



Citizens' summary

2022

of the

INTERREG V-A SLOVAKIA-HUNGARY
COOPERATION PROGRAMME

The Annual Implementation Report 2022 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 2022.

Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

The Programme continued contracting with projects from SKHU/1902 Call for proposals, meanwhile monitored the implementation of the running ones as well as projects in the follow-up period. After the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects all project partners faced new challenges in 2022. The increasing inflation thus the raising prices significantly influenced the feasibility of the infrastructural investments. The Programme offered additional ERDF funds to those beneficiaries, who were in serious crisis, and could not finish their activities without the supplementary funding. Taking into account that all financial resources have already been contracted, additional funding was provided from savings realized by the closed projects. Until the end of the year we reallocated more than 2,7M EUR ERDF to 17 projects so they can finish the planned activities.

Parallel to the daily tasks of the Programme the finalization of the new programme for 2021-2027 was also a priority. We submitted the draft programme document to the European Commission on 30 March 2022, which was approved on 3 November 2022.

The main numbers of Interreg SKHU Programme in 2022:

Programme allocation

Programme allocation - 155,8M EUR

Awarded amount - 160,4M EUR

> 102,8%



Contracted amount

Awarded amount - 160,4M EUR

Contracted amount - 159M EUR

> 99,1%



Reimbursed support

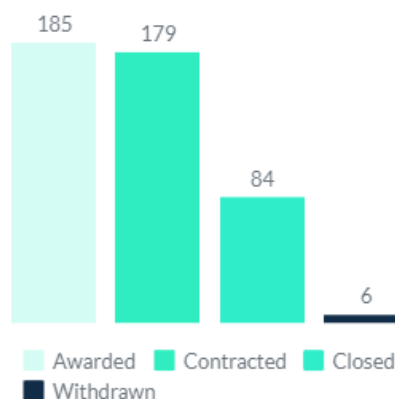
Contracted amount - 159M EUR

Reimbursed amount - 94M EUR

Total
> 59,1%



Number of projects



No. and amount of contracted projects per priorities



European Cooperation Day 2022

The main idea of the Programme for the annual European Cooperation Day has been the same for years: 'Go local'. This year the topic chosen by the European Commission was 'Youth for cooperation'. Therefore our Programme combined the two concepts and registered one small project for the initiative and Mobilis (Mobilis Public Benefit Nonprofit Ltd.), the beneficiary of the MOBILEUM project, who are involving children into educational activities.



Arrabona EGTC participated as a co-organizer in **II. climate EXPO Győr**, where they presented the ECO-TOUR-COOP small project with the ID number SKHU/WETA/2201/4.1/010. As part of the EXPO, the Municipality of Győr, as the main organizer, and the Arrabona EGTC appeared with a joint stand, where the EGTC staff waited for the invited elementary school children.



1. Photo credit to Mobilis

At the stand, they had the opportunity to try out the EGTC cube, with which they could play several attitude-forming games, and in exchange for the display, they could receive water bottles. In the frame of the attitude-shaping program elements, the "Kajárpéc Vízirevű" performed four times the science-fiction fair sequel of the Tears of the Jungle - Or you eat more than a chainsaw, which depicts the environmental protection and climate change problems of our time in a playful form, hidden in a fairy tale.



2. Photo credit to Arrabona EGTC

As an entertainment element of the event, the participating students could also try out a selfie machine, but in the spirit of environmental protection, awareness and 'greenness', instead of a paper photo, they could receive their funniest pictures electronically. In addition to viewing the exhibition space and stand, as well as the presentation, a product tasting table was also available to the participants, where they could taste the delicacies of many local producers combined with a product presentation.



3. Photo credit to Arrabona EGTC

There was also an attitude-shaping presentation on the utilization of green and woody waste, where the participants were able to learn about the grinding and shredding of green waste and woody waste, and the important moments and requirements of tree planting were also presented on site. In the framework of the project, among others, 150 Slovak schoolchildren could participate in the event.



4. Photo credit to Mobilis

On September 30 Mobilis (SKHU/1902/1.1/086) once again joined the **Researchers' Night** event series organized throughout Europe. During the highly successful evening, visitors were able to gain an insight into the mysteries of space exploration through spectacular performances and playful activities.

In interactive sessions, the children could try laser cutting and 3D printing techniques, and the children could program LEGO, ArTec robots and space vehicles.



5. Photo credit to Mobilis

The experimental demonstrations and lectures revealed the secrets of the solar system and outer space. During the event, it was also possible to try out the tools of the interactive exhibition space.

In the framework of the initiative 300 children participated in the event.

In each priority axis there are closed projects already with awesome results. Here are some examples.

Priority axis 1 - Nature and culture

PARK4YOU

The aim of the project was to revitalize the nature park Kerta in the Town of Michalovce and the 'Széphalom' park in the town of Satoraljaújhely. Planting and tree care, and the restoration of small park architecture and pavement network significantly improved the attractiveness of the environment in the built-up urban area. While restoring this historical greenery was aimed to preserve the natural heritage available locally.

Kerta park in Michalovce



Széphalom park in Satoraljaújhely



Priority axis 2 - Mobility

Ipolydamásd - Chl'aba bridge

The direct objective of the project was to extend road connections between Hungary and Slovakia by constructing a new Ipeľ bridge between Ipolydamásd (HU) and Chl'aba (SK). One 58 m long bridge, a 540 m long connecting road in Hungary and a 175,22 m long connecting road in Slovakia has been constructed in the project. The opening of a new border crossing point between Ipolydamásd and Chl'aba shortens access to the TEN-T network primarily for the surrounding settlements. It also provides better accessibility to the Danube, the M2 motorway in Hungary, a new TEN-T network component, and significantly improves the accessibility of the region.



Priority axis 4 - Institutional cooperation

SKHU IT EDUCATION



The main objective of the current project was to increase the digital competences and skills of the primary and secondary school students in Košice Region and Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County. The partners established two interactive classrooms, one in Košice and one in Miskolc. They invested in digital infrastructure by purchasing of LEGO MINDSTORMS Education EV3 sets and LEGO WeDo 2 sets, which they handed over

to primary and secondary schools in Hungary and Slovakia to include them into the IT education. The partners organized workshops and training for teachers in order to use LEGO sets actively during teaching process, thus enhancing their digital competences, and also held robotics courses, competitions and summer camp for students.



Priority axis 3 Employment

FUTURE IN HEMP

The Territorial Action Plan aimed to revitalize and reinterpret the use of industrial hemp by developing infrastructure and expertise.

The resource of the action plan was the industrial hemp with a long tradition, which can be successfully grown according to ecological principles. From this still modern raw material, a range of products with competitive, low environmental impact can be produced, from building materials to food. This versatile plant can be used in the cosmetics, textile, construction, health, biopolymer and biocomposite industries.

As a result, local products of high market value can be produced and sold. The long-term goal for which this action plan can be the cornerstone is the creation of a new economic network in the Carpathian Basin.



Yarn and fabric from industrial hemp is produced in a processing plant to be established in Barabás, Hungary (see picture on the left).

A sewing factory in a renovated building in Košice, Slovakia was set up, where exclusive household textiles and clothing

are made from hemp linen produced in Barabás from these raw materials.



In order to enhance mobility in the area NIF Zrt. in partnership with the Municipality of Obec Veľký Horeš has built a 4.3 km long cross-border road between Nagyrosvagy (HU) and Veľký Horeš (SK) eliminating the 20-20 km East and West bypasses, which took an extra 20-30 minutes travel time. So now the travel time, travel distance and travel costs are reduced.



A low-capacity oil press and a handcraft dough (pasta) plant is expanded in Géberjén, Hungary, while a handcraft textile workshop and shop is developed in Veľký Horeš, Slovakia.

A factory hall suitable for the processing of industrial hemp will be established in the village of Karos, Hungary in 2023.

The village of Veľký Horeš will set up an exhibition space and

conference room, which will be the venue for product presentations and professional events as well.

The partners aim to collect and share the knowledge needed for the processing and utilization of industrial hemp. This goal is achieved through the training of hemp industry professionals, the development of knowledge contents and teaching materials, and the formation of attitudes.

Interreg VI-A Hungary-Slovakia Programme

We submitted the draft document of the Interreg Hungary-Slovakia Programme for the new programme period to the European Commission on 30 March 2022. After a few rounds of completion, we received the final approval on 3 November 2022. The work with the new Programme started right away.

We developed a detailed work plan with the estimated dates and topics of the future call for proposals. A draft document was elaborated with the terms and conditions of the first call for proposals for Small Project Fund umbrella projects and for the Operations of Strategic Importance and call for assessors. The new logo was also drafted. We also started to plan the first Monitoring Committee meeting of the new Programme for January 2023, where we plan to present the draft documents to the members, the first discussions can take place, and decisions can be made.