

European Cooperation Day 2013 to kick off with innovative tools and events

Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI Cross-border Cooperation Programme joins again the European Cooperation Day campaign with local events and bicycle tours throughout the Programme area

The Management Structures with the Beneficiaries and Partners of the Hungary Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI Cross-border Cooperation Programme will join again this year more than 80 other European Territorial Cooperation programmes all over Europe in order to celebrate the European Cooperation Day, a campaign aiming to communicate the achievements of European cooperation across borders to the general public.

From 13 to 20 September 2013 a series of local European Cooperation Day activities and events will be organised by Beneficiaries and Partners with participation of the Management Structures and National Authorities in all 8 counties of the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI Cross-border Cooperation Programme.

About 40 cross-border cooperation projects on economic and social development; environmental protection and emergency preparedness; improvement of border crossing transport infrastructure; as well as institutional and people-to-people cooperation funded by the EU within the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI Cross-border Cooperation Programme will take part in more than 20 joint events of the European Cooperation Day campaign.

Among the main local events of the campaign will be visits to the St. Elisabeth Cathedral in Košice, ski resort in Lysá and multifunctional tourism centre in Drienica in the Prešov Region of Slovakia, recently reconstructed within the Programme; information day on emergency preparedness in the Tisza River Basin Water Resources Directorate in Ughhorod and project networking event in the Ughhorod City Council; visit to the Palanok Castle in Mukachevo in south-western Ukraine; open door days promoting cross-border cooperation in the County Library in Baia Mare and County Museum in Satu Mare in north-western Romania; activities for children in the Arany Janos Secondary School, activity on Kölcsey Television and open air event on the Kossuth Square in Nyíregyháza in the eastern Hungary.

The local activities and events within the European Cooperation Day campaign will be connected to each other by bicycle tours in Prešov and Košice in Slovakia, Uzhhorod and Solotvino in Ukraine, Baia Mare and Satu Mare in Romania, as well as in Csengersima in Hungary.

The aim of this campaign is to communicate to the general public the achievements of European cooperation across borders. The local events organised all over Europe will showcase how cross-border cooperation projects are reducing obstacles and disparities, while at the same time increasing cultural understanding and efficiency between European regions. All these initiatives funded by the European Union have helped to improve people's lives along the many borders within Europe and beyond.

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