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Second anniversary of the Programme

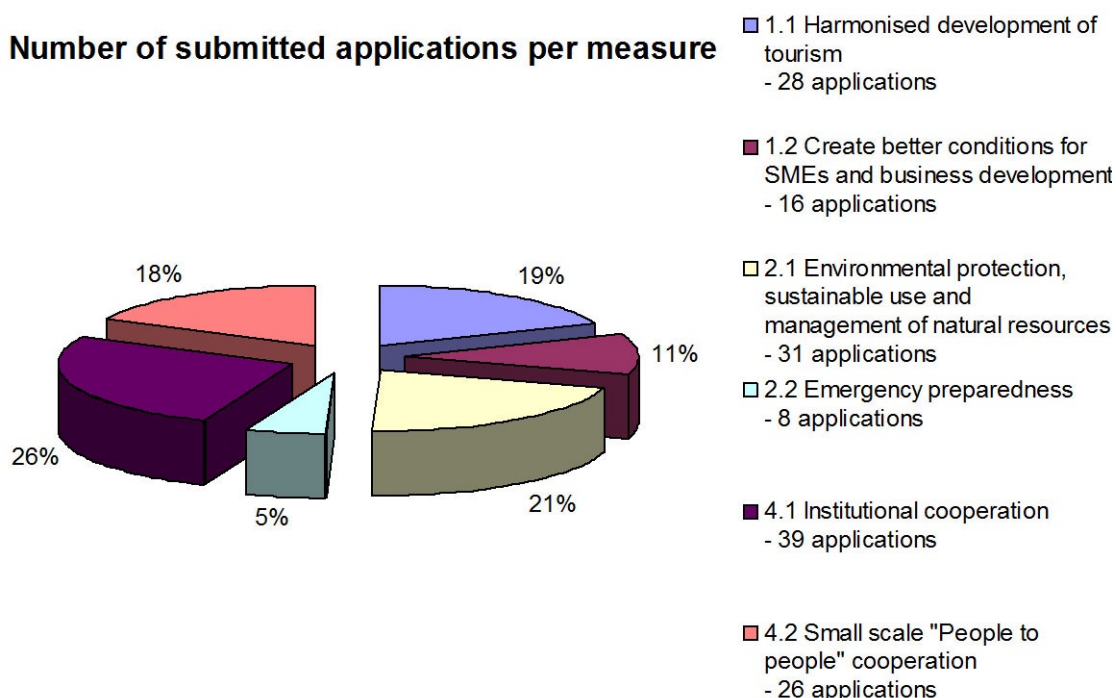
The Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Joint Operational Programme has been adopted by the European Commission on 23 September 2008. Two years into its lifecycle, the Programme reached several major milestones. During its first year, the Programme life has been very busy, full of events and a successful Call with 148 Applications received. The second year was devoted to the selection of the Applications submitted within the first Call and the launching of the second Call. The HU-SK-RO-UA Programme has reached a big step on 14 July 2010 when the **first three ENPI Grant Contracts had been signed in Ukraine** among the all ENPI CBC programmes implemented in the 2007-2013 period.

Results of the first Call

The total amount of financing requested by Applicants in the submitted project proposals **exceeded 55 million EUR**, which is four times more than the available ENPI allocation within the first Call.

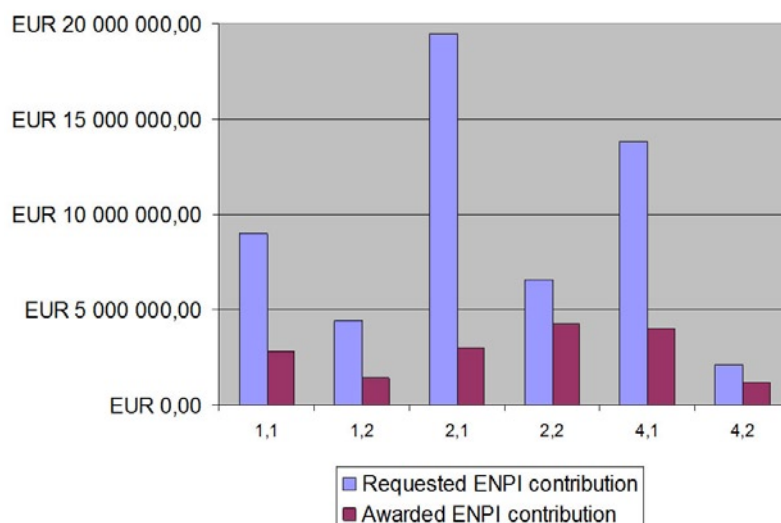
The number of submitted applications in a breakdown according to the Measures is demonstrated on the following diagram:

Number of submitted applications per measure



The following chart presents the breakdown of the requested ENPI funds compared with the finally awarded ENPI funds according to Measures:

Comparison of requested & awarded ENPI contribution



Until now, the following four from the 47 winner projects are contracted:

- Project title: **Elaboration of documents for Cross-Border Industrial Park Creation with the Elements of Logistics – “Bereg-Karpaty”**
 Beneficiary: **Zakarpattya Oblast Council**
 Partner 1: **Zahony and Vicinity Development Limited Company, Hungary**
 Partner 2: **Center for support of local development, Ukraine**
 Partner 3: **Zakarpattya Agency of Investments, Innovations and Development, Ukraine**
 Partner 4: **Rayon State Administration of Beregovo, Ukraine**
 Partner 5: **Council of Dyida village, Ukraine**
 Awarded ENPI Community grant: **340339,80 EUR**
 The objective of the joint project is the improvement of business infrastructure for enhancing development and cross-border cooperation of Ukrainian and Hungarian SMEs. As a result of the project documents for Cross-Border Industrial Park creation with the elements of logistics will be elaborated.
- Project title: **Bioenergy of the Carpathians**
 Beneficiary: **Agency of Regional Development and Cross Border Co-operation “Transcarpathia”**
 Partner 1: **Mizhhirska District Council of Zakarpatska oblast, Ukraine**
 Partner 2: **Association of Students-Economists of Zakarpattya, Ukraine**
 Partner 3: **Agency for the Support of Regional Development Košice, Slovakia**
 Partner 4: **Local Municipality of Budkovce, Slovakia**
 Awarded ENPI Community grant: **387100,00 EUR**
 The project aims to increase the level of activity of local actors in the field of biomass energy development in UA-SK border region. Partners will create pilot examples of biomass energy utilisation.

- Project title: **European cradle**
 Beneficiary: **Regional Children's Hospital**
 Partner: **Felső-Szabolcsi Hospital, Hungary**
 Awarded ENPI Community grant: **499136,00 EUR**
 The overall objective of the project is to decrease the level of infant (up to 1 year) mortality and infant disablement on cross-border territory of Hungary and Ukraine. The fight for new-born babies will be enhanced by the improvement of the material and technical provision and increasing the level of qualification in diagnostics and nursing care issues of the staff of children's hospitals.
- Project title: **Establishment of Innovation and Technology Transfer (ITT) offices in the Hungarian-Ukrainian border area**
 Beneficiary: **Záhony and Vicinity Development Limited Company**
 Partner: **Carpathian Regional Centre of Innovation Development, Ukraine**
 Awarded ENPI Community grant: **300821,94 EUR**
 Project partners will jointly assess and improve the innovation potential of SMEs operating in the border area through the services offered by the ITT offices newly established with the help of ENPI funds.

The list of selected projects will be published on the Programme's website continuously after having signed the Grant Contracts between the Joint Managing Authority and the Beneficiaries.

Launching the second Call

The preparation of documentation for the launch of the second Call for Proposals (HUSKROUA/1001) has been started in April 2010. The JMC members discussed the first draft Application Package in June and approved it within a written procedure. **The second Call for Proposals** of the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Programme 2007-2013 was launched on 24 June 2010. **14 million EUR** became available for the joint development of the border area through intensified and deepened cooperation between the participating regions. The deadline for submission of the Applications will be ended on **26 October 2010**.

Events

Promotion of the Programme along the river Tisa – in the frame of the major annual event

As the HU-SK-RO-UA ENPI CBC Programme is being spread across Central-Eastern Europe and river Tisa is deemed to be the spirit of the Programme, it seemed to be evident to realise an integrated event along the river which passes through all the four participating countries focused on information spreading across the Programme area. The main content of the event was to promote the Programme in general and especially the second Call.

This event covering all the four countries participating in the programme **began on 13 July 2010 starting from Sighetu Marmăției (RO) and ended on 16 July 2010 at village Velké Trakany (SK)** after crossing both Ukrainian and Hungarian parts of the river Tisa.



In the frame of the major annual promotional event the JTS intended to raise the awareness of the local population, municipalities, authorities and press for the development possibilities ensured by ENPI funds. **Promotional events with press briefings were organized in all four countries** where successful projects implemented under the HU-SK-UA and RO-UA Neighbourhood Programmes 2004-2006 and projects awarded under first Call for Proposals of the HU-SK-RO-UA ENPI CBC Programme were presented by the Beneficiaries.

Our international programme management team has visited ten villages and towns of the four countries whilst passing **170 km on the river Tisa**. The main stops on the programme's water connection route were at the following places where the JTS hold events with press briefings: Sighetu Marmației (RO), Chust (UA), Tiszabecs (HU) and Veľké Trakany (SK).

At the beginning of the event, mayor of Slotvyno (the Ukrainian city famous for salt mining for hundreds of years) handed over a present to transfer on boat to the mayor of Veľké Trakany. **The cross-border present, a 'salt lamp'** was delivered more than 170 km on river to get to the addressee and now it is exhibited at the Museum of Salt – the former Salt Warehouse of Veľké Trakany. This lamp is a symbol of the former famous Salt Rout and at the same time of the cross-border cooperation formed in the programme area during the past centuries.

After the historical moments of signing the first ENPI CBC grant contracts in Chust, **crossing the Ukrainian-Hungarian border on river between Vylok (UA) and Tiszabecs (HU) on 14 July 2010 was another significant element of the promotional event**. Based on individual permissions issued by the border guards and custom services of the two countries, sealing of our passports could happen directly on the bank of the Tisa – just in this exceptional case. In the near future this service will be available for anyone, since the **building of seasonal border-crossing point at the river bank** on the Ukrainian side **will start soon in the frame of a joint Hungarian-Ukrainian large scale project**. The life of those lovers of Tisa who arrive on kayak, canoe or rafting boats, will be highly facilitated due to this promising development financed by ENPI funds in the frame of our programme.



Delegation of the city of Zahony joint the rafting team on the last day of the promotional event when **crossing an internal border of the Shengen zone from Hungary to Slovakia** on water went smoothly without border controls.

The presence of Mr. Barna Tánczos, state secretary of the Romanian Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism and Mrs. Kristina Forgachova on behalf of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Hungary and other high representatives from Ukraine and Hungary and their active participation in the joint rafting signified the active involvement of all the four countries in the Programme and their intense interest in its successful implementation.

The high interest of the representatives of the press, radio and television during the 4-day promotional event ensures the raised attention of the wider public for the ENPI CBC Programme which has meant and still means a real opportunity for the economic and social development of the cross-border regions of Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine.

Partner Search Forum

The Joint Technical Secretariat and the 'Regional Capacity Building Initiative' (RCBI) team invited potential Applicants and Partners to a Partner Search Forum held on the 29 July 2010 in Uzhgorod, Ukraine. The forum aimed to create the opportunity for **potential Applicants and Partners to meet other Partner organisations and share project ideas**. At the event, the content of the Application Package was outlined and also several project ideas were fostered within working groups organised per priorities and measures of the Programme. There was a lot of interest in the event: **near 200 participants** represented the four participating countries.



Besides the forum, potential Applicants/ Partners are given the opportunity to publish a short description of their project idea on the Programme's website with the aim of finding new partners. By clicking on the button of the Partner Search engine in the top right corner of the website you can surf within the more and more enriched database of the Project ideas seeking for partners.

Infodays

After launching the second Call for Proposals on behalf of the Joint Managing Authority and the National Authorities the JTS organised several information days in eligible regions of the Programme. Infodays in Ukraine has been conducted in cooperation with the **Regional Capacity Building Initiative**. This time events were organised not only at seats of the counties and self-governing regions of the eligible area but the JTS was dedicated to introduce the Programme also in decentralised areas and to reach population who are still not aware of the development potentials offered by ENPI grants.

The main goal of the mentioned events was to provide the participants with detailed information concerning the rules of the Call. During the seminars the attention of the participants was drawn to such topics as the project idea generation, cross-border partnership and the role of the Lead Partner in the project.

The infodays took place on: 8 July in Nyíregyháza and 22 July in Miskolc (HU), 6 July in Prešov, 7 July in Rožňava, 8 July in Košice and 9 July in Michalovce (SK), 29 July in Satu Mare, 30 June in Carei, 1 July in Baia Mare and 2 July in Sighetu Marmatiei (RO) and 20 July in Ivano-Frankivsk, 21 July in Yaremche, 22 July in Rakhiv and 23 July in Uzhgorod (UA).

Follow-up informational sessions

As a second round of providing information about the second Call, The Joint Technical Secretariat (in case of events to be held in Ukraine in strong cooperation with the **Regional Capacity Building Initiative**) is going to organize follow-up informational sessions for the potential applicants or partners who are in the process of preparing project applications in the frame of the second Call for proposals of the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Programme.

The aim of the events is to provide eligible applicants and partners with detailed information on the application package, especially focusing on how to fill in the application form and the project budget.

Dates and venues are as follows:

In Hungary:

- 24 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Miskolc, County Hall
- 27 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Nyíregyháza, County Hall

In Slovakia:

- 21 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Prešov, budova Úradu PSK
- 22 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Košice, budova Úradu KSK

In Romania:

- 28 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Satu-Mare, County Council
- 29 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Baia Mare, County Council
- 30 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Sighetu Marmatiei, City Hall

No registration is needed for attending the above events.

In Ukraine:

- 28 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Uzhgorod, conference hall of the restaurant "Delphin"
- 29 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Tyachiv, conference hall of the hotel "Oksana"
- 30 September 2010, 10.00 a.m. - Ivano-Frankivsk, conference hall of the hotel "Park Hotel"

For the necessary pre-registration please visit the Programme's website.

Branch Offices

We are happy to announce that **Ukrainian Branch Office (BO)** is going to be set up within a few days in Uzhgorod, Zakarpatska region. The already selected two managers of the Branch Office will provide anyone who may be interested with information about the planned activities under the Programme and will also assist granted projects in their fulfilment of communication and information requirements. Contact details of the Ukrainian BO will be published on the website soon. Potential Beneficiaries are encouraged to contact the national BOs whenever they need information about the Programme and particularly about the actual Call.

Next steps

... concerning the first Call

The main focus of awarded projects is now on the implementation. Once all the 47 projects are contracted, the JTS and Branch Offices will organise **Lead Partner Seminar** in order to provide information on project implementation process, role and responsibilities of the Lead Partners (Beneficiaries). Partners will be also encouraged to participate to learn about the reporting and payment procedures, information and publicity requirements etc.

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Deadline for receiving the applications is **26 October 2010, 14.00 hours (CET)**. Right after the registration of projects within an opening session, the administrative and eligibility check will take place which is performed by the Joint Technical Secretariat (Step 1 of the evaluation process). Selected external assessors will carry out the quality assessment of the application forms (Step 2 of the evaluation process). Based on the assessments Project Selection Committees set up for each Priority will discuss the project proposals (both at the end of Step 1 and Step 2) and the Joint Monitoring Committee will take the final decision on projects to be approved and amount granted to them. Applicants will be notified on the results of their applications at second quarter of 2011. Implementation of awarded projects can begin following the signature of the grant contracts planned to start from August-September 2010.



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