



# Newsletter #3

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*The third Newsletter of the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Programme 2007-2013 issued in the third year of the Programme's lifecycle brings you the latest news and information about results of the Second Call for Proposals, presentation of one of the projects granted within the First and upcoming events linked to the Third Call for Proposals.*

## 46 projects approved within the Second Call for Proposals

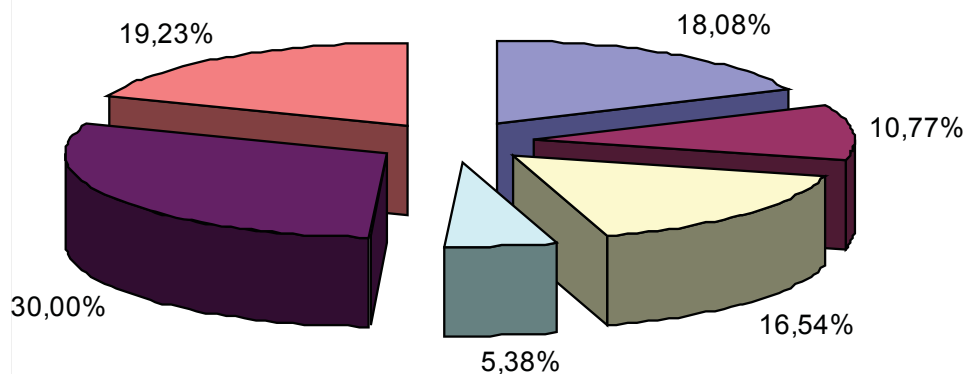
The fourth meeting of the Joint Monitoring Committee was held in Vinné (Slovakia) on 2 August 2011. Representatives from Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine made decisions on the 260 project applications which have been received within the Second Call for Proposals.

As a result, 46 new projects were approved for funding in the framework of the HUSKROUA ENPI CBC Programme requesting about 17 million EUR co-financing from the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), complemented by the state co-financing of the three member states and the own contribution of the Applicants and Partners. This means that already 93 projects have been selected and awarded ENPI grant under the Programme.

The **total amount of financing requested by Applicants** in the submitted project proposals **approaches 100 million EUR**, which is seven times more than the available ENPI allocation within the Second Call for Proposals. The 260 submitted projects involve almost 840 partner organizations from all the four participating countries.

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

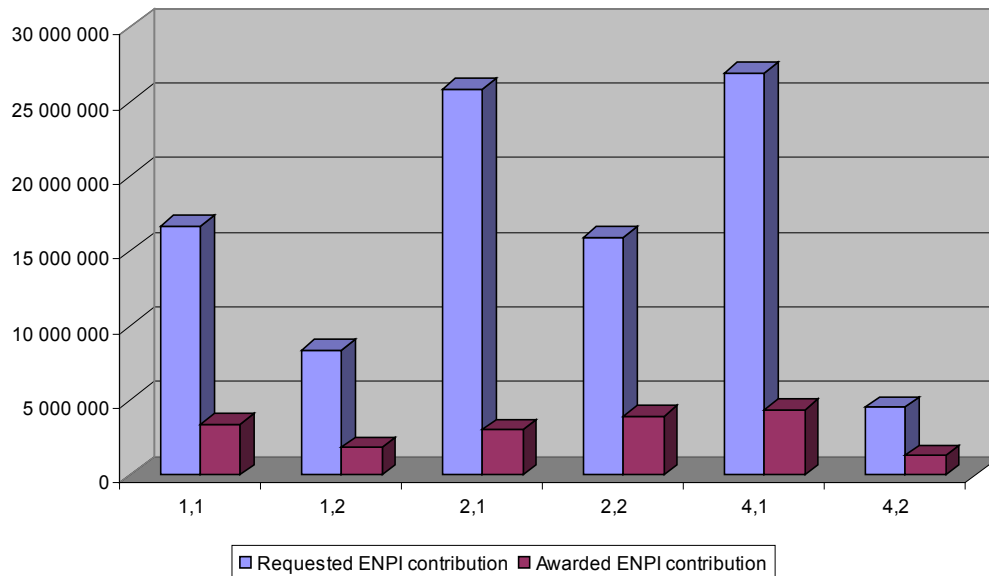
**The number of submitted applications per measure**



- 1.1** Harmonised development of tourism  
- 47 applications
- 1.2** Create better conditions for SMEs and business development  
- 28 applications
- 2.1** Environmental protection, sustainable use and management of natural resources  
- 43 applications
- 2.2** Emergency Preparedness  
- 14 applications
- 4.1** Institutional cooperation  
- 78 applications
- 4.2** Small scale "People to people" cooperation  
- 50 applications

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



The **most popular Measure** proved to be **4.1 'Institutional cooperation'** attracting the highest number of project proposals (78), followed by **4.2 'Small scale „People to people” cooperation'** (50) and **1.1 'Harmonized development of tourism'** (47). Considering the amount of requested ENPI funding, again the biggest share (27%) belongs to institutional cooperations whilst the second biggest share (26%) is represented by applications in the field of environmental protection and sustainable use of natural resources due to the larger size of these actions.

In case of the selected 46 projects the contracting procedure for the signature of the ENPI Grant Contract was already initiated. Applicants are currently providing the Joint Technical Secretariat with the necessary documents and information for the conclusion of their Grant Contracts.

## Launching the third Call for Proposals

The preparation of documentation for the launch of the third Call for Proposals (HUSKROUA/1001) has been started in summer of 2011. The JMC members discussed the first draft Application Package in August and approved it within a written procedure. The Third Call for Proposals of the Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine ENPI CBC Programme 2007-2013 was launched on 30 September 2011.

**8 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 **31 January 2012**.

## Upcoming events linked to the newly launched Call for Proposals (HUSKROUA/1101)

### Partner Search Forum (PSF)

The Joint Technical Secretariat and the 'Regional Capacity Building Initiative' (RCBI) team invite potential Applicants and Partners to a Partner Search Forum to be held on the **22 November 2011 in Uzhgorod, Ukraine**. The forum aims 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 will be outlined and also several project ideas can be shared within working groups organised per priorities and measures of the Programme.

Registration to the PSF event is open until **17 November 2011**. The Registration Form and the optional Project Idea Form can be downloaded from the Programme's website.

### ***Project Cycle Management (PCM) Training***

In order to increase the skills and knowledge related to preparing CBC projects the JTS in cooperation with RCBI experts are going to organise 1-day **Project Cycle Management Training in Uzhgorod on planned dates of 12, 13 and 14 December 2011**.

The Training will be held in English for project partnerships formed with an aim to participate in the Third Call for Proposals of the Programme. Thus in order to participate in the event already formed partnerships who are in the process of preparing project applications has to register as a group of min. 4 - max. 8 persons. The experts will provide detailed information on the proposed cycle of project preparation (problem-analyzing, identifying the strategy and objectives, building the logical framework matrix, etc.).

Registration to the PCM Training will be open soon. For further instructions please visit the Programme's website.

## **Next steps**

### ***... concerning the Second Call***

The main focus of awarded projects is now on the implementation. Once all the 46 projects are contracted, the JTS and Branch Offices will organise **Project Management Trainings** 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.

### ***... concerning the Third Call***

**Deadline** for receiving the applications is **31 January 2012, 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 in autumn of 2012. Implementation of awarded projects can begin following the signature of the grant contracts planned to start from the end of 2012.

**Call for applications for enlarging the external assessors' database** will be launched around February 2012. The purpose of the call is to identify and select qualified and experienced professionals to join the previously established pool of project evaluation experts. In order to be eligible applicants have to comply with the criteria listed in the Terms of Reference. Among the tasks to be performed by the assessors is the professional and financial assessment of projects in line with the pre-defined criteria and requirements, the aims and priorities of the Programme, as well as the relevant Call for Proposals.

## **Presentation of project titled "Together against human trafficking" awarded within the First Call**

Trafficking in human beings, for whatever reason is a violation of fundamental human rights. Because it affects vulnerable groups such as women and children in particular, the European Union has focused its action on objectives aiming to protect these groups and to prevent and combat this phenomenon. There should be increased cooperation between the stakeholders who can help to prevent this phenomenon. Different institutions in Romania, Hungary and Ukraine have found their way to do it with the help of an EU funded project.

An increasing number of young people from Satu Mare county (Romania), Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County (Hungary) and Berehovo district - Zakarpatska region (Ukraine) were identified by the authorities to be in a vulnerable or difficult situation in other countries. Most of them are exploited: to work, to beg, to make robbery or to be prostituted. The issues related to the young people in a difficult or vulnerable situation or endangered to be trafficked are very complex and the specialised

authorities of the 3 countries try to respond to the diversity of this phenomenon. But no efforts were made towards cross border cooperation between the NGOs and institutions in the fight against this form of human slavery. It is needed the coordination of several social actors efforts, from the regions, in order to create a joint methodology for the intervention, to raise the awareness of endangered groups referring to this phenomenon.

The cross-border project **“Together against human trafficking” (HUSKROUA/0901/028)** is based on the partnership between NGOs from 3 countries. Project activities are implemented by the **League for Defence of Human Rights-branch of Satu Mare** (Romania), in partnership with the **Helper Hand 2003 - Social Association** (Hungary) and the **Malteser Charity Organisation of Berehovo** (Ukraine).



*The project team against human trafficking*

The project offers the opportunity to put together the social actor's staff of 3 countries in order to share their experience and learn from each other and to think the best joint actions or strategies to address the issues related to human trafficking. 2 training courses (for Hungarian and for Ukrainian staff) were organized with Romanian specialist trained by the Applicant in a previous project. Teachers, NGOs workers, police officers, journalists from Ukraine and Hungary were trained in Satu Mare during 3 days. They learned about the forms of the human trafficking (concepts, trends and international legislation), the profiles of the trafficker and the victim, identifying the victims and the psycho-social assistance of the victims. They were empowered to act as human rights and prevention action promoters in their communities. Their first task was to organize and carry out similar training courses in Berehovo district and in the county of Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg with other colleagues.

In the architecture of the project is foreseen a multiplier effect, based on the idea to share the experience and knowledge of the Lead Partner (Beneficiary) in the practices of fight against the human trafficking. The sharing of experience and knowledge is planned at 3 levels:

- a first training with the staff of the social actors involved in the fight against human trafficking from Hungary and Ukraine (including teachers), held by the Lead Partner arising from its experience in human trafficking fight;
- a second training with teachers from Hungary and Ukraine, where trainees from the above courses will train and share their experience and knowledge;
- the Hungarian and Ukrainian teachers will organize in their schools actions with the young people, assisted by the Applicant to raise the awareness of endangered groups on the risks to be trafficked.

The project aims to interconnect NGOs with relevant institutions (schools, police, and governmental agencies) in the fight against human trafficking. Even state institutions show interest to be involved in the project. An example is the National Agency against Human Trafficking from Romania who participated on all the training courses organized in the frame of the project in Romania, in order to share its knowledge and experience related to human trafficking.

*„It is very simple: we have to tell people that human trafficking exists and they have to mobilise to stop it and to communicate to the professionals (teachers, workers in NGO's, police officers) when potential victims are identified.”*

*„If we could save only one human being from human trafficking is a small victory, but is a huge step forward in the fight against the modern form of slavery.”*



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