

HU-HR Co-operation Programmes: Results and future possibilities



Where it all began

- First ever EU funding for HU-HR projects: **the Pilot Small Projects Fund.**
- Financed from Hungarian national **PHARE** sources at the time of Hungary's EU accession.
- Allocations for **2002 and 2003** – altogether **1,1 million EUR.**
- Truly small projects (35 pcs): from **5.000 to 50.000 EUR.**
- Various thematic fields.
- Compulsory: Hungarian applicant, Croatian partner.
- **Funding only for costs incurred by the Hungarian PP-s.**

How it continued

- **The Neighbourhood Programme Slovenia-Hungary-Croatia**, from Slovenian and Hungarian EU accession (2004) to the end of the given financial perspective (2006).
- **INTERREG IIIA**, a Community Initiative Programme (like Urban II, LEADER+ and Equal).
- **Two Calls**, in all three countries simultaneously, one in **2004** and one in **2005**.
- **ERDF** for Slovenia and Hungary, **CARDS** and later **PHARE** for Croatia.
- Available EU funds: **25,5 + 6 million EUR, 156 projects.**

Differences 2002/2003 vs 2004-2006

- **Single projects** with financial emphasis on the Hungarian side → **balanced projects** with funding possible also in Croatia.
- **Simple** project type → **three types** of projects: joint, mirror and co-operative.
- **Bilateral** projects → possible **trilateral** (SLO, HU and CRO) projects (3 pcs). HU-HR bilateral joint projects: 6 pcs.
- **Small scale** funding → **bigger** project sizes (20.000 EUR to 700.000 EUR, varying on participating country and topic).
- Single set of rules (**PHARE**) → different rules for **ERDF** and **CARDS/PHARE**.



Where it went from there

- Instrument for **Pre-accession Assistance**: a new tool to prepare candidate countries for EU membership and funds.
- **Five components**, one of them dedicated to cross-border co-operation.
- The HU-HR (IPA) CBC Programme 2007-2013: **two priorities, fourteen Actions**.
- Three Calls, **167** co-financed projects, for a total of **53,3** million EUR of EU contribution.
- Strategic approach to joint tourism development – **Regional Tourism Product Plan**.



Differences 2004-2006 vs 2007-2013

- **Joint / mirror / cooperative** projects → **every project is joint**: there is joint planning, implementation, staffing and financing (meaning that **all PP-s have their activities** and their funding, including their own co-financing).
- Possibility for **mid-size projects** → possibility for **even bigger projects** (enabling e.g. more visible works components), 50.000 to 3 million EUR of maximum EU contribution.
- **Different rules** per fund (participating country) – again a **single set of rules** (for eligibility, procurements etc).



The programming period 2014-2020

- Start of planning the new Hungarian-Croatian programme in **November 2011** with a bilateral high-level meeting.
- First **Task Force** meeting in July 2012, followed by nine more.
- **Five planning workshops**, held by the programming experts in 2013 and 2014 for the stakeholders of the border region, **and one public consultation** organised in May 2014.
- Several technical meetings between the future implementing bodies and with the participation of experts.
- First submission to the EC in **March 2015**, programme approval on **7 September 2015**.



The INTERREG V-A HU-HR CP

- A total of **60,8 million EUR** of EU contribution.
- **Four Priority Axes:**
 - Economic development (9,96 mEUR)
 - Sustainable use of natural and cultural assets (35,78 mEUR)
 - Cooperation (5,72 mEUR)
 - Education (5,72 mEUR)
- Same institutional setup (Managing-, National-, Certifying- and Audit Authority, FLC-s), new and broader Monitoring Committee, JS with two new Contact Points (Osijek, Čakovec).



Differences 2007/2013 vs 2014-2020

- **Thematic variety** basically depending on the border region → **thematic concentration** leading to the choosing of 4-5 Thematic Objectives in each programme.
- **Adjacent regions** in Croatia, with limited possibilities for receiving funding → PP-s from all Croatian counties involved in the programme are **equally eligible**.
- **No strategic projects** → **one strategic project** for the continuation of de-mining and rehabilitation activities, **and one special scheme** for the supporting of SME cooperations.
- Use of the **PraG** → use of **national** procurement legislations.

The 1st Call for Proposals

- Published on **29 February 2016** with a submission deadline of **31 May 2016**.
- 208 applications submitted for a total of **82.994.104 EUR**, three times the amount available (26.528.785 EUR).
- Project selection: 2-3 March 2017.
- 54 projects selected for a total of **23.383.107 EUR of EU funding**. 70 HU and 100 HR partner organisations.
- Most funding dedicated to: **bicycle roads** (7.116.477 EUR) and **tourism attractions** (7.306.966 EUR).



Thank you for your attention!

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