SPF, the role of each institution involved, the deadlines and other related topics.

12 July 2019 – discussion on the draft audit report on first phase of designation of SPF

18 November 2019 – discussion on the draft report on designation audit

2.3. External events

Lead Beneficiary seminar

A Lead Beneficiary seminar was held on 12 June 2019 in Budapest for the Lead Beneficiaries of the SKHU/1801 projects (SME call), where the Joint Secretariat (JS) presented the requirements of the project level reporting via IMIS.

European Cooperation Day

The Interreg SKHU programme chose the region of Bratislava to show the public some of the successful EU funded developments in the area on the occasion of the European Cooperation Day. For this purpose, the JS prepared an interactive exhibition and game for the annual festival of Vrakuňa on 8 September 2019. The visitors of the event could draw, write and colour on big panels, whose topics were related to the European Union. The visitors could gain a better insight how a successful cross-border cooperation looks like through the Danube Bike and boat project, which made sport-related developments in 30 municipalities in 5 Slovak and Hungarian regions along the Small and Moson Danube rivers.



Other activities include a reconstructed watermill in Jelka, a new bike road of 2,2km in Vrakuňa and Kolárovo, a relax zone in Vrakuňa, and a new corso in Zálesie, and almost 30 new or reconstructed entry points to the Danube for boats (for example: kayaks).

During the day the Danube Islands projects – also financed from the Interreg SKHU programme – organized a duathlon for the visitors of the festival. They could freely use e-bikes and boats, which was very popular among the participants.

At the end of the activities JS staff asked the players to stand as models for an instax photo, which was placed on the Photo wall. The players could also enter a prize game, where the lucky winners could receive an intelligence health bracelet, which helps them track their physical activities throughout the day. The winners were: Jozef Pavlov, Martin Koller, Eva Csomor, Rasto Lauko.

István Pálfi award to our colleague

Our deputy head of Joint Secretariat, Mr. Silvester Holop was awarded with the István Pálfi prize¹ by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary on 28 October 2019 for his extraordinary work done for the cross border region of Hungary and Slovakia. Mr. Levente Magyar, Secretary of State was handing over the prize.

Workshop with Hungarian EGTCs

The JS was invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary to the 1st workshop of EGTCs in 2019 to hold a presentation about the communication activities of the Interreg SKHU programme with a special focus on the website as a best practice (3rd place was awarded to our programme at the Interreg Annual Meeting 2016 by the European Commission on 6 June 2016 in the Best Interreg V website competition). Arianna Biriki was representing the Programme.

2.4. Progress in designation process

The Audit Authority carried out the designation audit of Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 in 2017. The Audit Report was issued with an unqualified opinion regarding the programme except for the Small Project Fund scheme. The designation of the SPF was not finalized in 2019. The first system audit started in 2018 and in December the draft Audit Report was prepared. In line with the requirements of the AA and questionnaires distributed to the umbrella project beneficiaries, part of the SPF implementing documents was forwarded to the Audit Authority. The remaining SPF implementing documents were continuously developed and forwarded to the Audit Authority by the end of 2019.

¹ http://cesci-net.eu/palfi istvan



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
		SKHU/1601
		Implementation of the projects financed under the SKHU/1601 Call for Proposals continued in 2019.
		SKHU/1801 SME Call
		In the framework of the SKHU/1801 SME Call altogether 6 SME projects were approved with maximum 2 320 866,88 EUR ERDF support.
		In 2019 the remaining funds out of the overall SME Call's allocation was made available for the SME applicants in the Call for Proposals SKHU/1902 after summarizing the experiences of the Call for Proposals SKHU/1801 and drawing the conclusions.
		Small Project Fund
PA1	Nature and culture	In 2019 the 2 nd Call for small project proposals was launched on both sides, which was continuously open for submission. However twice a year (30 June 2019, 30 September 2019) they are closing rounds, and start assessing the already submitted project proposals.
		Eastern side (SKHU/ETA/1901)
		1) After the first closing date:
		- PA1 – 8 small projects approved
		2) After the second closing date 17 proposals were submitted but the assessment of those will finish in early 2020.
		Western side (SKHU/ETA/1901)
		1) After the first closing date:
		- PA1 – 9 small projects approved
		2) After the second closing date 34 proposals were submitted but the assessment of those will finish in 2020.



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						
		SKHU/1902						
		The Programme launched a new, regular Call for proposals between 12 September 2019 and 17 December 2019. Priority Axis 1 (PA1) and Priority Axis 4 (PA4) were opened, where Small and medium size enterprises could request for financial support under PA1. The indicative ERDF amount available under the Call for proposals was 27 500 000 EUR — out of which 22 000 000 EUR is allocated to PA1. By the deadline 123 project proposals were submitted (69 proposals in PA1).						
		SKHU/1601						
PA2	Enhancing cross- border mobility	The implementation of the approved projects under the SKHU/1601 Call for Proposals is ongoing in 2019.						
		SKHU/1703, SKHU/1802, SKHU/1901						
		The evaluation of the project proposals under SKHU/1802 has been initiated in December 2018 and was ongoing in first quarter of 2019. The results of the assessment process were presented to the Monitoring Committee meeting on 16-17 April 2019.						
	Promoting	52 projects entered quality assessment out of which:						
PA3	sustainable and quality	5 were rejected;47 were approved (18 without and 29 with conditions).						
	employment	4 of the 56 submitted TAPE projects were rejected during the eligibility evaluation step. As they are crucial parts of the relevant TAPE a new, Restricted call for proposals for Territorial action plan projects SKHU/1901 was opened based on the decision of the MC in April 2019 (duration of the call: 11 June 2019 – 8 July 2019) to invite these four projects to submit a proposal again. 4 projects were submitted and 3 of them were approved (1 without and 2 with conditions).						
		SKHU/1601						
PA4	Enhancing cross- border cooperation of	The 29 projects submitted within the first call for proposal SKHU/1601 and selected for support are in the phase of implementation (22 pc) or closing (7pc).						
	public authorities	Small Project Fund						
	and people	In 2019 the 2 nd Call for small project proposals was launched on both sides, which is continuously open for submission.						



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
		However twice a year (30 June 2019, 30 September 2019) they are closing rounds, and start assessing the already submitted project proposals.
		Eastern side (SKHU/ETA/1901)
		1) After the first closing date:
		- PA4 – 14 small projects approved
		2) After the second closing date 30 proposals were submitted but the assessment of those will finish in early 2020.
		Western side (SKHU/ETA/1901)
		1) After the first closing date:
		- PA4 – 18 small projects approved
		2) After the second closing date 38 proposals were submitted but the assessment of those will finish in 2020.
		SKHU/1902
		The Programme launched a new, regular Call for proposals between 12 September 2019 and 17 December 2019. Priority Axis 1 (PA1) and Priority Axis 4 (PA4) were opened. The indicative ERDF amount available under the Call for proposals was 27 500 000 EUR – out of which 2 500 000 EUR is allocated to PA4. By the deadline 123 project proposals were submitted (54 proposals in PA4).
PA5	Technical assistance	TA Beneficiaries proceeded with their tasks related to the overall management, implementation, control and audit as well as the visibility and publicity of the programme. One of the highlighted tasks this year was the completion of the n+3 target, which required the close cooperation of the MA, NA, FLCs and JS during the whole year of 2019. Due to the joint coordination certification, reporting and monitoring of costs was speeding up and resulted in reaching, even slightly overcoming the target number by the end of the year. The three info points of the Programme complemented the tasks carried out by the JS with individual consultations in their regions. They co-organized info days related to the running call for proposals, and shared the information and publicity tasks to enhance the visibility of the Programme and its results. They contributed to the daily work of the JS by providing translations when it was necessary.



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)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Observations
PA1	R110	Total number of visitors in the region	Number/ year	7 074 754	2012	7 800 000	nr					
	R210	Average distance between border crossing points	km	21,9	2014	18,35	nr					Modification of the CP approved by COM on 29 October 2018
PA2	R221	Change in the volume of cross-border public transport	persons	382 849	2013	450 000	nr					
	R222	Change in the volume of cross-border good transport	EUR	0.00	0	0.00	nr					Modification of the CP approved by COM on 29 October 2018
PA3	R310	Increase in the employment rate	%	63,2	2013	65,2	nr					
PA4	R410	Level of cross- border cooperation	score	3,4	2015	4,1	nr					



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

2. Table

rity is		ID	Indicator (name of	Measure-	Target value					CUMULAT	IVE VALUE					Observations
Priority Axis		טו	indicator)	ment unit	(2023)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	(if necessary)
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO01	Productive invest- ment: Number of enterprises receiv-	enterprises	40		0	0	0	16	16					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		ing support				0	0	0	0	0					Selected operations are contracted and implementation started in 2019.
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO02	Productive invest- ment: Number of enterprises receiv- ing grants	enterprises	40		0	0	0	16	16					
PA1	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]						0	0	0	0	0					Selected operations are under contracted and implementation started in 2019.
TAI	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO09	CO09 Sustainable tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	visits/year	30 000		0	0	434 694	438 694	438 694					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]						0	0	0	85 779	459 013					
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	ations ided	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	2,80		0	0	2,8	3,03	3,03					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]						0	0	0	1,90	2,40					



Priority Axis		ID	Indicator (name of indicator)	Measure- ment unit	Target value (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE										
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement] Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided]	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Sur- face area of habi- tats supported in	hectares	115 100	0	0	123 042	128 671	128 671						
			order to attain a better conservation status			0	0	0	45 314	46 262						
		O11	Length of reconstructed and newly	km	120	0	0	1 971	772,18	772,18						
			built 'green ways'			0	0	0	10,40	488,42						



rity is			Indicator (name of	Measurement	Target value					CUMULAT	VE VALUE					Observations
Priority Axis		ID	indicator)	unit	(2023)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	(if necessary)
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO13	Roads: Total length	km	3,15		0	0	0	3,15	3,15					
PA2	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	50	of newly built roads		3,13		0	0	0	0	0					Operations were selected in 2 nd quarter of 2018. The outputs will be delivered in 2022 the earliest
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O221	O221 Number of new public transport services started within the framework of the programme	piece	10		0	0	5	10	10					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]			piece	piece	10		0	0	0	1	3				
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of new logistic services started within the	gistic services arted within the piece	n.r		0	0	0	n.r	n.r					Modification of the CP approved by COM on 29 October 2018	
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		framework of the programme				0	0	0	n.r	n.r					Modification of the CP approved by COM on 29 October 2018



rity is				Measure- ment unit	Target value					CUMULAT	IVE VALUE					Observations												
Priority Axis		ID	(name of indicator)		(2023)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	(if necessary)												
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises	enter- prises	10		0	0	0	0	168																	
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		receiving support	·			0	0	0	0	0																	
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO02	Productive investment: Number of enterprises	enter- prises	10		0	0	0	0	26																	
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		receiving grants	·			0	0	0	0	0					Two rounds selection procedure, 9 TAPEs												
PA3	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	FTE	20		0	0	0	0	89					selected by the MC and the assessment of 56 applications submitted in the 2 nd round started in 2018. Further												
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]								0	0	0	0	0					implementation progress of this Priority Axis is described in Chapter 5 of this document										
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO13	Roads: Total length			Roads: Total length of newly built roads										km	11		0	0	0	0	7,25					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		,				0	0	0	0	0																	
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO39	Urban development specific indicators: Public or commercial buildings built or	square meters	3000		0	0	0	0	22 468																	
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		renovated in urban areas				0	0	0	0	0																	



rity is	Priority Axis		Indicator	Measure	Target value					CUMULAT	IVE VALUE					Observations						
Prio Ax		ID	(name of indicator)	ment unit	(2023)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	(if necessary)						
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	CO44	Labour market and training: Number of participants in joint local employment	persons	100		0	0	0	0	2 682											
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		initiatives and joint training				0	0	0	0	0											
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O311	Number of (integrated territorial)	number	10		0	0	0	0	9											
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		action plans				0	0	0	0	0											
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O312	Number of women in joint local employment initiatives and joint trainings (participants of employment initiatives from above CO44)	persons	50		0	0	0	0	772					Two rounds selection procedure, 9 TAPEs						
PA3	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]			P 6.666			0	0	0	0	0					selected by the MC and the assessment of 56 applications submitted in the 2 nd round started in 2018. Further						
cont.	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O313	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)	from groups at risk of discrimination, including Roma in joint	from groups at risk of discrimination, including Roma in joint	from groups at risk of discrimination, including Roma in joint	Number of participants from groups at risk of discrimination, including Roma in joint	Number of participants from groups at risk of discrimination, including Roma in joint	Number of participants from groups at risk of discrimination, including Roma in joint		25		0	0	0	0	160					implementation progress of this Priority Axis is described in Chapter 5.
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	0313		persons	25		0	0	0	0	0											
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	employment and	number	15		0	0	0	0	35												
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]						0	0	0	0	0											



Priority Axis		ID	Indicator	Measure-	Target value					CUMULAT	IVE VALUE					Observations
Pric		ID	(name of indicator)	ment unit	(2023)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	(if necessary)
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O411	Number of cross- border products and services developed	Number	20		0	0	115	126	126					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		services developed				0	0	0	30	117					
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O412	Number of documents published or elaborated outside of	Number	40		0	0	108	110	110					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		the framework of SPF				0	0	0	25	118					
PA4	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O413	Number of cross- border events	Number	400		0	0	590	769	769					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]						0	0	0	229	712					
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O414	Number of documents published or elaborated in the	Number	200		0	0	0	200	200					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		framework of SPF				0	0	0	85	141					
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O415	Number of people participated in cooperation	Number	10 000		0	0	32 803	38 462	38 462					



Priority Axis		ID	Indicator	Measure-	Target value					CUMULAT	VE VALUE					Observations
Prio			(name of indicator)	ment unit	(2023)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	(if necessary)
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]						0	0	0	14 810	48 660					
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O416	Number of women participated in	Number	4 000		0	0	16 416	18 870	18 870					
	[forecast provided		cooperation				0	0	0	7 731	25 080					
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	Number of participants	Number	300		0	0	3 059	3 178	3 178						
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		including Roma				0	0	0	1 491	4 176					



rity		ID	Indicator	Measure-	Target					CUMULAT	IVE VALUE					Observations
Priority Axis		ID	(name of indicator)	ment unit	value (2023)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	(if necessary)
	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O511	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by	FTE	30		0	30	30	30	30					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		technical assistance				0	11	11	30	30					
Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries] Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]	O512	Number of publicity events	Number of events	15		0	15	15	15	15						
PA5	operations [actual						0	21	22	30	422					
1710	Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]	O513	Number of studies and evaluation documents	Finished studies and evaluation	2		0	2	2	2	2					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]			documents			0	0	0	1	2					
	operations [actual achievement] Outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided]	O514	Number of training initiatives for the	Training initiatives	15		0	15	15	15	15					
	Outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]		management bodies				0	1	3	24	52					

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² 8 events organized by the JS (7 info days and EC Day event) including the 2 info days that was co-organized by Košice IP plus 2-2 events by IP Bratislava and Nitra.



3.3. Milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

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	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	20	23	Observations
	Output	CO02	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving grants	enterprises	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0					Selected operations are contracted and implementation started in 2019.
	Key imp.step	K0001	Number of calls for SMEs	number	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1					
	Output	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	0	2,8	0	0	0	0	1,9	2,4					
PA1	Key imp.step	K0002	Elaborated technical documentation for road construction	number	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	2					
	Output	O11	Length of reconstructed and newly built 'green ways'	km	9	120	0	0	0	0	10,4	488,42					
	Output	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	hectares	28 000	115,100	0	0	0	0	45 314	46 262					
	Financial	F0001	Total amount of submitted expenditure for validation	EUR	4 207 597	79,480,140.50	0	0	0	0	3 121 015	12 946 189					



PA	Indicator Type	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018	Final target 2023	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Observations
	output	CO13	Roads: Total length of newly built roads	km	0	3,15	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Key imp.step	K0002	Elaborated technical documentation for road construction	NA	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	4					Explanation for under
PA2	output	O221	Number of new public transport services started within the framework of the programme	piece	2	10	0	0	0	0	1	3					performance is provided in Chapter 5
	Financial	F0001	Total amount of submitted expenditure for validation	EUR	1,706,316	26,444,434.50	0	0	0	0	141 044	910 127					
	output	O311	Number of (integrated territorial) action plans	number	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Key imp.step	K0003	Selected action plans	number	5	10	0	0	0	0	9	9					
PA3	output	CO44	Labour market and training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	persons	30	100	0	0	0	0	0	0					Explanation for under performance is provided in
	output	O314	Number of new business services promoting employment and consultancy services	number	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	0					Chapter 5
	Financial	F0001	Total amount of submitted expenditure for validation	EUR	2 627 144	40 715 389	0	0	0	0	0	0					



PA	Indicator Type	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018	Final target 2023	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Observation s
	Output	O411	Number of cross-border products and services developed	Number	4	20	0	0	0	0	30	117					
	Output	O412	Number of documents published or elaborated outside of the framework of SPF	Number	5	40	0	0	0	0	25	118					
PA4	Output	O413	Number of cross border events	Number	100	400	0	0	0	0	229	712					
	Output	O414	Number of documents published or elaborated in the framework of SPF	Number	50	200	0	0	0	0	85	141					
	Financial	F0001	Total amount of submitted expenditure for validation	EUR	1 656 117	25 666 448	0	0	0	0	1 788 499	5 172 391					



3.4. 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 finan	cial allocation	of the priorit	y axis based on the	Cooperation p	rogramme		Cumulative dat	a on the financial pro	gress of the Cooperat	tion 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 x 100]	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority ³	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries (%) [column 10/ column 5 x 100]	Number of operations selected
PA1	ERDF		Total eligible cost	79 480 141	85%	53 638 804,00	67%	52 898 218	12 946 189	16,28%	37
PA2	ERDF		Total eligible cost	26 444 435	85%	26 444 435,00	100%	26 420 005	910 127	3,44%	7
PA3	ERDF		Total eligible cost	40 715 389	85%	40 567 613,22	100%4	36 916 528,02	0	0%	50
PA4	ERDF		Total eligible cost	25 666 448	85%	19 152 531,00	75%	18 939 642	5 172 391	20,15%	30
PA5	ERDF		Total eligible cost	10 998 282	85%	10 998 282,00	100%	10 998 282	2 068 818	18,81%	10
Total				183 304 695		150 801 665,22	82%	146 172 675,02	21 097 525	11,50%	134

 $^{3}\,$ Corresponding to the total amount of payment claims submitted until 15/02/2020 to the COM

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⁴ Exact proportion is 99,64%.



Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention for the transmission made by 31 January⁵

5. Table

Priority axis	Characteristics of expenditure			Categorisa	tion dimensio	ons					Financial d	lata	
	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic priority dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	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
		032 – Local access roads		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)				ort and		0	0	0	(
		(new build)		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)		and innovation		- Transport age		0	0	0	(
				03 - Rural areas (thinly populated)		inno		12 – Tra storage		0	0	0	(
		075 – Development and		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)		development and		13 - Information and communication activities, including telecommunication,		0	0	0	(
		promotion of tourism services in or for SMEs	Non-repayable grant	02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)	ble		able	nforma nunicat ties, inc		0	0	0	(
PA1	ERDF		oayabl	03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)	Not applicable	logica	– Not applicable	13 - I comr activi	SKHU	1,550,169.17	1,338,782.47	42 763,55	3
.,,,	Eng.	077 – Development and promotion of cultural and	1	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	07 – Not 8	rch, technological	08 – Not	13 - Information and communication activities, including telecommunication,		0	0	0	(
		creative services in or for SMEs	01	02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)		g research,		Informa munical rities, in		1,102,027.59	951,751.10	35 022,76	3
				03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)		ngthening		13 - com activ telec		0	0	0	(
		085 – Protection and enhancement of		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)		1 Strengt		tion and		0	0	0	(
		biodiversity, nature protection and green infrastructure		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)		,		15 Tourism, accommodation a food service activities		0	0	0	(
				03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)				15 T acco food activ		5 530 814,83	5 519 436,59	2 054 119,48	4

⁵ Data provided is in line with the data requested in table "Annex II Transmission of financial data" by the Certifying Authority



086 – Protection,	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	15 Tourism, accommodation and food service activities		0	0	0	0
restoration and sustainable use of Natura 2000 sites	02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)	urism, nmodat service		778 106,52	778 106,52	258 669,00	1
	03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)	15 To accor food s		0	0	0	0
200 Ovela tracks and	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	15-Tourism, accommodation and food service activities		0	0	0	0
090 – Cycle tracks and footpaths	02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)	urism, nmodat service		0	0	0	0
	03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)			8 331 276,76	8 319 026,73	1 429 151,98	3
091 – Development and	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	15 Tourism, accommodation and food service activities		0	0	0	0
promotion of the tourism potential of natural areas	02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)	urism, nmodat service		0	0	0	0
	03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)	15 Tc accor food s		9 794 891,86	9 692 673,04	3 899 576,80	8
092 - Protection,	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	n and tivities	SKHU	0	0	0	0
development and promotion of public tourism assets	02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)	ism, nodatior vice ac		13 355 424,99	13 330 799,36	2 285 709,63	8
tourion addate	03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)	15 Tourism, accommodation and food service activities		0	0	0	0
094 – Protection, development and	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	tion and		13 196 092,28	12 967 642,19	2 941 175,68	7
promotion of public cultural and heritage assets	02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)	15-Tourism, accommodation a food service activities		0	0	0	0
	03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)	15-T accc food activ		0	0	0	0



		030 – Secondary road links to TEN-T road		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)				12 – Transport and storage		0	0	0	0
		network and nodes (new build)		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)				Transp		17 188 841,21	17 188 841,21	217,655.04	2
				03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)		တ္မ		12 – stora		0	0	0	0
		032 – Local access roads		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)		network infrastructures		12 – Transport and storage		0	0	0	0
		(new build)		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)		vork in		Transp		0	0	0	0
				03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)				12 – stora		0	0	0	0
		042 – Inland waterways	ŧ	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)		bottlenecks in key		Transport and ge		0	0	0	0
		and ports (regional and local)	Non-repayable grant	02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)	applicable		cable	Transp		5 366 124,89	5 366 124,89	216,276.44	1
PA2	ERDF		repaya	03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)	Not appl	removing	- Not applicable	12 – Tra storage	SKHU	0	0	0	0
		043 – Clean urban transport infrastructure	01 – Non-ı	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	07 – No	and	N - 80	Transport and ge		0	0	0	0
		and promotion (including equipment and rolling stock)		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)		sustainable transport		Transp		2 889 702,19	2 889 701,49	461 025,55	3
		Steelly		03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)		ainable		12 – Tra storage		0	0	0	0
		044 – Intelligent transport systems (including the introduction of demand		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)		Promoting sust		ort and		999 766,71	975 337,41	15,170.00	1
		management, tolling systems, IT monitoring, control and information		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)		1		Transport ar		0	0	0	0
		systems)		03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)		7.		12 – Tra storage		0	0	0	0
		072 – Business infrastructure for SMEs (including industrial parks		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)				08 - Construction		0	0	0	0
		and sites)		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)				08 - Constr		0	0	0	0



				03 - Rural areas (thinly populated)						0	0	0	0
		032 - Local access roads		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)				Transport and ge		0	0	0	0
		(new build)		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)				. Transp age		0	0	0	0
				03 - Rural areas (thinly populated)		>		12 – Tra storage		10,902,765.28	9,921,516.40	0	3
		055 - Other social infrastructure contributing		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)		supporting labour mobility		uction		0	0	0	0
		to regional and local development		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)		orting la		- Construction	SKHU	0	0	0	0
				03 - Rural areas (thinly populated)		oddn		- 80	ORTO	2,365,630.86	2,152,724.08	0	2
		072 - Business	Non-repayable grant	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)	able	and	cable	tion		0	0	0	0
PA3	ERDF	infrastructure for SMEs (including industrial parks and sites)	epayab	02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)	Not applicable	employment	– Not applicable	Construction		0	0	0	0
			– Non-r	03 - Rural areas (thinly populated)	07 – NG	and quality	N - 80	08 - C		12,527,518.16	11,400,041.53	0	10
		073 - Support to social	10	01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)		sustainable and		21 - Social work activities, community, social and personal		0	0	0	0
		enterprises (SMEs)		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)		ng susta		Social vities, munity,	SKHU	0	0	0	0
				03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)		moting		21 - activ com and		1,688,682.80	1,536,701.35	0	3
		102 - Access to employment for jobseekers and inactive people, including the		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population)		8 Pron		activities, al and		0	0	0	0
		long-term unemployed and people far from the		02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)				al work ty, socie services		12,085,769.46	10,998,050.20	0	25
		labour market, also through local employment initiatives and support for labour mobility		03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)				21 - Social work activities, community, social and personal services		0	0	0	0



		103 - Sustainable		01 – Large Urban									
		integration into the labour		areas (densely						0	0	0	0
		market of young people,		populated > 50 000						o	ŏ	o l	
		in particular those not		population)									
		inemployment, education		02 - Small Urban areas									
		or training, including		(intermediate density >						243,733.19	221,797.20	0	2
		young people at risk of		5 000 population)									
		social exclusion and						_					
		young people from						Education					
		marginalised		03 – Rural areas (thinly				Ica					
		communities, including		populated)				l Ed		0	0	0	0
		through the implementation of the		, , ,				1					
		Youth Guarantee						19					
		Tourn Guarantee		01 – Large Urban									
				areas (densely									
		104 - Self-employment,		populated > 50 000				ial		0	0	0	0
		entrepreneurship and		population)				ork					
		business creation		02 – Small Urban areas				w y, s na					
		including innovative		(intermediate density >				cia is, nit		0	0	0	0
		micro, small and medium		5 000 population)				So itie mu			-		
		sized enterprises		03 – Rural areas (thinly				21 - Social work activities, community, social and personal		202 202 25	075 000 04		
				populated)				g c g v		302,222.35	275,022.34	0	2
				01 – Large Urban									
		100 Active inclusion		areas (densely				_		0	0	0	0
		109 - Active inclusion,		populated > 50 000				cia $\dot{\lambda}$		U	٥	U	٥
		including with a view to		population)				NOI SO					
		promoting equal opportunities and active		02 - Small Urban areas				al v					
		participation, and		(intermediate density >				oci es, uni		0	0	0	0
		improving employability		5 000 population)				viti m					
		improving employeemity		03 – Rural areas (thinly				21 - Social work activities, community, social and personal		451,291.12	410,674.92	0	3
				populated)				(4 (0 0 (0		101,201112	110,07 1102	ŭ	
		096 - Institutional capacity		01 – Large Urban									
		of public administrations		areas (densely		capacity of public ders and efficient tration		_		509 715,30	492 112,91	193 760,94	2
		and public services		populated > 50 000		Dn Jiel		를 을		-,	,-		
		related to implementation		population)		∰ d		18 – Public Iministration					
		of the ERDF or actions	Ħ	02 – Small Urban areas		d e j		I H		0	0	0	
		supporting ESF	grant	(intermediate density > 5 000 population)	Φ	an an	<u>ө</u>	18 dh		U	٥	U	٥
		institutional capacity	Φ Ο	03 – Rural areas (thinly	ab	cap ers ati	äb	ad ad					
		initiatives	ap	populated)	<u>:</u>	al al constitution	양			0	0	0	0
PA4	ERDF		Non-repayable	01 – Large Urban	applicable	stitutional stakehold c administ	– Not applicabl		SKHU				
' / \	LI (D)	119 - Investment in	Э	areas (densely)†	ake Itt	ot		Orario				
		institutional capacity and	Ē	populated > 50 000	Not	sti st	Z			2 415 498,98	2 366 543,09	1 788065,54	9
		in the efficiency of public	ž	population)	/	ng institutional capac and stakeholders an public administration	- 80	18 – Public administration					
		administrations and public	1	02 – Small Urban areas	07	l più	0	ub					
		services at the national,	01	(intermediate density >		anc litie		nis		0	ol	0	0
		regional and local levels		5 000 population)		l fin		m Im					
		with a view to reforms,				변혈		ac .					
		better regulation and good governance		03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)		11. Enhancing i authorities an pub				0	0	0	0
		good governance		ρυμιιαίου)									



		120 - Capacity building for all stakeholders delivering education, lifelong learning, training and employment and social policies, including through sectoral and		01 – Large Urban areas (densely populated > 50 000 population) 02 – Small Urban areas (intermediate density > 5 000 population)				Education		16 227 316,72	16 080 986,00	3 190 564,69	19
		territorial pacts to mobilise for reform at the national, regional and local levels		03 – Rural areas (thinly populated)				19 -		0	0	0	0
PA5	ERDF	121 - Preparation, implementation, monitoring and inspection	01 – Non-repayable grant 07 – Not applicable	olicable	applicable	12 – Not applicable	08 – Not applicable	24 – Other unspecified services	SKHU	8 645 340,83	8 645 340,83	1 626 221,02	6
		122 - Evaluation and studies		Not app	07 – Not app					588,235.29	588,235.29	110 649,26	1
		123 - Information and communication		- 20						1,764,705.88	1,764,705.88	331 947,79	3
Total	ERDF									150,801,665.22	146,172,675,03	21 097 525,11	134
Grand total										150,801,665.22	146,172,675,03	21 097 525,11	134



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

5. Table

1	2	3	4	5	
	The amount of ERDF supporte 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%	

⁶ ERDF support is fixed in the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.



4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

The first draft of the First Phase Evaluation report was distributed to the Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat on 02 October 2018. Finalization and approval of the evaluation report took place during the Monitoring Committee meeting on 16-17 April 2019. The main findings of the evaluation were presented in the AIR 2018 in the same section.



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

5.1. Priority Axis 3 - Territorial Action Plans for Employment (TAPE)

The complexity of Priority axis 3 (Promoting sustainable and quality employment) requires continuous efforts from programme implementing organizations; the second round of the Call for Proposals had to be set up in such a way that can keep the TAPE still consistent after the projects included are elaborated and implemented separately.

In PA3 the evaluation of 56 individual projects submitted within the second round of the Call was initiated in December 2018 right after the submission deadline and was ongoing in first quarter of 2019. Decision on projects was made during the Monitoring Committee meeting on 16-17 April 2019. 52 projects out of 56 entered quality assessment out of which:

- 5 were rejected;
- 47 were approved (18 without and 29 with conditions).

4 of the 56 submitted TAPE projects were rejected during the eligibility evaluation step. As they are crucial parts of the relevant TAPE a new, **Restricted call for proposals for Territorial action plan projects SKHU/1901** was opened based on the decision of the MC in April 2019 (duration of the call: 11 June 2019 – 8 July 2019) to invite these three projects to submit a proposal again. 4 projects were submitted and 3 of them were approved (1 without and 2 with conditions).

By the end of 2019 15 TAPE projects belonging to 6 TAPE-s were contracted and started the implementation.

5.2. Infrastructural projects

Larger infrastructural projects (roads, bridges, larger industrial investments) are still in danger because of the changes of the price level in construction industry. Programme management bodies are continuously monitoring the implementation of the projects to detect and analyse the difficulties in due time in order to avoid bigger problems, as if the realization of them becomes impossible, it will have an impact on the indicators and the priority areas as well, resulting in new CP modification.

5.3. Small project fund

In case of the Western SPF management area the decision on approval of first small projects took place on 1 February 2019. Both management structures launched the second calls on 1 April 2019.

Necessary time taken for preparation of the whole SPF system resulted in the fact that the Audit Report from the designation audit was issued in 2017 with an unqualified opinion upon the Programme and disclaimer related to the SPF. In the meantime, in 2018 and also in 2019 the SPF management organization was working on preparation of the whole set of implementation documentations with the cooperation of the Joint Secretariat (4 personal meetings with the SPF management throughout the year).



Although they have not been finalized yet. Thus the designation of the Small Project Fund scheme was not taken place until 31 December 2019.

5.4. E-cohesion

Regarding the status of e-cohesion the development of IT system is continuous: the IMIS 2014-2020 system went live with the application module and the reporting module in 2018.

In July 2019 the Managing Authority decided – with the support of the Partner States and the Audit Authority – to launch a new procurement procedure on further developing the IT system; the INTERREG+ system is devoted to cover all missing functions of IMIS 2014-2020.

Széchenyi Programme Office initiated the public procurement procedure in November 2019, and as a result signed the development contract with the selected tenderer on 17 February 2020.



6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY

The Annual Implementation Report 2019 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 2019.

One of the main focuses of the Interreg SKHU programme in this programming period was to elaborate the methodology to do strategic action plans to enhance employment in the border area (Priority axis 3). The **Territorial Action Plan for Employment (TAPE)** is a complex development plan that aims to decrease employment inequalities among the regions with a view to improving the level of employment within the programming region. This strategic grouping of 4-8 projects is a unique approach in Europe in the field of regional development.

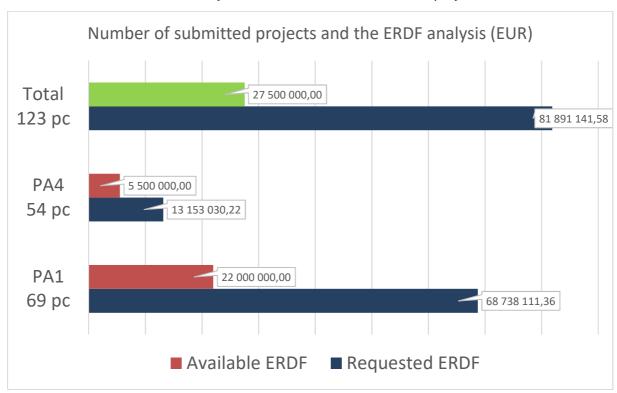
The Programme reached the point in 2019 when finally the individual projects belonging to one of the already approved 9 TAPE-s could start implementation. The TAPE projects will be carried out in the upcoming years investing more than 34 million EUR into the border region to improve quality employment:

- <u>Cserehát AP</u> aims to re-establish the "Beautiful Cserehát" by among others creating market places and a local brand while helping the local producers.
- <u>RE-START</u> will create job based on new services, social care and silver employment in the Lower lpel Valley through various measures.
- Novum Danuvium set up a complex innovation program for creating jobs in the Pons Danubii Region.
- <u>IG Heritage</u> intends to contribute to the improvement of the employment situation by re-discovering local heritage through product development and sales based thereon which implies gentle land use in the lster-Granum area.
- ORG-EMP will reconstruct a bridge between Ipeľské Predmostie and Drégelypalánk to support the improvement of employment situation by facilitating labour mobility.
- JOBS will create new jobs in the Ipel' valley with the eco-friendly development of the building industry. Bridge construction between Vrbovka-Örhalom and development of local products and services will take place.
- <u>FUTURE IN HEMP</u> focuses on the ecological approach, sustainable farming and the processing of raw materials (e.g.: hemp) from the green economy, in parallel improves cross-border labour mobility by building the road linking Nagyrozvágy (HU) and Nagygéres (Veľký Horeš, SK)
- R2 and M3 aims to launch a North-South development axis between Hatvan and Losonc, mainly supporting the supplier background of the Bosch Company, which operates in the Industrial Park of Hatvan, and similar other transnational companies.
- <u>FOOD INDUSTRY</u> is to establish triple cooperation between research facilities, entrepreneurs and advocacy chambers. Providing innovative manufacturing technologies will help with the production of new healthy regional products by processing locally produced raw materials on the basis of scientific results acquired by institutions involved in the project.



Related to the TAPE-s a restricted call for proposals was opened in 2019 (<u>SKHU/1901</u>) with the aim to help and keep alive the promising ideas showed by partners falling out for different reason during the assessment procedure concerning the previous round of TAPE Call for Proposals.

The Programme opened a regular call for proposals (<u>SKHU/1902</u>) between 12 September 2019 and 17 December 2019. Priority Axis 1 (PA1 – Nature and culture) and Priority Axis 4 (PA4 – Institutional cooperation) were opened, where PA1 could accept Small and medium size enterprises, as well. The indicative ERDF amount available under the Call for proposals was 27 500 000 EUR. Preliminary information about the submitted projects can be seen below.



One **Monitoring Committee** meeting was held on 16-17 April 2019 to ensure the smooth implementation of the Programme. Also a **Programming Committee** meeting was held on 6 November 2019 where we started the planning of the new programme for 2021-2027 between Slovakia and Hungary.

The Programme joint the initiative of the **European Cooperation Day** (since 2012) to draw the attention of the public to the Interreg project results. In 2019 we chose the region of Bratislava to show its citizens some of the awesome EU funded developments in the area on the occasion of European Cooperation Day. The JS arrived with an interactive exhibition and game to the annual festival of Vrakuňa on 8 September 2019. The visitors of the event could draw, write and colour on big panels, whose topics were related to the European Union. We also got the visitors familiar with the Danube Bike and boat project, which made sport-related developments in 30 municipalities in 5 Slovak and Hungarian regions along the Small and Moson Danube rivers.



Other activities include reconstructed watermill in Jelka, new bike road of 2,2km in Vrakuňa and Kolárovo, relax zone in Vrakuňa, and new corso in Zálesie, and almost 30 new or reconstructed entry points to the Danube for boats (for example: kayaks).

During the day the Danube Islands projects – also financed from the Interreg SKHU programme – organized a duathlon for the visitors of the festival. They could freely use e-bikes and boats, which was very popular among the participants.

At the end of the activities we asked our players to stand as models for an instax photo, which was placed on our Photo wall. Our players could also enter a prize game, where the lucky winners could receive an intelligence health bracelet, which helps them track their physical activities throughout the day. Our winners are: Jozef Pavlov, Martin Koller, Eva Csomor, Rasto Lauko.









István Pálfi award to our colleague

Our deputy head of Joint Secretariat, Mr. Silvester Holop was awarded with the István Pálfi prize⁷ by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary on 28 October 2019 for his extraordinary work done for the cross border region of Hungary and Slovakia. Mr. Levente Magyar, Secretary of State was handing over the prize.



⁷ http://cesci-net.eu/palfi istvan



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.



PART B

REPORTING SUBMITTED IN YEARS 2017, 2019 AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT



9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

- 9.1. Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme
- 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
- 9.3. Sustainable development
- 9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives
- 9.5. Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme

10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT

- 10.1. Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations
- 10.2. The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

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



12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT PRIORITY AXIS AND PROGRAMME LEVEL



PART C

REPORTING SUBMITTED IN YEAR 2019 AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT



- 13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH
- 14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK