

Annual Implementation Report (AIR) 2016

The Annual Implementation Report (AIR) of the Interreg-IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Hungary-Serbia (Interreg-IPA CBC Hungary-Serbia) provides an overview of the activities implemented within the Programme by the end of 2016.

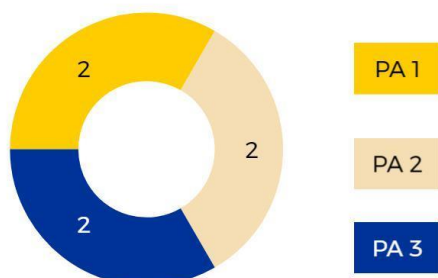
European Commission approved the Cooperation Programme on 15 December 2015.

Programme is managed by several institutions, from both Participating Countries. The main responsibility for implementation lies with **the Managing Authority – MA** (the Prime Minister's Office of Hungary), **the National Authority – NA** (the Ministry of European Integration, the Government of the Republic of Serbia) and **the Joint Monitoring Committee – JMC**, a joint body composed of local and central stakeholders, as well as representatives of civil society from both countries.

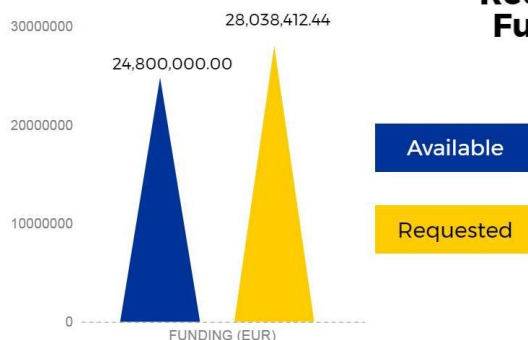
Joint Secretariat – JS, with offices in Budapest and Szeged in Hungary, and the **Joint Secretariat Antenna – JS Antenna** in Subotica, Serbia are at disposal to non-profit organizations, actively operating in the Hungary-Serbia border region which are interested in preparing a joint project idea in the field covered by the Programme.

First Call for Proposals – Strategic Call, targeting activities of strategic importance for the two partnering countries – Hungary and Serbia, was opened to Applicants on 29 March 2016, with a submission deadline 30 September 2016. Within the Strategic Call, the first three Priorities of the Programme were open to Applicants: **PA 1**: Improving cross-border water management and risk prevention systems; **PA 2**: Reducing traffic bottlenecks in the cross-border transport network; and **PA 3**: Encouraging cooperation in tourism and cultural heritage preservation.

Applications per Priority Axis

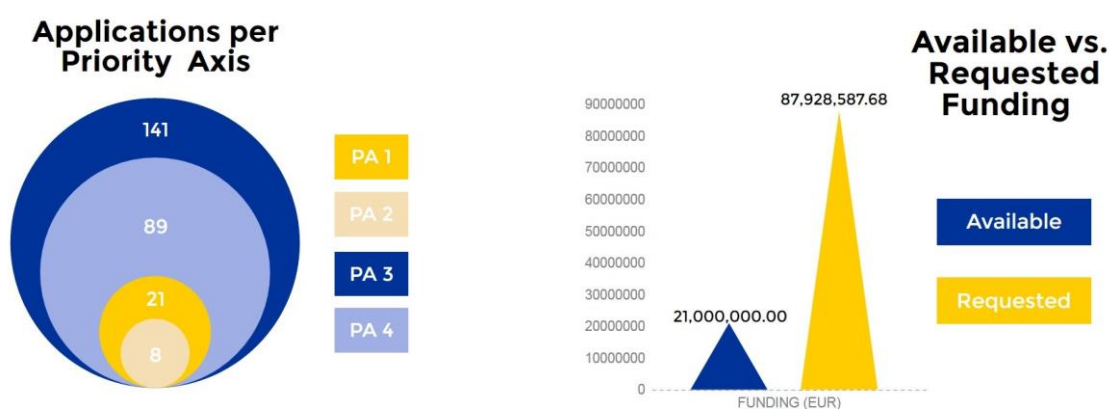


Available vs. Requested Funding

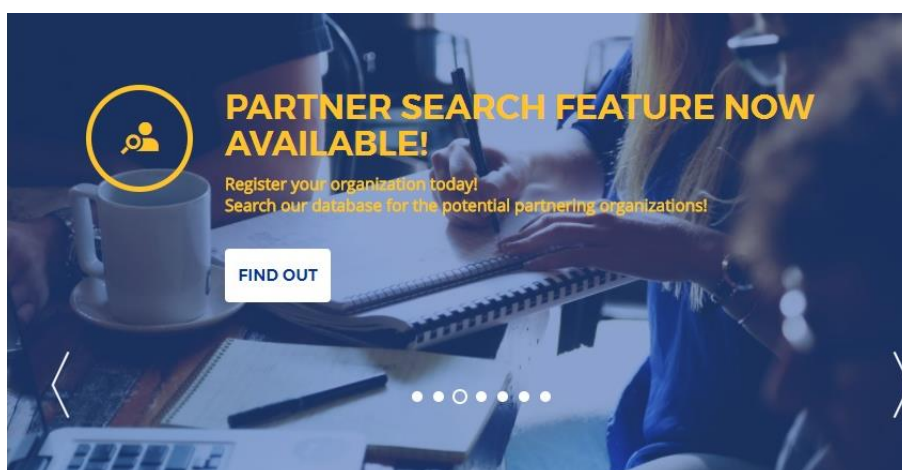


To avoid waste of paper and energy, the Programme uses electronic administration as much as possible. Therefore, the Programme had electronic monitoring system, called **IMIS 2014-2020** established. The first step of this process was electronic application process within the Second Call for Proposals. The Programme bodies are constantly working on developing additional modules of the system.

Second Call for Proposals was launched on 3 October 2016, with a submission deadline 31 January 2017, and it was intended for a broad range of Actions. Within the Second Call, all four Priorities of the Programme were open to Applicants: **PA 1**: Improving cross-border water management and risk prevention systems; **PA 2**: Reducing traffic bottlenecks in the cross-border transport network; **PA 3**: Encouraging cooperation in tourism and cultural heritage preservation; and **PA 4**: Enhancing SMEs' economic competitiveness through innovation-driven development.



With the goal to facilitate Application process and help interested organizations find partners for developing joint projects, the Programme offered an online tool **Partner Search** on the Programme's website – allowing organizations to register and to search the database of other registered organizations. By the end of 2016, 77 organizations registered for the *Partner Search*.





In November 2016, the **Joint Secretariat and the Antenna of the Joint Secretariat** organized four seminars **Info Days** on both sides of the border intended for potential Applicants within the Second Call for Proposals. Applicants had a chance to get informed about the Application process, the Programme-related criteria, and to consult directly with Programme Managers.



In addition to *Info Days*, the Joint Secretariat and the Antenna of the Joint Secretariat were at disposal to Applicants, and anyone interested in obtaining more information about the Application process and about the Programme, in general.





In October 2016, the Programme bodies organized a **media conference for closing of the previous and opening of the current cross-border cooperation programme between Hungary and Serbia**. Click [here](#) for more information about this event and statements of the Programme officials and other speakers.

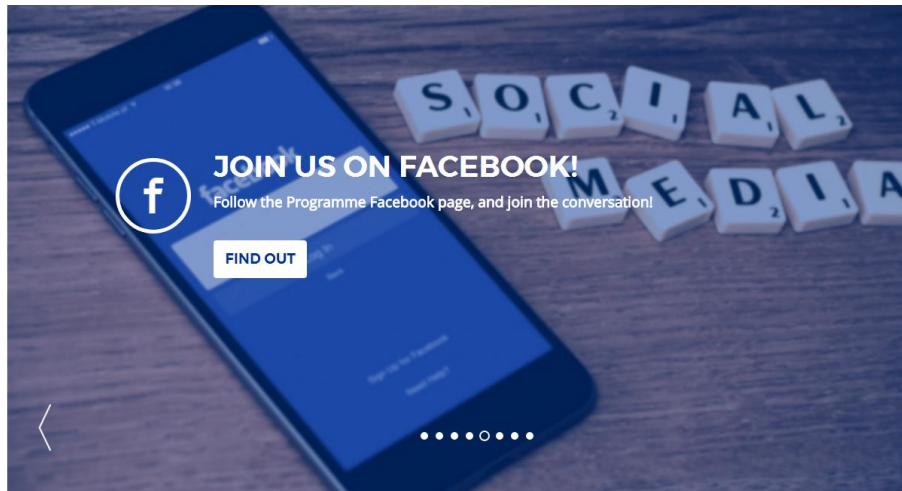


At the end of 2016, the Managing Authority (MA) launched the first audit of the Programme implementation structures and ruling documents called the **Designation** process. Once the designation of the Programme is confirmed as successful, the Programme will be able to claim the EU funds based on the validated expenditures made within the projects.

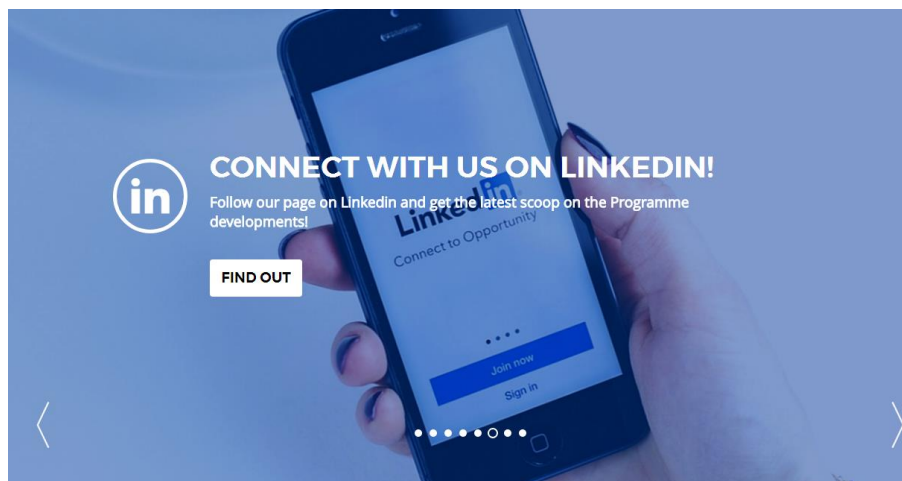


All Programme-related information, including the information about the past and current Calls for Proposals is available on its website www.interreg-ipa-husrb.com.

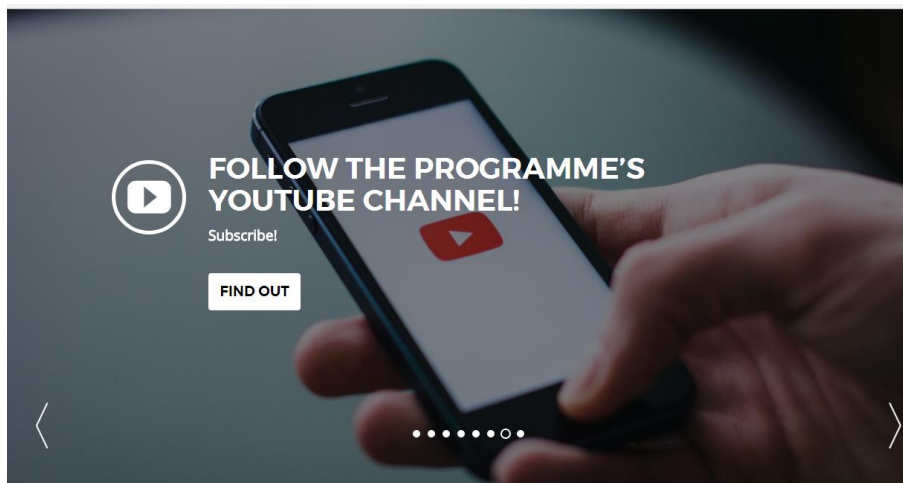
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