

STRATEGIC CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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- 2) **Date of publication:** 29 March 2016
- 3) **Programme and financing source:** Interreg – IPA Cross-border Co-operation Hungary–Serbia Programme approved by EC Decision C(2015)9488 (hereafter: Cooperation Programme).
- 4) **Eligible area:** Supported projects are required to be implemented within the eligible area of the Programme, defined in the Cooperation Programme, in the area of NUTS III level (or NUTS III equivalent) regions as follows:

HUNGARY	SERBIA
Csongrád county (Csongrád megye)	West Bačka (Zapadnobački upravni okrug),
Bács-Kiskun county (Bács-Kiskun megye)	North Bačka (Severnobački upravni okrug),
	North Banat (Severnobanatski upravni okrug),
	South Bačka (Južnobački upravni okrug),
	Middle Banat (Srednjobanatski upravni okrug),
	South Banat (Južnobanatski upravni okrug),
	Srem (Sremski upravni okrug)

- 5) **Eligible Applicants:** The following organisations are eligible to apply for the funding allocated to the Programme:
 - public authorities
 - bodies governed by public law
 - as a general rule non-profit organisations governed by private law

For a detailed description of Eligibility of Applicants please consult Chapter **2 of the Guidelines for Applicants**.

Please note that the present Call for Proposals is open for institutions targeting Strategic Activities specified in the Cooperation Programme and in the Guidelines for Applicants.

- 6) **Published actions and indicative funds available:** The indicative amount of **24,8 million EUR** is available for this Call for Proposals.

The indicative financial allocations for respective Priority axes together with the minimum amounts of subsidy can be found in the table below. Please note that the final allocations awarded to projects under this call may vary, following the assessment and selection of the Applications.

For the detailed description of the eligible activities please refer to Chapter **1.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants**.

Priority Axis (PA)	Minimum IPA contribution (EUR)	Planned allocation for strategic projects within the PA (EUR)	Planned share of allocated funds within the PA
PA 1: Improving the cross-border water management and risk prevention systems	4 000 000	13 500 000	60%
PA 2: Decreasing the bottlenecks of cross-border traffic	2 000 000	7 900 000	55%
PA 3: Encouraging tourism and cultural heritage cooperation	2 000 000	3 400 000	27%
Total:		24 800 000	

- 7) **Project duration:** The planned implementation period of a project **must not be less than 12 months** and **must not exceed 36 months**.
- 8) **Co-financing rate:** On project level, IPA provides support **up to 85% of the total eligible expenditure**. The **remaining 15%** shall be financed from national sources. Please note, that the sources of funding differ in case of Beneficiaries from Hungary and from Serbia as described in Chapter **6 of the Guidelines for Applicants**. In case the Lead Beneficiary concludes the Subsidy Contract with the Managing Authority an advance in an amount of maximum 15% of the total IPA allocation of a project will automatically be granted from the EU contribution.
- 9) **Selection of projects:** The description of the assessment process can be found in Chapter **9 of the Guidelines for Applicants**.
- 10) **Submission of Applications:** Applications together with relevant supporting documents have to be submitted according to the rules set in Chapter **8.5 of the Guidelines for Applicants** to the Joint Secretariat.
- 11) **Submission deadline:** **24:00 CET, 26 August 2016 as evidenced by the date on the postal stamp.** (Applications submitted personally or by courier service **must be received** by the JS by **26 August 2016, 4:00 PM CET**!)
- 12) **The Application Package** is comprised of the following documents:
 - Call for Proposals,
 - Guidelines for Applicants and its annexes

- Eligibility Rules of expenditures
- Application Form and its annexes

The whole Application Package and other relevant documents (e.g. the Cooperation Programme, Guidelines for Implementing Information and Publicity Requirements, etc.) **can be downloaded from the Programme's website** (<http://www.interreg-ipa-husrb.com>).

- 13) Provisional notification** date of the results of the Call for Proposals is foreseen in January 2017.
- 14) Additional information** can be obtained by contacting the Joint Secretariat in Budapest and Szeged or the JS Antenna office in Subotica personally, by phone or e-mail, as described in Chapter **8.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants**.