



**PROGRAMME FICHE  
 FOR THE**

**HUNGARY-ROMANIA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

**SYNTHETIC DATA REGARDING THE PROGRAMME**



**1. Cooperation area**

NUTS III Regions located in the border area between the two countries:

- 4 counties from Romania:  
**Timis, Arad, Bihor, Satu Mare**
- 4 counties from Hungary:  
**Csongr d, B k s, Hajd -Bihar, Szabolcs-Szatm r-Bereg**

**2. Programme budget: single for the 2 member states, for 7 years**

	Total budget ERDF + national cofinancing	Out of which	
		ERDF	National cofinancing
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Romania and Hungary	275, 179, 861 mil. Eur	224, 474, 935 mil. Eur	50, 704, 926 mil. Eur

**OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME STRATEGY**

**3. General strategic objective of the programme**

Bringing together contacts between the communities, the economic factors, and the persons from the border area from the two neighbor countries, in order to promote joint development of the border area, by increasing the comparative advantages of the area for the benefit of both countries.

#### 4. Priorities/ intervention groups/ operational objectives

##### Priority 1

##### Improvement of the key conditions of joint, sustainable development in the co-operation area

- Improved transport infrastructure to facilitate better access within the border area
- Better flow of information on joint opportunities within the border area
- Common natural resources efficiently used, natural values protected

##### Priority 2

##### Strengthen social and economic cohesion of the border area

- Support for cross-border business co-operation
- Promotion of co-operation in the field of R+D and innovation
- Co-operation in the labor market and education – joint development of skills and knowledge
- Health care and prevention of common threats
- Cooperation between communities

##### Priority 3 – Technical assistance

-Support for programme implementation-

#### Financial allocation/ priority axis

Budget distribution	Total eligible funding (EURO)	ERDF funding (EURO)	National funding (EURO)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>275, 179, 861</b>	<b>224, 474, 935</b>	<b>50, 704, 926</b>
Priority 1 - Improvement of the key conditions of joint, sustainable development in the co-operation area	134,684,961	114,482,217	20,202,744
Priority 2 – Strengthen social and economic cohesion of the border area	113, 557, 908	96 524 222	17 033 686
Priority 3 – Technical Assistance	26, 936,992	13, 468, 496	13, 468, 496

## **5. Implementing method of the programme**

Granting financial support, in conditions of competition, through Public Calls for joint cross-border cooperation project proposals.

## **6. Expected results of the financed operations**

Business and road infrastructure, cooperation networks for supporting the businesses, environmental protection works, technical studies for preparing future cross-border investments, opportunity studies for joint projects, work-shops, trainings, databases, etc.

## **7. Eligible beneficiaries**

- *Eligible beneficiaries* – Legal persons from the national, regional or local level that implement policies in relevant fields of intervention of the programme, local public authorities and the units subordinated to these authorities, associations or agencies for regional development, research institutes and universities, Chambers of Commerce, NGO's in the main fields of intervention of the programme, international organizations (Euroregions) etc.;
- *How applicants from Romania can be participate with in the programme*  
As partner or as Lead Partner in joint projects

## **8. Eligible projects**

At the proposal of the Managing Authority, general and specific selection criteria of the projects are approved by the Monitoring Committee. The minimal selection criteria refer to the development and implementation of projects, since joint cross-border projects should respect at least two of the following:

- joint development
- joint implementation
- joint staffing
- joint financing

## PROVISIONS REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT AND THE IMPLEMENTATION

PROCESS	HUNGARY	ROMANIA
<b>MONITORING</b>		
<b>Joint Monitoring Committee</b>	-equal number of representatives from each state, from national, regional and local level; - representative of the European Commission, with a advisory role	
<b>Project and Programme MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Managing Authority</b>	National Development Agency, Hungary	-
<b>National Authority</b>	National Development Agency, Hungary	Ministry of Development, Public Works and Housing
<b>Joint Technical Secretariat</b>	-VATI Kht.– Hungarian Public Nonprofit Company for Regional Development (Budapest and Békéscsaba)	Oradea Cross-Border Cooperation Office (Info Point)
<b>CERTIFICATION/PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>Certifying Authority</b>	Ministry of Finance, Hungary	
<b>Payment Unit</b>	-	Ministry of Development, Public Works and Housing (General Directorate for Authorizing Payments for Programmes)
<b>Delegated controllers</b>	Hu representatives (at VATI Kht.– Regional Office Békéscsaba and Mátészalka)	Ro representatives (at the BRECO Regional Office Oradea, Satu-Mare, Arad, Timișoara)
<b>AUDIT</b>		
<b>Audit authority</b>	Government Audit Office, HU	-
<b>Group of auditors</b>	Representative(s) appointed by the Audit Authority from Hungary	Representative(s) appointed by the Audit Authority –body affiliated to the Court of Accounts from Romania

### CURRENT SITUATION OF THE PROGRAMME

- The Operational Programme was approved by the European Commission (on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2007);
- The launching conference of the Programme: 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2008, Timișoara;
- 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals (only “soft” - non-investment - projects): 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2008 with deadline for submitting the application the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2009.

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